



**NEVADA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE Minutes
March 19, 2025**

Location: in person at the Nevada County Government Building, upstairs in the Empire Room, 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA 95959 and at the Joseph Center, upstairs in the Hobart Mill Room, 10075 Levon Ave, Truckee, CA 96161 and through “Teams”.

“The purpose of the EMCC is to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Medical Services Agency on all matters relating to ambulance services, emergency medical care, and first aid practices in Nevada County.”

- 1) Call to Order– Chairman 9:06
In attendance:

Clayton Thomas, Penn Valley Fire, West County Advanced Life Support
Tara Crim, Nevada County Public Health
Kim Stine, Nevada County Public Health
Sherilynn Cooke, MD Nevada County Public Health
Sarah Woolheater, Nevada County Health and Human Services
Josh Sher, SNMH Ambulance (Remote)
Andrew Lillier, Sheriff’s Office OES
Kristy Harlan, S-SV EMS Agency
Paul Cummings, OES
Ryan Ochoa, Truckee Fire Protection District
Clint Bates, Incorporated Police Department Representative (Remote)
Katie Lamb, Tahoe Forest Hospital Representative
Dave Bookout, Grass Valley Emergency Center CAL FIRE (Remote)

- 2) Introductions

- 3) Approval of December 3, 2024 Minutes
Motion to approve- Paul Cummings
Motion to second- Kristy Harlan

- 4) Tactical Active Shooter/MCI –Andrew Lillier
The Fairgrounds no longer wants to offer the facility for no charge. The timing wouldn’t work this year so we anticipate next year and possibly at a different facility. There is a facility off of Gold Flat. They are going to do a test run and see if that facility will work for the grant funding next calendar year.

Josh Sher-Recently did a workshop on flexing their ED search in relation to or preparation for any potential MCI or active shooter drill at the County. Small group met and focused on how to make space in our ED and potentially begin to triage out in front of the hospital and other options depending on the influx throughout the facility. It was a

good drill, a stepping stone to several more coming. There was a 2 Hour MCI session where Deb Manning spoke on control facilities then SSV came out and discussed the SSV MCI plan.

Paul talked to Pat Sullivan about all the multi color flags and tarps that they use to triage for mass casualty incidents Something like that would be a great project for the Homeland Security grant to cover. Or if there is any other MCI active shooter equipment needed.

5) Public Health Update – Sherilynn Cooke, MD.

Measles is a problem right now nationally, not locally. The outbreak appears to have originated in a community with low vaccination rates in Texas. There are now 301 cases across 15 jurisdictions in the United States as of the start of 2025. There are 31 cases in New Mexico. There have been 2 deaths, a healthy unvaccinated child in Texas and an unvaccinated adult in New Mexico. There have been 5 cases in California that are unrelated to the Texas outbreak. These are considered “imported” because they are people from here who traveled to Southeast Asia and returned. There are still ongoing outbreaks of measles around the world so when people travel they might be exposed. We are working with schools and providers because Nevada County has low vaccination rates, our kindergarten rate is about 89% and it needs to be 95% for us to have herd immunity. We’re trying to get the word out and presenting to school nurses and childcare providers. This disease is 100% preventable. If parents have concerns research shows that the biggest impact can come from having a relationship with their provider which in turn is a problem in a county with too few providers. It’s an old school MMR vaccination. Measles is a disease that was once considered eradicated in the United States.

There is an Ebola virus outbreak in Uganda. Ebola is a hemorrhagic fever that is contagious and has a very high death rate. This is not in the US yet., we just prefer to be prepared. Dr Cooke was in a conversation last week with State individuals and there is only one hospital in California that can hold Ebola patients, an advanced care facility in Los Angeles. If we had a case in California transportation would be an ongoing issue for Northern California patients.

There are still 38 cases of H5 N1 in California but no new cases since January. There is still an ongoing outbreak with mammals. The state is starting to get involved because there have been several recent cases in domestic cats. Public Health is trying to get the message out not to use raw milk or raw pet food. There have been no documented cases of cat to human transmission but it's certainly theoretically possible. They are keeping an eye on things along with the Agriculture department.

There is an unknown disease in Uganda which has had a fairly high death rate. Though it is not an immediate threat to the US so many people travel that many things become imported.

There were preventative actions at the fairs last year involving lactating dairy cattle along with barriers so that people couldn't touch the animals.

Eastern county we are putting out some messaging on social media about hantavirus. Putting out messages about rodent droppings and how to spring clean without getting sick. hantavirus is usually mild unless it becomes hantavirus pulmonary syndrome which can kill people. One of the challenges is that Tahoe Forest and Grass Valley do not have the needed resource.

6) OES Update-Paul Cummings

Welcome Andrew, who is taking over for Rusty. He'll be overseeing the Evacuation mission for the Emergency Operation Center. OES has been supporting the community with the winter storms, mostly in the eastern side of the county. They didn't have to open the OEC or assist with sheltering but there was lots of communication. The water has been good for fire season. They are leaning into their public messaging around wildfire preparedness. Also they went and chatted with Sierra Nevada Childrens Services about how to support their facilities in a wild fire.

7) Sierra Sacramento Valley EMS Agency (SSV) Updates- Kristy Harlan

- S-SV EMS recently hired Jared Gunter for our new EMS Specialist position. Jared previously worked for the Yolo County EMS Agency and was one of the Region IV RDMHS's. Jared started with our Agency on January 5th and will be assisting with several clinical and operational functions.
- S-SV EMS Policy Manual Update #76 was recently released and is effective April 1st. The S-SV EMS website has been updated, and the mobile applications will be updated prior to April 1st. We recently modified our bi-annual policy manual update release dates to an April 1st/October 1st schedule. This will be discussed further during the April 22nd REMAC meeting.
- We are currently working on the 2025 Regional Training Module, which will be focused on airway matters and should be available by May.
- California Title 22 EMS Regulations Updates:
 - Chapter 3 (Professional Standards – EMT, EMT-A, Paramedics). EMSA is reviewing Chapter 3 to identify necessary updates. EMSA will begin to take stakeholder input on the update of these chapters prior to noticing, with these eMorts anticipated to begin mid-2025.
 - Chapter 6 (Specialty Programs – including STEMI, Stroke, Trauma and EMS for Children) are currently in the rulemaking/updating process. Public comments related to the proposed regulations changes are being accepted by EMSA until April 3rd. S-SV EMS has reviewed the proposed changes and will be providing public comments to EMSA.
 - AB 40 (APOT) Regulations: EMSA held stakeholder workshops on these new regulations in September and October and draft regulations were developed. EMSA is finalizing the regulations and necessary approvals to submit them to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) through the emergency regulations process.
- The 2024 S-SV EMS Plan was approved by EMSA on March 4, 2025. It is posted on the S-SV EMS website for anyone that is interested.
- S-SV EMS has developed a new Temporary Recognition of EMS Personnel policy (462) to establish a consistent method to authorize EMS personnel from other states to provide temporary EMS care in California. This policy will be release as an urgenc

y policy by the end of the week, due to the upcoming fire season, and will be scheduled for additional review/discussion during the April 22nd REMAC meeting.

- S-SV EMS is continuing to work with Glenn County on the Butte/Colusa/Glenn EMS Corps program – to provide EMT training and other supportive services for underprivileged individuals.
- 8) New Business
There is a continuing education event happening on April 5th at Gold Miners Inn. Emails went out.
 - 9) Next Committee Meeting – June 11, 2025, Meeting Room- Empire Room (Upstairs, Nevada County Government Building) Please remember it is important to come to the meetings.
 - 10) Adjournment at 9:45 am.