

**Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative (SEMSC)
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2014; 9:00AM – 11:30AM
Suisun City Hall**

BOARD MEMBERS

- Birgitta Corsello, Chair SEMSC Board
- Michael O'Brien, Suisun City Fire Chief
- Caesar Djavaherian, MD, Physicians' Forum Representative
- Joseph Becker, MD, Sutter Solano Medical Center Representative
- Sean Quinn, City Manager, Fairfield
- Sandra Rusch, Medical Group Administrator, Kaiser Napa/Solano
- Richard Watson, Consumer Healthcare Representative

STAFF

- Aaron Bair, MD, SEMSC Medical Director
- Ted Selby, EMS Administrator
- Michael Modrich, RN; STEMI/Stroke/Trauma Program Administrator
- Jessica Tello-Evans, RN, Public Health Nurse
- Scott Haskins, Project Manager
- Leah Carlon, Epidemiologist
- Keith Erickson, EMS Coordinator
- Rachelle Canones, Administrative Secretary
- Noelle Soto, Health Educator

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
<u>Call to Order/Roll Call</u>	Meeting called to order with a quorum present. Board member Harris was replaced by Dr. Joseph Becker.	(none)	
<u>Approval of Agenda</u>	Board Member Watson moved to approve agenda. Board Member O'Brien seconded. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0; ABSTAIN: 0		
<u>Approval of Minutes October 10, 2013</u>	Board Member O'Brien moved to approve minutes; Board Member Watson seconded after correction of title of Board Member Rusch. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0; ABSTAIN: 0	Correct title of Board Member Rusch to Medical Group Administrator	Clerk of Board
<u>Public Comments</u>	(None)	(none)	

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	<p>2) System Performance – Medic Ambulance and the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Fire Departments have continued to provide exceptional service to the citizens of Solano County. Response times for the first quarter of FY 2013/2014 are as follows: Medic Ambulance is at 99%; PPP Fire Departments’ response times – Benicia is at 94%, Dixon is at 95.6%, Fairfield is at 91.4%, and Vallejo is at 92%.</p> <p>3) System Update – Rural/Metro has been added to the approved list of Critical Care Transport (CCT) providers in Solano County. This is a company that provides specialty care transports for critically ill and injured patients with a focus on pediatrics and neonates, primarily to and from Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Rural/Metro has applied for and been granted a license in Solano County.</p> <p>4) The EMS Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/2013 is provided to the Board at this meeting. The EMS Annual Report is contained in their meeting packets and is being posted on the EMS website so anyone interested can view the report at their convenience.</p> <p>5) The Auditor-Controller’s Office (ACO) has completed their audit of the SEMSC. The report is being finalized and may be available at the next SEMSC Board Meeting in April.</p> <p>6) Trauma System Update – Kaiser Foundation Hospital-Vacaville was officially designated as a Level II Trauma Center on November 21, 2013. The official designation occurred after the inauguration of their new Labor and Delivery Unit, which took place on November 15, 2013. It is the intent of the Solano EMS agency to provide more detailed information to the Board as the local trauma system matures. Specifically, the information provided will include how many emergent neurosurgical cases originate in the field in Solano County, how many of these cases are repatriated to different healthcare systems, and how many patients remain at the designated Trauma Centers for follow up care.</p>		

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c. Contractor's Report	<p>c. Ms. Helen Pierson, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Medic Ambulance provided an update of current and future occurrences for their company:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) On December 20, 2013 Medic was informed that the Review Committee and the Board of Directors of the Commission on Ambulance Accreditation had met and that Medic Ambulance passed with no deficiencies and was granted the maximum three year Gold Standard audit. This is the second reaccreditation process they achieved with no deficiencies. Medic has held this status since 2007, being the first Northern California private ambulance company to do so with this accreditation. Ms. Pierson thanked the following local EMS partners: hospitals, fire departments, Solano County staff, and other partners for their assistance in this process. 2) Ms. Pierson stated that in this ever-changing world of healthcare, it is important to stay informed and be involved. One of the most interesting studies going on throughout the United States right now is Community Paramedicine. The State of Texas has been using this method for the last four years. Currently, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) awarded Reno Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) in Reno, Nevada a \$10 million, three-year grant to study Community Paramedicine. Their study began in July 2012. The State of California has decided to look into the validity of Community Paramedicine and requested all EMS providers throughout the state to submit pilot project proposals. Medic Ambulance in Solano County was chosen to be one of the 13 sites in the preliminaries to participate in the study. They are going to be working with all stakeholders in Solano County to ensure the Community Paramedicine Pilot Project in Solano County is successful. Involvement in a project like this has to be a collaborative effort that will ensure that Solano County will be actively involved and will have a say in the future of Community Paramedicine in California. 		

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	<p>Board Member Watson asked Ms. Pierson to describe Community Paramedicine further. According to Ms. Pierson, Community Paramedicine is providing services out in Solano County and providing the correct services whether the patient needs to go to the Emergency Room (ER) or a clinic. An example of this would be if a patient has just been discharged from the hospital and is having an allergic reaction to a medication. A Paramedic may be sent to evaluate and take care of this patient instead of having the patient go to the ER. Board Member Watson further stated hospitals, fire departments, ambulance companies and communities are finding that Community Paramedicine is working well for everyone involved.</p> <p>Board Member Watson mentioned that there may be a controversy with the California Nurses' Association regarding this matter, but that may be resolved soon. He further stated that it may be more beneficial to treat the patient at the scene rather than having to take them to the hospital.</p> <p>3) Medic Ambulance is planning the groundbreaking ceremony for their new building, which had experienced some delays.</p>		
<p><u>Regular Calendar Items:</u></p> <p>a. Election of Vice Chair</p>	<p>a. The Board Chair stated that based on the way the SEMSC Board is structured, and the terms of office of the Board Members, on an annual basis, a Vice Chair must be elected, and can rotate through any of the Board Members. Board Member O'Brien volunteered to continue being the Vice Chair. Board Member Djavaherian seconded the nomination. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0; ABSTAIN: 0</p>		

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<p><u>Board Comments:</u></p> <p>a. Chairperson</p> <p>b. Directors</p>	<p>SEMSC Chair Corsello thanked and acknowledged the EMS Administrator, Mr. Selby, and his team for the work that they have done this year. She further announced that Mr. Selby has been tasked to assume a new duty and responsibility within the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services that will take him away from the EMS functions. He will be working in the administrative role of clinic operations at Family Health Services (FHS). While it is an interim position, it is an open-ended position and it is uncertain how long it will last. She asked Mr. Selby to explain further about the staffing changes that will take place once he assumes his new role. Mr. Selby announced that Jessica Tello-Evans will assume the role of interim EMS Administrator for the duration of his assignment at FHS. Michael Modrich will assume responsibility as the EMS Operations Manager, where he will continue to be the conduit with EMS partners such as the fire departments, etc. Mr. Selby thanked everyone for their support since he assumed the role of EMS Administrator in 2010.</p> <p>Board Member O'Brien stated that the Board finished a couple of tough years, with the Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) ambulance contract, and the selection of the Trauma Center. He said he thought it was all a success and thanked EMS staff for their hard work and looks forward to a quieter year.</p>		
<p><u>Adjournment</u></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of April 10, 2014</p>	<p>(none)</p>	