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**DATE: January 20, 2016**

**TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Los Angeles County EMS Agency  
10100 Pioneer Blvd.  
EMS Commission Hearing Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670**

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**NOTE: Please SIGN IN if you would like to address the Commission.**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Clayton Kazan, M.D., Chairman

**INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR** (Commissioners/Public may request that an item be held for discussion.)

**1 MINUTES**

- November 18, 2015

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**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 3.1 Base Hospital Advisory Committee
- 3.2 Data Advisory Committee

- 3.3 Education Advisory Committee
- 3.4 Provider Agency Advisory Committee

**4. POLICIES**

- 4.1 Reference No. 904, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Development Program Requirements

**5. BUSINESS**

Old:

- 5.1 Report by the Nominating Committee
- 5.2 Community Paramedicine (*July 18, 2012*)
- 5.3 EMSC Ad Hoc Committee Report

New:

- 5.3 EMSC Sub-Committee Appointments

**6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

**7. LEGISLATION**

**8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

(To the meeting of March 16, 2016)

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**November 18, 2015**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Austin	LAC Ambulance Assn	Cathy Chidester	Director, EMS Agency
* Robert Barnes	LAC Police Chiefs Assn	Kay Fruhwirth	Asst. Dir, EMS Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Binch	Public Member, 4 <sup>th</sup> District	Richard Tadeo	Asst. Dir, EMS Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick H. Cheung, M.D.	So. CA Psychiatric Society	Marilyn Rideaux	EMSC Liaison
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Hisserich	Public Member, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District	Christy Preston	"
* James Lott	Public Member, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Lucy Hickey	"
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clayton Kazan, M.D.	CAL/ACEP	Michelle Williams	"
* Ray Mosack	CA State Firefighters' Assn.	Susan Mori	"
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Bernard Weintraub	S. CA Public Health Assn.		
<b>GUESTS</b>			
Al Flores	LAFD	Todd LeGassick	UCLA
Dwayne Preston	LBFD	Tim Ernst	LAFD
Jamie Garcia	HASC	Nicole Steeneken	LACoFD
Baxter Larmon, Ph.D.	UCLA	Robert Ower	LACAA
Victoria Hernandez	LACoFD	Brian Hudson	Torrance Fire Dept.
Samantha Verga-Gates	APCC/LBMMC	Scott Salhus	LACoFD
Steve Rottman	UCLA	Tchaka Sheperd, MD	THAC
Jeff Ragusa	Glendale Fire		

(Ab) = Absent; (\*) = Excused Absence

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was held in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. The meeting was called to order at 1:13 PM by Chairman, Clayton Kazan. A quorum was present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Ms. Cathy Chidester, Director, EMS Agency, presented certificates of achievement to the following individuals who have been key participants in the Community Paramedicine pilot projects:



Baxter Larmon, Ph.D., UCLA  
James Goldsworthy, UCLA  
Todd LeGassick, UCLA  
Dr. Steve Rottman, UCLA  
Jeff Regusa, Glendale Fire Department  
Joe Donnelly, Glendale Fire Department  
Todd Tucker, Glendale Fire Department  
Matt Hill, Santa Monica Fire Department

Cathy Jennings and John Telmos were commended for coordinating the program for the EMS Agency. Todd Tucker spoke in detail about the daily operation of the pilot program he is involved with.

Commissioner David Austin was honored by Ms. Chidester for his many years of service to the EMS Commission, as this will be his last meeting as an EMS Commissioner. He was presented with a certificate and gift card.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Chairman Kazan commented that St. Francis Medical Center had experienced an incident the previous week where the CT scanner was inoperable and staff could not do MRI but per the current Stroke Patient Destination policy they were unable to go on diversion to stroke patients because the policy states that the hospital can only divert stroke patients when they are on diversion for internal disaster. He asked for input from the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Binch requested that Agenda item 4.2, Reference No. 521 – Stroke Patient Destination be held for discussion. Commissioner Binch questioned the change in the policy from two to six hours duration from onset of symptoms. Commissioner Sanossian responded that the symptom onset time was changed from two to six hours because it is consistent with the time interventions can be performed that impact patient outcome and this change was recommended by the Approved Stroke Center Advisory Committee. Los Angeles County had the lowest time of all the 9-1-1 receiving hospitals designated for stroke patients in the State. Commissioner Snyder stated that her hospital was closed to internal disaster for about nine hours. They had received a stroke patient by ambulance and the decision was made to reroute the patient.

**M/S/C: Commissioner Hisserich/Snyder to approve the Consent Calendar excluding agenda item 4.2, Reference No. 521, Stroke Patient Destination and send back to committee.**

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 Community Paramedicine**

(No further discussion; covered under Announcements)

##### **5.2 Public Hearing-Prehospital Management of Behavioral Emergencies**

Kay Fruhwirth, Assistant Director, EMS, reported on the ad hoc committee appointed by the Commission. The Committee met on September 30 at the EMS Agency and explored intersections of the different stakeholder agencies regarding handling patients with behavioral emergencies. The meeting consisted of a sharing

discussion to gain a better understanding of the roles of the various partners and how partnerships could be fostered to improve delivery of services to persons with behavioral emergencies.

The DA's office has an interest in this issue because there are many inmates that should be treated for their behavioral issue rather than being held in police custody. Law enforcement agencies have been contracting with the Department of Mental health to have mental health specialist assigned to work with their officers and to respond jointly to disturbance calls.

Commissioner Binch recommended the following:

1. Make the ad hoc committee official and give it the name EMS Commission Ad Hoc Committee as well as defining its' mission;
2. Appoint Chairman Kazan as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee
3. Include a representative from the County Mental Health Commission and add them to the list of representatives already contacted and who participated in the September meeting and make this the membership for this Ad Hoc Committee.

**M/S/C: Commissioner Sanossian/Snyder to create an ad hoc committee to be known as EMS Commission Ad Hoc Committee and appoint Chairman Kazan as chair of the ad hoc committee.**

### **5.3 Appointment of a Nominating Committee**

Chairman Kazan appointed Commissioners Snyder and Sanossian to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2016.

### **5.4 Recommendation to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Behavioral Emergencies**

(No further discussion; covered under 5.2)

## **6. Commissioners Comments/Requests**

Commissioner Hisserich reported that he had participated in a meeting recently about Tsunamis and was surprised to learn that the law enforcement disaster plan calls for evacuating those areas that would be impacted by a Tsunami within three hours.

## **7. Legislation**

Ms. Chidester reported that the State Legislators were not in session and that any legislative bills won't be released until in early December, therefore there was nothing to discuss.

## **8. Director's Report**

- Roel Amara, EMS Agency, commented that the Tsunami planning group referred to by Commissioner Hisserich is called the Alliance and is a group that works with all of LA County in its preparedness efforts and the EMS Agency has been involved in these planning efforts. He also reported about the annual Medical and Health Disaster Exercise that has been conducted all this week (November 16-20). The scenario is a widespread release of anthrax throughout the County and the objective



is to administer antibiotics to all County residents in a short period of time by setting up Points of Distribution.

- DHS continues to work with the 12 private designated trauma hospitals to determine the cost of operating the trauma services in order to address the funding methodology for trauma centers. Prior to the enactment of the Affordable Care Act trauma center funding was based on the cost of providing care to the uninsured and now there are less patients that don't have some form of health insurance. Therefore an analysis needs to be completed to determine other methodologies for funding. DHS has still has two trauma centers to meet with. Since the funding methodology is still be worked on, DHS has requested that the Board of Supervisors approve a six month extension of the current trauma contracts.
- Ms. Chidester encouraged everyone to review the 2015 EMS System Report. She stated that Richard Tadeo worked with EMS management and staff to put the report together and it can be found on the EMS Agency's website. A copy was distributed to the EMSC. Ms. Chidester stated that the County's EMS System information by strategic planning area (SPA) is listed on Page 2 of the report. The accuracy of data collection is improving and this is reflected in this report. The report will be widely distributed throughout the County.
- DHS will meet with the Health Deputies before the end of the year to brief them on the Ambulance RFP. The EMS Agency will also be meeting with the League of Cities and Contract Cities to brief them as well.
- The State EMS Authority will be presenting their annual Achievement Awards in December and the EMS Agency wants to recognize those awardees that are from Los Angeles County: Jim Goldsworthy, Baxter Larmon, Retired Chief Mike Metro and a number of Sheriff Deputies involved in a helicopter rescue.

#### 9. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kazan at 1:59 PM. The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2016.

**Next Meeting:**                      **Wednesday, January 21, 2016**  
   **EMS Agency**  
   **10100 Pioneer Blvd.**  
   **Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670**

Recorded by:  
Marilyn E. Rideaux  
EMS Agency



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**CORRESPONDENCE 2.1**

December 30, 2015

**TO:** Chief Executive Officer  
All Hospitals, Long-term Care Facilities, Community Clinics,  
Dialysis Centers, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Home Health and  
Hospice Agencies

**FROM:** Cathy Chidester   
Director

**SUBJECT:** 2016 EL NIÑO PREPAREDNESS

The 2016 El Niño is expected to be among the strongest on record, particularly during the winter months of January through March. Preparing for this event is crucial to ensure that your staff and patients are safe and that your facility is able to continue to provide the services the community depends on.

As the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator for Los Angeles (LA) County, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency, in coordination with LA County's Office of Emergency Management, highly recommends that your facility conduct a risk assessment and develop a mitigation plan to minimize the effects of El Niño, with a focus on potential flooding, debris flow and/or mudslides.

Below are some suggested actions you can take to mitigate these issues:

- Flooding - if your facility is in an identified flood zone (see enclosed map), ensure that drains are clean and free of debris. Work with your City to ensure that City-owned storm drains are clean. Sand bags are available at your local fire stations to protect areas in your facility prone to flooding.
- Back-up generators – ensure that generators are operational, have sufficient fuel available, and protected from potential flooding if located on the lower level of the facility.
- Road access – determine alternative routes for staff, patients and vendors if primary transportation routes get flooded or damaged.
- Provide personal emergency preparedness education to staff

Please visit [www.lacounty.gov/elnino3](http://www.lacounty.gov/elnino3) for additional El Niño preparedness tips and information. If you have any questions or want to share preparedness activities that your facility has implemented, please contact Roel Amara, Assistant Director Disaster Programs at [ramara@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:ramara@dhs.lacounty.gov) or at (562) 347-1598.

Thank you for your preparedness efforts and wishing you a safe and prosperous new year.

CC:ra

c: Emergency Preparedness Coordinators, All Healthcare Facilities

Enclosure



# Editorial

## New thinking at the L.A. County Board of Supervisors



On her first day as Chairman, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, right, talks to Supervisors Mark Ridley Thomas and Sheila Kuehl, left to right, Tuesday,

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-county-supervisors-20151223-story.html>

(Los Angeles Times)

**The Times Editorial Board** **Contact Reporter**

DECEMBER 24, 2015, 5:00 AM

Practically the first thing the reconstituted [Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors](#) did after new members Hilda Solis and [Sheila Kuehl](#) found their footing this year was to dismantle a governance structure that had been carefully assembled over the decades by previous boards. Separate public health and mental health departments that long ago had been broken off from the office that runs hospitals and clinics were melded back together, this time into a consolidated new health agency with expansive jurisdiction that now includes affordable housing and even takes on some functions previously overseen by the sheriff. Meanwhile, the job of county executive was pared back in scope, although not in title, to be more like the less powerful chief administrative office that prepared budgets and offered the polite advice to the supervisors in years past. In weakening the job, the supervisors in turn reasserted their direct control over the massive county bureaucracy.

“Politics 101, ladies and gentlemen,” Supervisor [Mark Ridley-Thomas](#) explained earlier this year to civic leaders at the Los Angeles Current Affairs Forum. “Never give away your power.”

The restructuring of 2015 may turn out to be a pretty big story -- if it allows the county to match its expanded ambitions with an equally expanded capacity.-

Organizational changes are not the sorts of things that readily capture the public imagination, especially when compared with the region's vexing challenges: homelessness, poverty, drought, crime and all other varieties of human misery and dysfunction. But county government is one of society's principal vehicles for dealing with all of those things, so the restructuring of 2015 may turn out to be a pretty big story — if it allows the county to match its expanded ambitions with an equally expanded capacity.

The timing seems propitious. The Affordable Care Act and changes in California's version of Medicaid make funding available for a variety of needs. There is a nationwide rethinking of the criminal justice system, and consequently an urgent need for programs to assist the return of jail and prison inmates to their neighborhoods. There is a growing awareness of the role that mental illness and addiction play in feeding homelessness, endangering public safety and filling jails, and a growing consensus that the county can and should deal with those problems at an earlier stage, with diversion from the criminal justice system, and with housing and supportive services.



The county's approach has been refreshingly multi-disciplinary in recent months. Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey is leading an effort to divert drug users and mental patients accused of petty crimes away from the justice system and toward treatment and housing, and in doing so she has brought together county agencies that long had difficulty coordinating their programs and services. A new child protection agency, likewise created to break jurisdictional barriers, made some quiet progress this year.

But perhaps the best window onto the county's new approach to business is its program for dealing with homelessness, which is expected to result in a strategic plan crafted after a series of public brainstorming sessions. County thinkers and leaders have embraced a social services philosophy known as "no wrong door": Clients should be offered the services they need — or directed to them — regardless of whether they first encounter government in a hospital, a jail, foster care, perhaps even in court or on the street. Patients should no longer be sent away brusquely and told to check the county organizational chart themselves to find the department to best respond to their needs. And programs that address the needs of the homeless are to be integrated with programs for the sick, the addicted, the incarcerated and others, because those populations and those problems so often overlap.

The response to homelessness spotlights another characteristic of the county — it is fairly quiet, especially compared with its noisy and better-known cousin, the city of Los Angeles. On homelessness, for example, the city got nationwide headlines with its fairly empty declaration of a homelessness emergency and its so-far empty promise to allocate \$100 million to address the issue. The county, by contrast, actually identified a similar amount of money and is preparing a strategic plan to spend it. If Southern California were Mayberry, the city might be Deputy Barney Fife, all flash and swagger.

But is the county then the quiet and competent Sheriff Andy Taylor, who is actually keeping order in town? That remains to be seen. The new board has yet to be seriously tested, having had no high-profile child deaths or other blow-ups of the type that so vexed earlier boards. Scandals and squabbles that have led to the departure of key county officials have been relatively low profile. And the economy has been kind.

Limited ambitions on the part of the previous board were a result in part of a brush with bankruptcy in the 1990s. Those supervisors understandably became more fiscally prudent. They might have blanched at the three-year, 10% pay increase for most county employees that this board agreed to earlier this year, and they might have been right.

And they might have argued that the county is just too massive to be nimble, no matter how many departments are combined. But the new board isn't completely new — [Michael Antonovich](#) and [Don Knabe](#) both have been there for decades (although they will be termed out in 2016), and Ridley-Thomas is soon to complete his second term — so the supervisors are not without historical perspective.

As for the supervisors retaking direct control and once again being a combined executive and legislature, without the checks and balances afforded by a clear separation of powers, it's not a move that The Times was in favor of — but in the end, what matters is whether it works. That question should be measured not by whether the board is more comfortable in its role, but whether the people they are elected to serve are better off.





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**CORRESPONDENCE 2.3**

December 23, 2015

Name  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hospital  
Address  
City, CA Zip

Dear CEO:

This is to advise you that the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is developing a process to expand its regionalized systems of care for stroke from a Primary Stroke Center approach to include Comprehensive Stroke Centers (CSC). As you may be aware, current medical literature indicates improved outcome of severe stroke patients who receive timely endovascular therapy.

This expansion is necessary to allow timely access to the advanced and complex treatment and management provided at CSCs by routing a few of the most severe stroke patients directly to CSCs. This expansion will entail augmentation of the current prehospital stroke screening tool, revision of stroke patient destination policies and approval/certification of qualified CSCs.

The EMS Agency anticipates that this will reduce unnecessary time consuming and labor intensive process of secondarily transferring these patients when an approved CSC is immediately accessible within established EMS transport time guidelines of 30 minutes.

In order to develop a realistic and reasonable implementation plan, the EMS Agency is requesting your facility to complete and submit the attached questionnaire to the EMS Agency no later than January 15, 2016, Attention: Carolyn Naylor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Carolyn Naylor, Hospital Programs Coordinator at [cnaylor@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:cnaylor@dhs.lacounty.gov) or (562) 347-1655.

Sincerely,

Marianne Gausche-Hill, M.D.  
Medical Director

MGH:RT:cn  
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c: Stroke Medical Director, XXX  
Stroke Coordinator, XXX



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## **CORRESPONDENCE 2.4**

December 23, 2015

**TO:** EMS Agency Staff

**FROM:** Cathy Chidester   
Director

**SUBJECT: ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2015**

Time flies...

It has been a few years since I have written a letter to highlight accomplishments and milestones of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency. I feel compelled to write to you this year because of so many significant changes in staffing and the importance of recognizing the role that all of you play in accomplishing our missions.

The following lists some of our major accomplishments for the year. I may have missed some of the activities which staff worked very hard on, but they are no less important.

The Ambulance Licensing Section worked diligently to streamline the ambulance licensing process, monitor new companies, and conducted enforcement activities; the Request for Proposal (RFP) Process for a new trauma center in the East San Gabriel Valley was completed; Information Technology staff worked behind the scenes to migrate to Office 365 and MS Outlook, they upgraded the Ambulance Services fleet's mobile communications system; Administrative Services processed 33 Personnel Action Requests and ensured monitoring of hundreds of contracts; we completed drafting the RFP for 911 Emergency Ambulance Transportation; got the Community Paramedic Pilot Projects up and running; published our fourth EMS System Data Report; completed several Reports to the Board of Supervisors; provided Medical Alert Center and Disaster Preparedness personnel to staff major mass gathering events; assigned Ambulance Services staff to Harbor-UCLA grounds; coordinated the training of 10,000 participants in SideWalk CPR, and the list goes on.

Along with these achievements we continued our day to day responsibilities of training, auditing, drafting, transporting, transferring, supporting, and maintaining the EMS system. Whew, another busy year!

Once again, in 2015 some of our friends and co-workers left our organization for new challenges (including retirement). We also have welcomed new employees who bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and energy to our agency. I have noted that many of you have faced personal challenges or even loss during the year. I consistently see staff offer assistance and support to help each other through these difficult times.

I am so proud to work with such a generous, caring staff who are committed to making the EMS Agency a professional and enjoyable place to work as we continue with our critical goals to enhance the EMS system, disaster preparedness, and patient care for all of Los Angeles County. Even though I do not take the time to recognize staff for the routine work often enough, please know that I am very proud to work with you and that your service is greatly appreciated.

Happy New Year!





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## **CORRESPONDENCE 2.5**

December 16, 2015

TO: Distribution

**VIA EMAIL/FAX**

FROM: Cathy Chidester   
Director, EMS Agency

**SUBJECT: SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY 90-DAY PILOT PROJECT FOR  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF GARDENA**

This is to inform you that the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency has approved a 90-day pilot project involving the temporary suspension of the western and southern service-area boundaries of Memorial Hospital of Gardena (MHG).

Effective, Monday, January 4, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. through April 4, 2015, MHG may receive 9-1-1 patients from incident locations beyond the current western and southern boundaries that are within the 15-minutes transport time guidelines. Conversely, patients requiring advanced life support (ALS) transport may be diverted from MHG if MHG has requested diversion due to emergency department (ED) saturation. Request for diversion does not apply to patients who only require basic life support (BLS) transport. The ReddiNet® will show this status change and allow MHG to place itself on ED saturation. Diversion requests will be honored as outlined in Ref. No. 503, Guidelines for Hospitals Requesting Diversion of ALS Patients. During the pilot project, all other services area boundaries (i.e., Centinela Hospital Medical Center) will remain unchanged.

The EMS Agency will monitor ED diversion hours, daily 9-1-1 transports, provider agencies' wall times, patient outcomes and impact to surrounding emergency departments. The pilot project may be terminated at any time if these metrics demonstrate negative impact to patients and daily operations of provider agencies and surrounding EDs.

If you have any questions, please contact John Telmos, Chief, Prehospital Programs at [jtelmos@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:jtelmos@dhs.lacounty.gov) or (562) 347-1677.

Attachment

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## CORRESPONDENCE 2.6

December 16, 2015

**Kathy Wojno**  
Hospital Administrator  
Memorial Hospital of Gardena  
1145 West Redondo Beach Blvd.  
Gardena, CA 90247

Dear Ms. Wojno:

This is to approve your request to implement a 90-day pilot project involving the temporary suspension of the western and southern service-area boundaries of Memorial Hospital of Gardena (MHG).

This pilot project will commence on January 4, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. through April 4, 2016. MHG's emergency department (ED) will begin to receive 9-1-1 transports beyond the current western and southern boundaries that is within the 15-minutes EMS transport guidelines. Patients may also be diverted from MHG when it has requested diversion due to ED Saturation. The ReddiNet® will reflect this status change upon implementation of the pilot project.

As discussed at our December 5, 2015 meeting, MHG agreed to submit patient outcome data to the EMS Agency utilizing a web-based data collection portal. Please provide the EMS Agency the contact person as soon as possible so training for the data abstractor/entry personnel may be arranged.

Additional metrics that will be measured during the pilot will include ED diversion hours, daily 9-1-1 transports, and EMS providers' wall-times. The pilot project may be terminated at any time if these metrics demonstrate negative impact to patients and daily operations of provider agencies and surrounding EDs.

Thank you for your commitment to the EMS community. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Tadeo, Assistant Director at [rtadeo@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:rtadeo@dhs.lacounty.gov) or (562) 347-1610.

Sincerely,

*Richard Tadeo for cc*

**Cathy Chidester**  
Director

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- c. EMS Medical Director  
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**CORRESPONDENCE 2.7**

December 7, 2015

Cynthia Harding, MPH  
Interim Director  
Public Health  
313 North Figueroa Street, Room 708  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Harding:

This letter is to confirm that Health Services and Public Health are working together in building a trauma prevention program and that up to \$685,000 from Measure B has been allocated on an annual basis to cover the actual costs incurred by Public Health to support this effort.

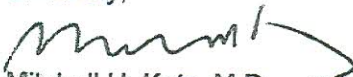
An initial meeting with the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention was held on September 16, 2015 to discuss how Public Health could assist the EMS Agency and the County's Trauma System expand its Trauma Prevention Program and using trauma data develop specific programs to target the different needs in each Strategic Planning Area. While a general course of action was discussed, it was identified that specific staff would need to be hired to begin this endeavor. Additionally, all 14 Trauma Centers need to be engaged in order to ensure that they are included in our efforts.

Health Services believes that this partnership is essential to strengthening our Trauma System by not only providing world class trauma care but by also making a positive impact in preventing trauma injuries from even occurring.

Health Services Administration finance staff will work with Public Health Finance staff to set up the mechanism to pay for these services.

If you have any questions please contact Cathy Chidester, EMS Agency Director at 562-347-1604 or [cchidester@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:cchidester@dhs.lacounty.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
Director

MK:CC:kf

c: Health Services Administration Finance  
Public Health Finance  
Public Health Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention





**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
BASE HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 9, 2015**



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samantha Verga-Gates	Southern Region	David Wells
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Koster	Western Region, Alternate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rosie Romero	Western Region, Alternate	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alina Candal	Eastern Region	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Hudson	Provider Agency Advisory Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Isaac Yang	Provider Agency Advisory Committee, Alt.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Webb	MICN Representative	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Robin Goodman	Pediatric Advisory Committee	
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PREHOSPITAL CARE COORDINATORS		GUESTS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristina Hong (AVH)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adrienne Roel (AMH)	Ashley Samello, HGH EMS Resident
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dee Josing (HMN)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Ruff (NRH)	Nichole Steeneken, LACoFD
		E. Jean Kirby, LACoFD

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:04 P.M. by Carole Snyder, Chairperson.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The October 14, 2015 meeting minutes were approved by general consensus.

**M/S/C (Hudson/Burgess) Approve the October 14, 2015 meeting minutes as written.**

**3. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brian Hudson, announced this is his last BHAC Meeting as the Provider Agency Advisory Committee Representative.

Richard Tadeo announced that the EMS Agency has approved a 90-Day Pilot Project lifting the service area boundaries for Memorial Hospital of Gardena (MHG). MHG indicated the Emergency Department is capable of handling additional volume, which prompted this pilot program. Additionally, MHG will submit outcome data on all 9-1-1 transports via Trauma & Emergency Medical Information Systems.

Richard Tadeo announced Los Angeles Fire Department's implementation of a pilot program which includes a Nurse Practitioner/Paramedic response-unit. The plan is to



have this team respond to high-frequency/low-acuity calls with a goal to decompress emergency department overcrowding.

#### **4. REPORTS & UPDATES**

##### **4.1 EMS Annual Data Report**

The 2015 Annual Data Report may be accessed on the EMS Agency website, <http://www.ems/dhs.lacounty.gov>. Reporting by service provider areas (SPA) is a new feature of the report which is possible due to the improved accuracy and timeliness of provider agency data. The trauma reports, pages 6-8, include volume reports based on the most recent revisions of trauma criteria, helicopter utilization, and mortality reports by SPA. Additionally, there are system reports on the ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) and Approved Stroke Center (ASC) Programs.

##### **4.2 Transfer of Trauma Patients**

Trauma re-triage, "red-box criteria", is specific criteria for patients with injuries arriving at a non-trauma center and require emergent surgical intervention, within a two-hour window. This criteria is currently being piloted by Martin Luther King Community Hospital. 9-1-1 Trauma Re-triage has a place holder for review in EMS Update 2016.

##### **4.3 Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Certification**

The Agency is requesting utilization of the most recent MICN application available on the EMS Agency website. An update to the Change of Sponsorship Form includes eliminating "termination" of sponsorship to "no longer sponsored". The name on the MICN certification will reflect the name on the State Registered Nurse license unless additional documentation is provided.

Continuing education hours in excess of nine hours, will require specifying the date range the education was provided.

##### **4.4 Pediatric Medication Administration**

The EMS Agency is considering standardization of formulation of pediatric medications and was endorsed by the Pediatric Advisory Committee.

#### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Reference No. 904, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Development Program Requirements**

Reference No. 904, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Development Program Requirements recommended revisions were reviewed.

Recommended changes:

Page 1, Policy, H #2, strike "Current American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care" as the core curriculum is not based on these guidelines; they are based on EMS guidelines.

Page 2, Policy, H #3, strike "National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards – Paramedic".

Page 3, Policy, II, B, Course Director; request to have the meeting minutes reflect the educational requirements, completion of California State Fire Marshall Training Instructor 1A, 1B, and 1C is only required for new course directors.

**M/S/C: (Crews/Van Slyke) Approve Reference No. 904, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Development Program Requirements with recommended changes and meeting minutes to reflect currently approved course directors are grandfathered meeting the educational requirements of California State Fire Marshall Training Instructor 1A, 1B, and 1C.**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Reference No. 1242, Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis**

Reference No. 1242, Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis revisions focuses on the treatment of anaphylaxis instead of minor symptoms, such as hives, and standardizes the medication administration intramuscular into a large muscle group for better effectiveness.

**M/S/C: (Van Slyke/Burgess) Approve Reference No. 1242, Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis.**

### **6.2 Reference No. 1308, Cardiac Monitoring (Info only)**

Reference No. 1308, Cardiac Monitoring revisions indicates cardiac monitoring should continue until the care of the patient has appropriately been handed off to another medical professional.

### **6.3 Reference No. 1310, Conducted Electrical Weapon (Info only)**

Reference No. 1310, revisions consist of minor changes related to assessment and monitoring.

### **6.4 Reference No. 1322, Online Medical Control (Info only)**

Reference No. 1322, Online Medical Control revisions consist of minor changes and language clean-up to maintain consistency with other policies.

### **6.5 Reference No. 1338, Transcutaneous Pacing (Info only)**

Reference No. 1338, Transcutaneous Pacing, no significant changes.



**6.6 Reference No. 1340, Ventricular Assist Device**

Reference No. 1340, Ventricular Assist Device revisions reflect the current practices in clinical management. Recommended change, page 2, Guidelines #7, add "in agreement with VAD coordinator."

**M/S/C (Van Slyke/Sepke) Approve Reference No. 1340, Ventricular Assist Device with recommended change.**

**6.7 Reference No. 1342, Vital Signs (Info only)**

Reference No. 1342, Vital Signs addition is consistent with assessing pain along with other vital signs.

**7. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**MICN Development Courses**

Committee members request assistant from the Agency to review MICN program to ensure all objectives are covered and provide guidance as needed to ensure successful outcomes.

**8. NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2016**

**9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M.**

## COMMITTEE REPORT 3.2



### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2015



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES AGENCY**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	ORGANIZATION	EMS AGENCY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Flashman, Chair	EMS Commissioner (MD)	Nichole Bosson
<input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Mosack, Vice-Chair	EMS Commissioner (Asst. Fire Chief)	Richard Tadeo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nerses Sanossian	EMS Commissioner (MD)	John Telmos
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Hisserich	EMS Commissioner (DrPH)	Michelle Williams
<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Armstrong	Ambulance Advisory Board (LACAA)	Susan Mori
* Trevor Stonum	Ambulance Advisory Board (alternate)	Sara Kranke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Baltau	Base Hospital Advisory Committee (BHAC) (RN)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alina Candal	BHAC (alternate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Burgess	Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nathan McNeil	HASC (alternate)	
* Joanne Dolan	Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) (RN)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Don Gerety	LBFD (alternate)	
* Dan France	Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Stokes	LA Area Fire Chiefs Association (alternate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Steeneken	Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hernandez	LACoFD (alternate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Flores	Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD)	
* John Smith	LAFD (alternate)	
* Dipesh Patel	Medical Council (MD)	
<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	Medical Council (alternate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Elder	Provider Agency Advisory Committee (PAAC)	
<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	PAAC (alternate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Howard Belzberg	Trauma Hospital Advisory Committee (THAC) (MD)	
<input type="checkbox"/> David Hanpeter	THAC (MD) (alternate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Cohen	THAC (RN)	
<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	THAC (RN) (alternate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present *Excused <input type="checkbox"/> Absent		

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am by Commissioner Flashman.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting were approved as written.
3. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- None.

#### 4. REPORTS AND UPDATES

##### 4.1. TEMIS Update (Michelle Williams)

- 4.1.1. County Fire (CF) Update: All of CF's records for 2014 and January/February of 2015 have been imported. March 2015 will be imported by the end of the week of December 6, 2015.

##### 4.2. Electronic Data Systems (Michelle Williams)

- 4.2.1. El Segundo Fire went live with Digital EMS on 11/21/15. Compton Fire has a start date of 12/15/15 with Digital EMS as well. Beverly Hills Fire started a trial with Source Code 3 on 11/15/15 and Culver City Fire expects to go live with Source Code 3 as well by the end of the month. There are only five public providers with no identified plan to implement ePCR.

##### 4.3. Service Changes (Richard Tadeo)

- 4.3.1. On January 4, 2016, a 90-day pilot project will be implemented to determine the impact of eliminating Memorial Hospital of Gardena's (MHG) south and west service area



boundaries. The hospital believes that it can handle additional patients beyond its current service area. Success of the project will be measured by evaluating ED diversion hours, wall time, patient outcomes and impact to surrounding hospitals. MHG will also be collecting data through the EMS Agency's 9-1-1 receiving hospital database. If the pilot project is successful, the EMS Agency will re-evaluate the remaining service areas to evaluate the feasibility of eliminating service area boundaries altogether.

4.4 EMS Update 2016 (Richard Tadeo)

4.4.1 Current topics for EMS Update 2016 are:

- Documentation of mLAPSS, STEMI destination, and bystander CPR
- Introduction of provider impression
- Anaphylaxis
- Ventricular assist devices (VADs)
- Cardiac arrest management in children
- Needle thoracostomies
- Hypertension in pregnancy
- 9-1-1 re-triage (under consideration pending County Counsel's approval)

4.5 Data Use Agreement (Richard Tadeo)

4.5.1 The agreement is still being reviewed by County Counsel. EMS Agency staff are working on a process to prioritize data requests and a process for determining data requests that will require a fee. The Agency has also received public records requests from the database. Data residing in the database are not considered a public record until an actual report is created.

4.6 Assembly Bill 503 (Richard Tadeo)

4.6.1 Effective January 1, 2016, Assembly Bill 503 will provide legal authority for health facilities to release patient identifiable medical information to EMS providers and the local EMS agency for the purpose of system quality improvement.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1. Standardized TEMIS Reports (Michelle Williams)

- Reports on the number of ALS and specialty center transports by provider agency for 2014 were presented. Possible documentation and mapping issues were identified. The EMS Agency will develop a process for validating data and will be presented to the committee in February.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

6.1. Annual Data Report (Richard Tadeo)

- The Annual Data Report for 2015 is available on the EMS Agency's website, printed versions are not yet available. New to the report this year is the presentation of data by Service Planning Areas (SPAs), which utilizes geographic boundaries within the County established by the Department of Public Health. Also new is the risk-adjusted analysis of trauma mortality, which indicates that the overall mortality in LA County is 3.8%, which is less than the current national average.

**7. NEXT MEETING:** February 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (EMS Agency Hearing Room – First Floor)

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. by Commissioner Flashman.



**COMMITTEE REPORT 3.3**

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**EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING CANCELATION NOTICE**

**DATE:** December 14, 2015

**TO:** Education Advisory Committee Members

**SUBJECT: CANCELATION OF MEETING**

Due to a lack of agenda items, the Education Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for December 16, 2015, is canceled.

**INFORMATION IN LIEU OF MEETING:**

Attached are the minutes from the October 2015 mtg and the EMS System Annual Data report.





## COMMITTEE REPORT 3.4

County of Los Angeles  
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### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

## PROVIDER AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

#### MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

##### MEMBERS

- ☐ David Austin, Chair
- ☐ Robert Barnes, Vice-Chair
- ☐ Jon Thompson, Commissioner
- ☐ Clayton Kazan, MD, Commissioner
- ☐ Jodi Nevandro
- ☒ Sean Stokes
- ☐ Kevin Klar
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- ☒ Ken Leasure
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- ☐ Bob Yellen
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- ☒ Dwayne Preston
- ☐ Joanne Dolan
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- ☐ Michael Murrey
- ☒ Corey Rose
- ☒ Douglas Zabitski
- ☐ Brandon Greene
- ☒ Jesus Cardoza
- ☒ Ryan Burgess
- ☐ Alina Chandal
- ☐ Todd Tucker
- ☒ James Michael
- ☒ Maurice Guillen
- ☒ Scott Buck
- ☐ Marc Eckstein, MD
- ☐ Stephen Shea, MD
- ☐ Diane Baker
- ☐ Vacant

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- Area B
- Area B, Alt.
- Area B Alt. (Rep to Med Council)
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- Area C, Alt
- Area E
- Area E, Alt.
- Area F
- Area F, Alt.
- Area G (Rep to BHAC)
- Area G, Alt. (Rep to BHAC, Alt.)
- Area H (Rep to DAC)
- Area H, Alt.
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- Employed EMT-P Coordinator, Alt. (LACAA)
- Prehospital Care Coordinator (BHAC)
- Prehospital Care Coordinator, Alt. (BHAC)
- Public Sector Paramedic (LAAFCA)
- Public Sector Paramedic, Alt. (LAAFCA)
- Private Sector EMT-P (LACAA)
- Private Sector EMT-P, Alt. (LACAA)
- Provider Agency Medical Director (Med Council)
- Provider Agency Medical Director, Alt. (Med Council)
- Private Sector Nurse Staffed Ambulance Program (LACAA)
- Private Sector Nurse Staffed Ambulance Program, Alt (LACAA)

##### EMS AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

- Nichole Bosson, MD
- Mark Ferguson
- Paula Rashi
- Sara Kranke
- David Wells
- Susan Mori
- Lucy Hickey
- Gary Watson
- Richard Tadeo
- Carolyn Naylor
- Nicholas Todd
- John Telmos
- Michelle Williams
- Christine Zaiser
- Lynne An

##### OTHER ATTENDEES

- Marc Cohen, MD
- Clayton Kazan, MD
- Monica Bradley
- Joshua Parker
- Michael Beeghly
- Thomas McGawley
- Roger Braum
- Nicole Steeneken
- Scott Martinez
- Trevor Stonum
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- Culver City FD
- PRN Amb
- Santa Fe Springs FD
- Santa Fe Springs FD
- Culver City FD
- LACoFD
- El Segundo FD
- MedCoast Amb
- LACAA / RSI Amb

LACAA – Los Angeles County Ambulance Association \* LAAFCA – Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association \* BHAC – Base Hospital Advisory Committee \* DAC – Data Advisory Committee

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Due to the absence of EMS Commissioners and in efforts to conform with the Brown Act, the following Committee member was approved as "Chair Pro Tem" for today's meeting:

**M/S/C (Kazan/Hernandez): Approve Ken Leasure, Area C Representative, Chair Pro Tem.**

Chair Pro Tem, Ken Leasure, called meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** October 21, 2015 minutes were approved as written.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **3. REPORTS & UPDATES**

#### **3.1 EMS Annual Data Report (Richard Tadeo)**

The 2015 EMS (Data) System Report was presented and reviewed.

#### **3.2 Paramedic Accreditation and Roster Verification (Nicholas Todd)**

- During January 2016, providers will receive a letter from the EMS Agency, asking to verify paramedic sponsorship.
- During new paramedic accreditation application process, only the application is needed. There is no need to send a "Change of Status" form.
- Paramedics who still need to receive EMS Update 2015, education is provided on the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care webpage at no cost.
- 2016 dates for paramedic accreditation testing and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training is available and soon to be placed on the EMS Agency's webpage.
- Providers are asked, if needing to come into the EMS Agency for application processing, please call ahead and make appointment with staff member in the Certification / Accreditation section.

#### **3.3 Transfer of Trauma Patients (Richard Tadeo)**

- Also referred to as "Red Box" or "Trauma Re-triage".
- This refers to a State goal to standardize the process of transferring critically injured patients from non-trauma hospitals to nearby trauma centers via the 9-1-1 system.
- Los Angeles County EMS Agency and County approved Trauma Centers have been working together to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide this service.
- Red Box education will be included in EMS Update 2016. Prior to implementation, hospitals and providers will be notified along with changes made to Reference No. 506, Trauma Patient Destination.

#### **3.4 Color Code Drug Doses LA County Kids (Richard Tadeo)**

- In order to assist with the prevention of pediatric dosing errors, the EMS Agency's Medical Director, Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD, is working with County pharmacies to develop standardized formularies to reduce the complexity of medication ordering for the pediatric patients; moving toward ordering medication in milliliter (mL) dosing rather than milligram dosing.

#### **3.5 Gardena Hospital Pilot Project (Richard Tadeo)**

- Memorial Hospital of Gardena has been granted a 90-day pilot program to temporarily suspend their hospital's service area (Southern and Western boundaries)
- Meetings have been held with providers involved, including Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Compton Fire Department and WestMed/McCormick Ambulance Company.
- Affected hospitals and providers will be notified once program approval has been finalized.

### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Reference No. 1308, Medical Control Guideline: Cardiac Monitoring (Jacqueline Rifenburg)**

Policy was presented as information only.



**5.2** Reference No. 1310, Medical Control Guideline: Conducted Electrical Weapon (*Jacqueline Rifenburg*)

Policy was presented as information only.

Committee recommendations:

1. Principles 5: add word "CEW" to say "Paramedics cannot medically clear CEW patients for booking by law enforcement."
2. Guideline 2: Remove wording stating to place patient on cardiac monitor

**5.3** Reference No. 1322, Medical Control Guideline: Online Medical Control (*Jacqueline Rifenburg*)

Policy was presented as information only.

**5.4** Reference No. 1338, Medical Control Guideline: Transcutaneous Pacing (*Jacqueline Rifenburg*)

Policy was presented as information only.

**5.5** Reference No. 1342, Medical Control Guideline: Vital Signs (*Jacqueline Rifenburg*)

Policy was presented as information only.

**5.6** Reference No. 1242, Treatment Protocol: Allergic Reaction / Anaphylaxis (*Nichole Bosson, MD*)

Policy approved as presented.

**M/S/C (Kazan/Hudson): Approve Reference No. 1242, Treatment Protocol: Allergic Reaction / Anaphylaxis.**

**5.7** Reference No. 1340, Medical Control Guideline: Ventricular Assist Device (*Nicole Bosson, MD*)

After lengthy discussion, policy approved as presented. However, to assist with education related to policy changes, policy will not go into effect until after EMS Update 2016.

**M/S/C (Kazan/Hudson): Approve Reference No. 1340, Medical Control Guideline: Ventricular Assist Device.**

**6. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**6.1** Nurse Practitioner Unit (Los Angeles Fire Department) (*Douglas Zabilski*)

Beginning January 4, 2016, Los Angeles Fire Department will be implementing their new "Nurse Practitioner" Unit (NPU) which will be manned by one Nurse Practitioner and one Firefighter/paramedic.

- This unit will visit patients via appointments; visiting 9-1-1 system "super-users" to assist with their needed treatments before they become 9-1-1 dependent again.
- NPU will not be dispatched on calls and will not transport patients to hospitals.

**6.2** Sober Unit (Los Angeles Fire Department) (*Corey Rose*)

- Los Angeles Fire Department recently received approval for funding of a "Sober Unit" program. Once this funding is received, the program will join one social worker with three Firefighter/paramedics. LAFD's Medical Director, Marc Eckstein, MD, is developing guidelines for this program.

**6.3**     Mental Health (*Corey Rose and Clayton Kazan, MD*)

- Mental health meeting was held at the Hall of Justice last week. In attendance were judges, attorneys, and representatives from the sheriff's department and the District Attorney's office.
- Discussion included the upcoming changes to legislation and alternative transportation sites for mental health patients. Chief Rose felt it would be beneficial if a representative from Department of Health Services attend these meetings.

**7. NEXT MEETING: February 17, 2016**

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.



## POLICY REVIEW SUMMARY BY COMMITTEE

Reference No. **904, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Development Program Requirements.**

	Committee/Group	Assigned (Y if yes)	Approval Date	Comments* (Y if yes)
EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEES	Provider Agency Advisory Committee			
	Base Hospital Advisory Committee	✓	12/09/15	✓
	Data Advisory Committee			
	Education Advisory Committee			
OTHER COMMITTEES/RESOURCES	Medical Council			
	Trauma Hospital Advisory Committee			
	Ambulance Advisory Board			
	EMS QI Committee			
	Hospital Association of So California			
	County Counsel			
	Other:			

\* See attached **Summary of Comments Received**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REFERENCE NO. 202.1

**Summary of Comments Received on Reference No. 904, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Development Program Requirements.**

ISSUE SECTION #	COMMITTEE	COMMENT	RESPONSE
I.D.	BHAC	Delete section	Change made
I.H.2.	BHAC	Delete section	Change made
I.H.3.	BHAC	Delete section	Change made



SUBJECT: **MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE (MICN)  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM-REQUIREMENTS**

REFERENCE NO. 904

PURPOSE: To establish criteria for conducting a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) development program in Los Angeles County.

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.56 & 1798.207.

POLICY:

I. Program Requirements

- A. An MICN development program shall be sponsored by an approved Los Angeles County base hospital or the EMS Agency.
- B. Candidates shall meet the minimum eligibility requirements for initial certification per Ref. No. 1010 Section I.A.1 & 2 prior to the start of the MICN development course. Nothing in this reference precludes programs from requiring additional eligibility criteria.
- C. Programs shall meet, at minimum, the Los Angeles County MICN Core Objectives.
- ~~D. The MICN development program shall consist of no less than forty-eight (48) hours.~~
- E. Base Hospital contact simulations, and/or interactive field care audits, to include base form documentation evaluation shall be incorporated throughout the program.
- F. Assessing, reporting, therapeutic modalities, pertinent anatomy and physiology, and relevant policies shall be included in each of the appropriate categories.
- G. The MICN development program shall include EMS Agency mandatory training programs which reflect current practice.
- H. The MICN development program should be based on the following resources:
  - 1. Los Angeles County EMS Prehospital Care Policy Manual
  - ~~2. Los Angeles County EMS Medical Guidelines Manual~~
  - ~~3. Los Angeles County Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Development Course Core Curriculum maintained by the EMS Agency~~
  - 24. Current American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care

EFFECTIVE: 2-15-99

REVISED: XX-XX-XX

SUPERSEDES: 2-1-11

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Director, EMS Agency

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Medical Director, EMS Agency

35. National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards – Paramedic

46. Los Angeles County EMS Base Hospital Form Instruction Manual

- I. Each course requires a final examination with a recommended minimum passing score of 80%.
- J. Program shall have a written plan of quality improvement (QI) evaluation methodology for monitoring the effectiveness of training.

II. Program Staff Requirements

Each MICN development program shall include a medical director, course director and instructor(s) who meet the requirements. Nothing in this section precludes the same individual from being responsible for more than one (1) position.

A. Medical Director

The medical director monitors the overall quality of the program.

- 1. Medical director qualifications shall be based on the following:
  - a. A physician on the staff of the base hospital who is licensed in the State of California and who is board certified in emergency medicine by the American Board of Emergency Medicine or the American College of Osteopathic Board of Emergency MedicinePhysicians.
  - b. Is engaged at the base hospital in the field of emergency medicine as a full-time emergency physician as defined by spending a monthly average of at least ninety-six (96) hours in the practice of emergency medicine and is familiar with the prehospital care environment.
- 2. The duties of the medical director shall include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Approving the instructor(s) in conjunction with the course director.
  - b. Review and approve the educational content of the program curriculum and certify its ongoing appropriateness and medical accuracy.

B. Course Director

The course director shall provide administrative and instructional direction of the program.

- 1. Course director qualifications shall be based on the following:
  - a. Completed course work of at least forty (40) hours in teaching methodology. Following are examples of courses which meet the required instruction in teaching methodology:



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- i. Four (4) semester units of college credit in educational materials, methods and curriculum development or equivalent.
  - ii. California State Fire Marshall "Training Fire Instructor 1A, and 1B and 1C."
  - iii. ~~National Fire Academy "Fire Service Instructional Methodology Course" or equivalent.~~
  - iiiv. National Association of EMS Educators "EMS Instructor Course."
  - iv. Courses which meet the U.S. Department of Transportation/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 2002 Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors.
- b. Los Angeles County MICN certification:
  - i. Current and in good standing.
  - ii. A minimum of two (2) years.
- 2. The duties of the course director shall include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Administering the MICN development program and ensuring adherence to state regulations, guidelines and established Los Angeles County policies.
  - b. Approving course content and instructional objectives in conjunction with the medical director.
  - c. Assigning course hours.
  - d. Approving all written and practical evaluations.
  - e. Approving instructor(s) in conjunction with the medical director.
  - f. Signing all course completion records and maintaining records in a manner consistent with Section IV of this reference.
  - g. Attending all mandatory educational updates given by the EMS Agency.

C. Instructor(s)

Each instructor shall be knowledgeable, skilled and current in the subject matter of the course or activity assigned to teach and approved by the medical director and course director based on one of the following qualifications:

1. Currently licensed or certified in their area of expertise.
2. Have evidence of specialized training which may include, but is not limited to, a certificate of training or advanced education in their given subject area.
3. Have at least one (1) year of experience, within the last two (2) years, in the specialized area in which they are teaching.

III. Program Review and Reporting

- A. All MICN development courses shall be subject to periodic on-site evaluations by the EMS Agency.
- B. The EMS Agency shall be notified in writing, a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of a scheduled course, to coordinate with the Office of Certification for scheduling of the MICN Certification examination.
- C. The Course Director shall:
  - i. Submit a roster of all registered students which identifies their name and, base hospital affiliation at the start of the course.
  - ii. ~~Course director shall~~ issue a tamper resistant document (method determined by program) as proof of successful completion of the development course.
  - iii. ~~Course director shall~~ forward copies of completion document and final exam roster to the EMS Agency within five (5) days of course completion.

IV. Record Keeping

Each program shall maintain the following records for four (4) years.

- A. Course curriculum, quizzes and the final examination.
- B. MICN Development Course Roster.
- C. Documentation of course completion certificates issued.
- D. Original documentation or summaries of student performance and course evaluations.
- E. Curriculum vitae for instructors with a copy of current licenses and certifications in their field of expertise, or evidence of specialized training.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Policy Manual:

Ref. No. 308 **Base Hospital Medical Director**

Ref. No. 803, **Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of Practice**



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Ref. No. 803.1, **Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of Practice (Table Format)**

Ref. No. 1010, **Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Certification/Recertification**

Ref. No. 1013, **EMS Continuing Education (CE) Provider Approval and Program Requirements**

Los Angeles County EMS Continuing Education Program Manual



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