

# SOLANO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE

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## Board of Directors

Thursday, July 12, 2012  
9:00 – 11:00 AM  
Suisun City Council Chambers

## AGENDA

1. Call To Order/Roll Call B. Corsello
2. Approve Agenda B. Corsello
3. Approve Minutes B. Corsello
  - Meeting of April 12, 2012
4. Board Comments B. Corsello
  - a. Chair
  - b. Directors
5. Public Comment B. Corsello

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on any matter **not** included on the agenda.*
6. Reports T. Selby
  - a. Recognition of outgoing Medical Director and introduction of incoming Medical Director A. Bair
  - b. SEMSC Medical Director's Report (No Action) T. Selby
  - c. EMS Administrator's Report (No Action) H. Pierson
  - d. Medic Ambulance Operator Report (No Action)
7. Old Business T. Selby
  - a. Update on Critical Care Transport/Specialty Care Transport (CCT/SCT) Project T. Selby
  - b. Update on Level II Trauma Center Feasibility/Capacity Assessment Project T. Selby
8. Adjourn to next regularly scheduled meeting of October 11, 2012 B. Corsello

**SEMSC  
Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2012, 9:00AM – 11:30AM  
Suisun City Hall**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

- Birgitta Corsello, Chair SEMSC Board
- Erika Bauer, RN; Kaiser Continuing Care Leader
- Michael O'Brien, Suisun City Fire Chief
- Sean Quinn, Fairfield City Manager
- Caesar Djavaherian, MD, Physicians' Forum Representative
- Richard Watson, Health Care Consumer Representative

**STAFF**

- Ted Selby, EMS Administrator
- Steve Whiteley, MD, SEMSC Medical Director
- Michael Modrich, RN, Prehospital Care Coordinator
- Ernie O'Connor, Project Manager
- Jan Homer, Administrative Secretary
- Jessica Tello-Evans, RN, ESB
- Leah Carlon, ESB Contract Employee
- Bela Matyas, MD, Public Health Officer

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
<b><u>Call to Order/Roll Call</u></b>	Meeting called to order with a quorum present. Board Member Quinn, Fairfield City Manager, was welcomed to SEMSC Board.	(none)	
<b><u>Approval of Agenda</u></b>	<b>Board Member Watson moved to approve agenda. Board Member O'Brien seconded; AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.</b>	(none)	
<b><u>Approval of Minutes</u> <u>January 12, 2012</u></b>	<b>Board Member Watson moved to accept minutes; Board Member Bauer seconded; AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.</b>	(none)	
<b><u>Board Comments:</u></b> a. Chairman b. Directors	(none)	(none)	
<b><u>Public Comments</u></b>	(none)		

<p><b><u>Reports</u></b>  a. Medical Director's Report  b. Administrator's Report</p>	<p>a. (Nothing to Report).</p> <p>b. In the EMS Administrator's report, Mr. Selby noted several items of interest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EMS Week is scheduled for the week of May 20-26. Planning for this event is proceeding. The symposium will be conducted at the NorthBay Conference Center in Green Valley, with the "Professional" day on May 24<sup>th</sup> and "Public CPR" day on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The banquet will be hosted on Friday evening, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Vacaville.</li> <li>2. System performance: Exceptional compliance figures for our partners for the report period of Oct 1 – Dec 30, 2011. Medic Ambulance compliance rate was at 99%; Benicia Fire compliance at 95.8%; Dixon Fire compliance at 97.8%, Fairfield Fire compliance at 94.5% and Vallejo Fire compliance at 94.8%. Although not part of the Public Private Partnership, Vacaville Fire responded to 1,402 calls during this reporting period.</li> <li>3. System Update: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The State EMS Authority requires an annual update be submitted on local EMS Trauma System Plans. The Solano County 2012 Trauma Plan Update was submitted on March 9, 2012.</li> <li>b. The budget for FY 2012/13 has been developed as in years past with Health &amp; Social Services fiscal staff, and is included with the County's Public Health Budget.</li> <li>c. With the designation of two Level III Trauma Centers, Solano County has initiated a bi-monthly Trauma Advisory Committee meeting to discuss</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Information.</p> <p>Information.</p>	
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<p>c. Contractor's Report</p>	<p>selected trauma cases and any issues that may affect trauma care in Solano County. We have held two meetings to date and received positive feedback.</p> <p>C. Mr. James Pierson updated the Board on Medic's activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) in Vallejo (Carbon Dioxide exposure) tested the partnership efforts of Medic Ambulance, Fire Departments, city transport and found everyone worked well together.</li> <li>2. Six Medic Paramedics and EMTs were recognized by the California State Ambulance Association for outstanding contributions to the community.</li> </ol>	<p>Information</p>	
<p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <p>a. Presentation/ Recommendation on Critical Care Transport/ Specialty Care Transport (CCT/SCT) Project.</p>	<p>a. Dr. Matyas, Solano County Public Health Officer opened the presentation on the proposed CCT/SCT Resolution. After the two stakeholder meetings, the contractor and staff reviewed and evaluated all comments; most were included. It should be noted that the Resolution finally submitted was not based on compromise or consensus, but based on what was necessary for optimal care of the patient. Accountability was a key aspect of the resolution. Mr. Doug Wolfberg noted that the overwhelming majority of changes proposed were adopted. This resolution deals solely with CCT – critically ill or injured patients. Disciplinary procedures were not included as they were specified in Resolution 11-001. He also recommended a six-month implementation period. Board Member Watson had concerns about the number of companies authorized to perform CCT/SCT transport in Solano County now and whether this resolution would reduce the number of providers. Board Member Watson also raised questions about the cost to the patient for this service based on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule a stakeholder meeting and prepare Resolution for presentation at July 12, 2012 SEMSC Board Meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>D. Wolfberg &amp; EMS Staff.</p>

<p>b. Presentation on Level II Trauma Center Feasibility/ Capacity Assessment Project</p>	<p>information provided in the Resolution; and asked if the application fees should be increased. There were some areas in the resolution that needed additional clarification: nurse support on ALS ambulance, Quality Assurance tracking, etc. Richard Lotsch, speaking on behalf of the Solano County Medical Society, stated problems existed with the following areas of the Resolution: utilization of air ambulance personnel who had patient under care but aircraft was unavailable, ambulance response times, and the authority under which the EMS Agency has the ability for fining hospitals; he did acknowledge this last concern is not directly related to his role in the Medical Society, but wanted to raise it nonetheless. Clarification was provided by Dr. Matyas that the resolution language accurately represents the Agency's position. <b>Board Member O'Brien made a motion to adopt the resolution as recommended; Board Chair Corsello seconded the motion. AYES: 2; NAYS: 5, Absent: 0; Abstain: 0.</b> As this item did not pass, <b>Board Member Bauer made motion to defer this item to the July 2012 meeting, with contractor to call a stakeholder meeting to review final recommendations and return results to the Board. Authorization of an additional \$15,000 was approved. Board Member Quinn seconded the motion. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; Absent: 0, Abstain: 0.</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanddal and Dr. Mann of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) presented results of their study of the feasibility for Solano County to maintain a Level II Trauma Center. Based on the analysis of the data, they noted that Solano County can successfully support a Level II Trauma Center. Based on this assessment, the next step is to develop a Request for Proposal, development/modification of designation tools to be used by an independent external</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop RFP in conjunction with the ACS team. Present updates at SEMSC Board Meetings.</li> </ul>	<p>ACS Team and EMS Staff.</p>
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	<p>review team, development of evaluation standards, selection criteria for the RFP review panel, as well as availability to review applications as non-voting members. Board member O'Brien questioned the timing for this entire RFP process; in response the ACS representatives noted that it would take six to nine months to develop the RFP. This would allow the RFP to be presented to the Board at the January 2013 meeting. The Board requested that we move forward with the process and Agency Staff provide status updates at each meeting.</p>		
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Rate Request</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medic Ambulance submitted a request for a mileage rate increase from the current \$23.00 per mile to \$28.00 per mile. The request is due to increase in cost of regular and diesel fuel. The Franchise Agreement allows the Contract Provider to request annual increases; Medic's last increase was in 2009. <b>Board Member Watson made a motion to approve the request for rate increase; Board Member O'Brien seconded the request. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 0.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Increase Rates to \$28.00 per mile.</p>	<p>Medic Ambulance.</p>
<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 12, 2012.</p>	<p>(none)</p>	

**Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Meeting Date: 7/12/2012**

- Agenda Item 6a. Recognition of Outgoing Medical Director and Introduction Of Incoming Medical Director.**
- Agenda Item 6b. SEMSC Medical Director's Report (verbal update, no action)**
- EMS Policy Update
- Agenda Item 6c. EMS Administrator's Report (verbal update, no action)**
- System Performance
  - System Updates
- Agenda Item 6d. Medic Ambulance Operator Report (verbal update, no action)**

**Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Meeting Date: 7/12/2012**

**Agenda Item 7a. Update on Critical Care Transport/Specialty Care Transport (CCT/SCT) Project (Verbal update only)**

**UPDATE:**

At the last Board Meeting of April 12, 2012, Staff was directed to defer this item to the July 12, 2012 meeting, with the Contractor convening another stakeholder meeting to finalize resolution language. Due to scheduling conflicts, this meeting is currently scheduled for August 9, 2012. Staff anticipates final presentation of resolution language at the October 11, 2012 SEMSC Board meeting.

**Agenda Item 7b. Update on Level II Trauma Center Feasibility/Capacity Assessment Process (Verbal Update only)**

**UPDATE:**

Pursuant to the Board action at the April 12, 2012 meeting, Staff, in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) is pursuing the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a designation process of a Level II Trauma Center. Board requested that staff provide updates at the Board meetings, with RFP presentation scheduled for the January 2013 SEMSC Board Meeting.

After several discussions with John Muir Medical Center (JMMC) regarding designation of out-of-county Level II Trauma Centers, the subject matter was discussed with the team from the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The ACS recommends that Solano EMS pursue designating JMMC as an out-of-county Level II Trauma Center for several reasons; but most importantly because they are at present an integral part of our Trauma System, and we expect that JMMC will continue to be a key partner in Solano County's Trauma System for years to come. A written request has since been received from JMMC, as such we expect to present for review and approval the formal Out-of-County Level II Trauma Center Agreement to the SEMSC Board at the October meeting.