

MARIPOSA COUNTY EMCC MINUTES
August 31, 2023
10:00 am
SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
5099 Old Hwy N
MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Eric Sergienko-HHSA, Nanette Wardle-JCF, Sgt. Chris Ramirez-MCSO. Alexis Fairchild-JCF, Jesse Figueroa-Mercy, Steven Ward, Dawn Hoff-CHP, Jonathan Knauf-Mercy, Dana Tafoya-South Citizen Rep

CALL TO ORDER at 1007

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS each member introduced themselves and identified the agency representation.

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comment

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE CONSTITUENCY AND MEMBERSHIP – Dr. Sergienko discussed committee function, constituency and membership for new members. He expressed the need for Mass Casualty Plan update and would like this to be a priority for this committee due to the high risk of a mass casualty event to possibly happen.

ADOPTION OF AMENDED/UPDATED BYLAWS-Nanette explained the update of the Bylaws and sought clarification on electing the Chair and Vice Chair. Dr. Sergienko suggested we move away from the nominating committee and move to choosing a new Chair and Vice Chair during the last meeting of the year. New Chair and Vice Chair will begin at the first meeting of the year. Nanette needs to identify person at the county level to complete agendas, minutes, ADA assistance etc.. Dr. Sergienko stated we will be moving the meeting from the Sheriff's office to the Mariposa room at HHSA on Lemee lane. The room meets ADA compliance and is set up for virtual meetings for persons wanting to join virtually instead of in person. Clarification will be completed and bylaws brought to the next committee meeting for approval.

OLD BUSINESS-Mentioned MCI plan, more robust discussion at next meeting. Dr. Sergienko discussed the Surge plan developed during the first 3 months of the pandemic-Alternate Care Site Plan.

NEW BUSINESS-Alexis stated the ED is seeing a lot more heroin and fentanyl use in the ED. Dr. Sergienko reports the county can still order it and distribute. County engines carry naloxone and Sheriff Officers were carrying one in their vest and one in their vest in case of

exposure. The County will resupply SO and other Public Safety entities with nasal naloxone. Dr. Sergienko also reports by the end of the year naloxone will be available over the counter. Dr. Sergienko encourages prehospital and ER staff to encourage patients, friends or family members with someone at risk of overdose to purchase naloxone and keep on hand. HHSA has had a discussion about possibly dispensing naloxone, will revisit when new PHEP person comes onboard.

REPORTS:

JCFHCD – JCF has had an uptick in COVID cases amongst staff members prompting universal masking. Averaging one case through the ED/day. One hospitalized at this time. There is not an outbreak at the hospital as all cases have been tracked to outside exposures. Dr. Sergienko reporting there is an uptick in cases in the county possibly related to schools being back in session 2 weeks ago. Fair is not going to be cancelled but messaging will go with recommendations to stay home if ill. Please be tolerant of anyone wishing to mask for their own safety. Recommend testing, PH has antigen tests and they are free.

MCSO –no report

American Red Cross –no report

CHP – no report

MCHSA – Working with Mountain Counties EMS to put together an RFP to go out to bid for ambulance service. This is required by county policy. Should go out to bid by the end of the year. First Wednesday of the month CE's for EMS and First Responders is offered at the HHSA Mariposa room on Lemee Lane, 1800-2000.

CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE –Dr. Sergienko reports there are currently 6 volunteers going through training for county fire.

MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT – Jesse reports Preston Smith is retiring after 27 years with Mercy. Preston was a fulltime paramedic, in charge of fleet maintenance, scheduling, and QA. Jonathan Knauf will be stepping in to Preston's roll taking over QA and scheduling. Robert Hill will be taking over fleet maintenance. Welcome 2 new medics Joe Mota and Federica Florio. Dr. Sergienko reported they did approve Mercy to staff a BLS unit to respond and transport patients when an ALS unit is not available to respond. Dana and Dawn both commented on how well these units are doing when they respond. Dana Tafoya suggests we ask the board to do a proclamation for Preston acknowledging his 27 years of service to Mariposa. Dr. Sergienko stated they can add this item to the BOS agenda.

AIR AMBULANCE – no report

MVEMSA – no report

YOSEMITE MEDICAL CLINIC – no report

PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE – Dr. Smith asked if there was anything JCF could do to assist and facilitate transfers due to the paramedic shortage. Alexis reported that she and Rachel Key are working on CCT coverage through the winter months when weather poses a challenge in getting air ambulances in to Mariposa.

NORTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE –no report

SOUTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE – Dana reports they have another EMT class beginning in Jan 2024. This will be her 5th class since 2020. She has quite a bit of interest in the class with more than 30 applicants. This is offered through Mariposa County Adult Education Program. Anyone wishing to assist with class instruction please give Dana a call.

NEXT MEETING -TBD

ADJOURNMENT – by Dr. Sergienko @ 1052