

**ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016

INTRODUCTION

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission was established by the Board of Supervisors in October 1979 under Ordinance No. 12332 of the County Code, Chapter 3.20. The EMS Commission performs the functions of the Emergency Medical Care Committee as defined in the Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.270, et seq.

The EMS Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Health Services regarding County policies, programs, and standards for emergency medical services, including paramedic services throughout Los Angeles County.

The EMS Commission is comprised of 19 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors of which five members are public members representing each of the County Supervisorial Districts. Each of these 19 members serves a four year term at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and may not serve more than two consecutive four-year terms as stipulated in the EMS Commission Bylaws. The Board of Supervisors can authorize a commissioner to serve beyond the two-consecutive terms upon request.

The EMS Commission meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each odd month at 1:00 PM in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Boulevard, 1st Floor, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 and are open to the public. The EMS Agency is conveniently located in the same building on the 2nd Floor.

DUTIES

The Commission performs the functions of the Emergency Medical Care Committee as defined in Sections 1750 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code and shall have the following duties:

- Act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Health Services regarding County policies, programs, and standards for emergency medical care services throughout the County, including paramedic services.
- Establish appropriate criteria for evaluation and conduct continuous evaluations on the basis of these criteria of the impact and quality of emergency medical care services throughout Los Angeles County.
- Conduct studies of particular elements of the emergency medical care system as requested by the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Health Services or on its own initiative; delineate problems and deficiencies and to recommend appropriate solutions.
- Acquire and analyze the information necessary for measuring the impact and the quality of emergency medical care services.
- Report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at least every twelve months.
- Review and comment on plans and proposals for emergency medical care services prepared by County departments.
- Recommend, when the need arises, that Los Angeles County engage Independent contractors for the performance of specialized, temporary, or occasional services to the Commission which cannot be performed by members of the classified service, and for which the County otherwise has the authority to contract.
- Advise the Director and the Department of Health Services on the Policies, procedures, and standards to control the certification of mobile intensive care nurses and paramedics. Proposals of any public or private organization to initiate or modify a program of paramedic services or training

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS



Clayton Kazan, M.D.
Chair
 CA Chapter-American College
 of Emergency Physicians



Erick H. Cheung, M.D.,
Vice Chair
 Southern California
 Psychiatric Society



Chief Robert E. Barnes
 Los Angeles County Police
 Chiefs' Association



Mr. Frank Binch
 Public Member
 Fourth Supervisorial District

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Lt. Brian S. Bixler
 Peace Officers Association of
 Los Angeles County



Robert Flashman, M.D.
 L. A. County Medical
 Association



John C. Hisserich, Dr. PH.
 Public Member
 Third Supervisorial District



James Lott, Psy.D.
 Public Member
 Second Supervisorial District

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FF/Paramedic Paul Rodriguez
 Peace Officers Association of
 Los Angeles County

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Margaret Peterson, Ph.D.
 Hospital Association of
 Southern California



Nerses Sanossian, M.D., FAHA
 American Heart Association
 Western States Affiliate



Carole A. Snyder, RN
 Emergency Nurses
 Association

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Fire Chief David White
 Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs'
 Association



Mr. Colin Tudor
 League of California
 Cities/L.A. County Division



Mr. Gary Washburn
 Public Member
 Fifth Supervisorial District



Ms. Cathy Chidester
 Executive Director
 Director, EMS Agency



Ms. Marilyn Rideaux
 Commission Liaison

VANCANCIES

Public Member, First Supervisorial District
 Southern California Chapter-American College of
 Surgeons
 Southern California Public Health Association

Vacancies

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Southern California Chapter-American College of Surgeons
Southern California Public Health Association

New Appointments

Mr. Robert Ower (12/15/2015)	L. A. County Ambulance Association
Lt. Brian Scott Bixler (2/23/2016) County	Peace Officers Association of LA
Chief David White (1/19/2016)	L.A. Area Fire Chiefs' Association
FF/Paramedic Paul S. Rodriguez (4/5/2016)	CA State Firefighters' Association

Re-Appointments

Mr. Frank Binch
Erick H. Cheung, M.D.
John Hisserich, Dr. PH.
James Lott, PsyD., MBA
Margaret Peterson, PH.D.
Nerses Sanossian, M.D.
Carole Snyder, RN

Resignations

Mr. David Austin (11/19/2015)	L. A. County Ambulance Association
Lt. Andres Ramirez (11/19/2015) County	Peace Officers Association of LA
Chief Jon Thompson (11/19/2015)	L.A. Area Fire Chiefs' Association
Chief Raymond Mosack (1/20/2016)	CA State Firefighters' Association
Mr. Bernard Weintraub (4/1/2016)	So CA Public Health Association

Elected Officers

Clayton Kazan, M.D., Chair	1/21/2015 – Present
Erick Cheung, M.D., Vice Chair	1/21/2015 – Present

Areas of Discussion

- Community Paramedicine Pilot Project in the County (ongoing)
- 1+1 Paramedic Staffing Model
- Physician Services for Indigent Program – Proposed increase of the reimbursement rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
- Transport of 5150 Patients: The EMSC recommended that an ad hoc committee be identified to develop a blueprint for addressing behavioral emergencies in the prehospital setting. Meeting have been ongoing throughout the year. (ongoing)
- Active legislation of interest to EMS

Accomplishments

- The Los Angeles Surgical Society which is represented on the EMS Commission ceased to exist. The EMS Agency drafted an ordinance change to the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy with a practicing trauma surgeon affiliated with the Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The Ordinance change was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on February 11, 2016.

- A mandatory public hearing was held in conjunction with the September 16, 2015 regular meeting of the EMS Commission to discuss a proposed Physician Services for Indigent Program (PSIP) increase of the reimbursement rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
- Approved the 2014-2015 Annual Report of the EMS Commission at the September 16, 2015 meeting
- Recognized key players in the Community Paramedicine pilot project at the November 18, 2015 meeting; also upon his departure from the EMS Commission, Commissioner David Austin, representing the Los Angeles County Ambulance Association was honored for his many years of service to the EMS Commission and the EMS community
- The Commission approved development of an Ad Hoc Committee on November 18, 2015, to address the Prehospital Care of Mental Health and Substance Use. The Ad Hoc Committee has been meeting and working on a report that will provide a *blue print* for management of behavioral emergencies in a prehospital setting.

Recommendations

- The Commission recommended that the EMS Agency work with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the EMS Commission to identify proper stakeholders to serve on an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for management of behavioral emergencies in the prehospital setting.

Policies Approved by the Commission

The Commission approved 35 Prehospital Care Policies between July 1, 2015 and May 31, 2016.

Advisory Committees to the EMS Commission

Base Hospital Advisory Committee

MISSION:

The Base Hospital Advisory Committee is responsible for all matters regarding MICN certification and policy development pertinent to the practice, operation and administration of prehospital care.

2015 Commissioners

Carole Snyder- Chair
James Lott- Vice Chair

2016 Commissioners

Carole Snyder- Chair
Margaret Peterson, Ph.D. - Vice Chair

Meetings

August 10, 2015 - Meeting Canceled
October 12, 2015
December 14, 2015
February 10, 2016
April 13, 2016
June 8, 2016

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Prehospital Care Policies/Treatment Protocols/Medical Control Guidelines Activity

During this fiscal year, the Base Hospital Advisory Committee (BHAC) reviewed and took action on 34 prehospital care policies. Thirty-three policies were approved and one policy was deleted.

EMS Update 2016

EMS Update 2016 was an instructor-based module.

The final topics compiled by the EMS Update 2016 Work Group included:

- Provider Impression
- Anaphylaxis
- Comprehensive Stroke Centers
- Documentation
- Pediatric Resuscitation
- Ventricular Assist Device
- Hypertension in Pregnancy
- Emerging Infectious Diseases
- Surge Plans
- Hemostatic Agents
- Needle Thoracostomy
- 911 Re-Triage

Stroke Program Update

Revised stroke standards were developed, to include specific standards for Comprehensive Stroke Centers. As of June 30, 2016 there were 43 Primary Stroke Centers approved for transportation of 9-1-1 patients with stroke symptoms, three of which are located outside of Los Angeles County.

Data Advisory Committee

MISSION:

The Data Advisory Committee is responsible for all matters regarding quality of prehospital data, report generation, prehospital research and policy development impacting TEMIS.

2015 Commissioners

Robert Flashman –Chair
Ray Mosack – Vice Chair

2016 Commissioners

Nerses Sanossian – Chair
John Hisserich – Vice Chair

Membership Changes

- New Medical Council representative Dipesh Patel, MD effective July 2015
- New Provider Agency Advisory Committee representative Corey Rose, effective December 2015
- New Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) representative Ryan Burgess, effective June 2015 and new HASC alternate Nathan McNeil, effective June 2015
- Base Hospital Advisory Committee representative Mark Baltau resigned position, replaced by Gloria Guerra, effective June 2016

Meetings

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June 8, 2016 – Cancelled due to lack of agenda items

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Prehospital Care Policies Activity

Reference No. 622-622.5 *Data Requests* and *Data Use Agreement* reviewed

Data submission verification and cleanup

Developed data reports that will be sent to the public providers on a quarterly basis to assist with data verification and cleanup

Education Advisory Committee

MISSION:

The Education Advisory committee is responsible for all matters regarding issues and policies pertinent to EMS curriculum and program development, implementation and evaluation.

2015 Commissioners

Andres Ramirez - Chair
Frank Binch - Vice-Chair
Gary Washburn – Commissioner
Bernard Weintraub -Commissioner

2016 Commissioners

Frank Binch - Chair
Gary Washburn – Vice Chair
Bernard Weintraub -Commissioner

Meetings:

August 19, 2015 – meeting canceled due to lack of agenda items
October 21, 2015
December 16, 2015 – meeting canceled due to lack of agenda items
February 17, 2017 - meeting canceled due to lack of agenda items
April 20, 2016 - meeting canceled due to lack of agenda items
June 15, 2016 – no quorum

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report. The Education Advisory committee is responsible for issues and policies pertinent to EMS curriculum implementation and evaluation. This advisory committee is scheduled to meet every other month on the even months. In Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the committee met once. Four meetings were canceled due to a lack of agenda items. The June 2016 meeting was scheduled but failed to obtain a quorum. The committee received updates on EMS Update, system-wide QI studies and the California EMS System Core Measures report.

Provider Agency Advisory Committee

MISSION:

The Provider Agency Advisory Committee is responsible for all matters regarding prehospital licensure, certification/accreditation, and policy development (and revision) pertinent to the practice, operation and administration of prehospital care.

2015 Commissioners

Dave Austin - Chair
Robert Barnes - Vice Chair
Jon Thompson - Commissioner
Clayton Kazan, MD - Commissioner

2016 Commissioners

Dave Austin - Chair
Robert Ower – Vice Chair

During the fiscal year, this Committee included six different Commissioners; representatives from each major fire department and the seven public geographic regions. Membership also included one currently employed paramedic coordinator, one prehospital care coordinator; one public sector paramedic; one private sector paramedic; one provider agency Medical Director and one critical care transport nurse coordinator.

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June 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Prehospital Care Policies/Treatment Protocols/Medical Control Guidelines Activity

During this fiscal year, the Provider Agency Advisory Committee reviewed and took action on 42 prehospital care policies. Forty policies were approved, one policy was deleted and currently, one policy is tabled.

Topics of discussion included issues related to the Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS); Community Paramedicine programs; and the implementation of Comprehensive Stroke Centers within Los Angeles County. This Committee also said good bye to the EMS Agency's Medical Director, William Koenig, MD and welcomed the new Medical Director, Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD.