

# RIVERSIDE COUNTY



## EMCC Members Per Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2013-052:

### PMAC Physician Representative

I.a. Stephen Patterson, MD

### Hospital Association Representative

I.b. Megan Barajas

### Riverside County Medical Association

I.c. James Rhee, MD

### County Contracted Emergency Ambulance

I.d. Peter Hubbard

### Ambulance Association Representative

I.e. Dawn Downs

### County Permitted Air Ambulance Provider

I.f. Brent Lopez

### Riverside County Fire Chiefs' Association

I.g. Brian Young

### Coachella Valley Association of Governments

I.h. Mark Scott

### Western Riverside Council of Governments

I.i. Gary Nordquist (primary)  
Chris Mann (secondary)

### Riv Co Law Enforcement Agency Admin Assoc

I.j. Vacant

### PMAC Prehospital Representative

I.k. Magdalena Robles

### Riverside Co Fire Dept Rep

I.l. Scott Philipbar

### Supervisorial District One

I.m. David McCarthy

### Supervisorial District Two

I.m. Stan Grube

### Supervisorial District Three

I.m. Jerry Holldber

### Supervisorial District Four

I.k. Claudia Galvez

### Supervisorial District Five

I.m. Vacant

## The next meeting of the EMCC is on:

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**In-Person/Microsoft Teams**

Public Conference Call Information (Audio Only)

(951) 465-8390 United States, Riverside

Conference ID: 150 618 792#

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair—Stan Grube

### 2. ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS (5 Minutes)

Chair—Stan Grube

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 Minutes)

October 20, 2021 Draft Minutes—Stan Grube (Attachment A)

### 4. UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS (20 Minutes)

4.1 EMCC Membership – Dan Bates (Attachment B)

4.2 COVID-19 Situation Update – Misty Plumley

4.3 RUHS Public Health Report – Marie Weller

### 5. EMS AGENCY REPORTS (30 Minutes)

5.1 Administrative Unit Updates – Dan Bates

5.2 Clinical Unit Updates – Shanna Kissel

- Specialty Care Updates – Stroke, STEMI, Trauma
- AEMT Program
- 2022 Policy Manual Update
- Provider CQI Updates
- EMS Fellow Project
- HEMS Dispatch Process
- LMS Platform

5.3 Data Unit Updates – Sean Hakam

- RODA Update
- “Leave Behind Naloxone”
- Community Assessment and Transport Team (CATT) Pilot Program

### 6. OTHER REPORTS (20 Minutes)

6.1 PMAC - Steven Patterson, MD / Magdalena Robles

6.2 EMD Preparedness Division – Anne Accurso

6.3 EMD Operations Division - Mark Bassett

### 7. OPEN COMMENTS (5 Minutes)

### 8. NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT (1 Minute)

Wednesday, June 29, 2022; 9AM – 10:30AM

**NOTICE: Items on the agenda:** Any member of the public may address this meeting of the Emergency Medical Care Committee or any items appearing on the agenda by raising their hand to be recognized by the Chair or acting Committee Chairperson. If a member of the public desires to speak, they must do this before or anytime during discussion of the item. All comments are to be directed to the Emergency Medical Care Committee and shall not consist of any personal attacks. Members of the public are expected to maintain a professional, courteous decorum during their comments. A three-minute limitation shall apply to each member of the public, unless the Chair extends such time. No member of the public shall be permitted to “share” his/her three minutes with any other member of the public.

**Items not on the agenda:** Any member of the public may address this meeting of the Emergency Medical Care Committee on any item that does not appear on the agenda, but is of interest to the general public and is an item upon which the Committee may act. All comments are to be directed to the Emergency Medical Care Committee and shall not consist of any personal attacks. Members of the public are expected to maintain a professional, courteous decorum during their comments. A three-minute limitation shall apply to each member of the public who wishes to address the Committee on a matter not on the agenda. No member of the public shall be permitted to “share” his/her three minutes with any other member of the public. Usually, any items received under this heading are referred to the staff for further study, research, completion, and/or future action.

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**Next meeting:**

**TBD.**

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p><b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b> <b>Stan Grube</b></p>		
<p><b>2. ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS</b> <b>Stan Grube</b></p>	<p>Introductions were made by Dan Bates</p>	
<p><b>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>Stan Grube</b></p>	<p>Approval of minutes by Stan Grube</p>	
<p><b>4. UNFINISHED /NEW BUSINESS</b></p>		
<p><b>4.1 EMCC Membership</b> <b>Dan Bates</b></p>	<p>EMCC still have a few vacancies We typically have EMS battalion chief assigned as a membership for riverside county fire. We have an email out to Chief Wisner to appoint someone to that position from county fire.</p> <p>Vacancy OR-COPS - Bruce Barton will be working with the executive office to get someone appointed to the Riverside County Law Enforcement Administration Association.</p>	
<p><b>4.2 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Nominations</b> <b>Dan Bates</b></p>	<p>Stan Grube was confirmed for Chair thru June 2022</p> <p>Jerry Holdberg was confirmed for Vice Chair thru June 2022</p>	
<p><b>4. RUHS Public Health Report</b> <b>Marie Weller</b></p>	<p>VACCINE UPDATES:</p> <p>As of 10-19-2021 there have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 359879 positive cases since the beginning of the epidemic</li> <li>• 5079 deaths</li> <li>• Currently there are 271 hospitalized –</li> <li>• 65 are currently in the ICU</li> <li>• We are currently at 4.6% covid positive rate 7 day average over a 7 day lag – compared to September 1<sup>st</sup> rate which was 10.2%. Number's are dropping</li> <li>• Positive cases per 100K 12.5 compared to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 33.8%</li> <li>• Ramping up for 5 to 11year old's</li> </ul> <p>There are outbreaks occurring in schools and are being monitored and managed by the county's disease control branch.</p> <p>Need to encourage everyone to get vaccinated</p>	

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	<p>Riverside county 4 hosting sites - Lake Elsinore, Indio, Temecula, Riverside Operation Tuesdays thru Saturdays                  The county has 4 mobile teams – to assist with COVID shots as well as second doses in 3-4 weeks.                  Other references:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rivco.org/covid-19-vaccine</li> <li>• Myturn website is a source to find facilities that are giving COVID</li> </ul> <p>Regarding new COVID recommendations that are not approved, Riverside County will only proceed within the recommended guidelines once the recommendations are approved.</p> <p>We will continue to have clinics until the end of the year.</p> <p>Flu season is coming. And we need to avoid a “twin-demic” we are encouraging people to be vaccinated for both.</p> <p>Dan Bates posted the CDC weekly surveillance report –                  He went over key points from week 40 CDC details: while noting the activity is minimal, there are a larger number of children being seen in the hospital in Riverside County with influenza like illnesses/ upper respiratory illnesses.                  2.1 influenza like illnesses among Emergency Departments.                  2.2 percent in outpatient settings                  Week 40 had 24 deaths due to pneumonia                  With highest number are children age 0-4 then 5 – 24</p> <p>Reports will come out weekly. Please go to RUHS epidemiology website for further details.</p> <p>Total inpatient utilization with surgery is at 71%                  Total ICU with surgery is 85% utilizations within riverside County of Riverside                  11% ED visits which seems consistent                  COVID Numbers 243 confirmed with 61 in the ICU</p> <p>Marie Weller reported that the flu vaccines will not be combined to the COVID vaccine.</p>
<p><b>4.3 COVID 19 Situation Update</b>  <b>Misty Plumley</b></p>	<p>Covid Response - Public Health DOC remains open and active                  They are currently supporting the COVID 19 booster campaign. And, currently supporting the Pfizer booster for individuals meeting the criteria.</p>

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Current supporting Pfizer (for individual who are 65 and older / 50 to 64 with chronic medical problems. Also, for individuals 18 to 64 with high occupational risk - where individuals are interacting with the public and clients they may serve i.e... first responders, healthcare, grocery store workers, etc. who have received the Pfizer series.

More booster vaccines will come for Moderna and Janssen for those who meet the eligibility criteria... and remain to be fully vetted.  
Meetings at the federal and state advisory levels will continue...to navigate for the booster shots for Moderna and Janssen.

Also preparing for age eligibility expansion for the Pfizer vaccine under emergency use only authorization from ages 5 to 11. The current operation foot print is supported at 4 sites: Indio WIC office, lake Elsinore WIC office, a former Curves building at Tyler and Magnolia in Riverside and the Temecula Promenade mall.

We have concluded a **vaccine** partnership with Curative as of Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. They continue to remain a part of our **testing** operation. We are offering testing through mobile and fixed site services. We have an ongoing partnership with LHI and Optum Serve, and multiple kiosks and mobile operation with Curative supporting operations and services from Corona to Indio. We are in association with Curative to set up a fixed testing site in Blythe to support the Blythe community. The public health EOC will continue to support the testing and vaccines operations and will support the pediatric expanded booster campaign.

**DATA:**

You will find numerous reports on the [Rivcoph.org/coronavirus](https://rivcoph.org/coronavirus) website

The report that remains of interest for many is the vaccine Status of COVID 19 cases. These can be found on the website on the specialized reports tab under the county map which was updated on October 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue to be updated monthly. Noted current case rate is at 11.9 % with a positivity rate at 4.6%. There have been significant impacts from non-pharmaceuticals interventions for preventing Covid 19 spread in addition to the Covid 19 vaccination campaign.

County does have recruitment efforts for the booster campaign

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<p><b>5.1</b> Administrative Unit Updates <b>Dan Bates</b></p>	<p>Emergency medical dispatch –we are working with Cathedral City. The implementation phase timeline for going live is anticipated in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022. This will be a great addition to the prehospital systems in Coachella valley</p> <p>Regarding our Policy on ALS to BLS on Alpha to Omega low acuity determinant for 911 calls; we have gone live. We are allowing some BLS ambulances to be utilized on those 911 calls. We are currently collecting data on outcomes to determine whether we should potentially expand the policy to bravo related calls.</p> <p>Henry Olsen is working with Cahuilla who are looking to go live as a BLS first response Agency as well as Canyon Lake who is anticipating going live as an ALS first response Agency. He stated the applications that have received are outstanding. We do anticipate getting Canyon Lake’s application today.</p> <p>Henry Olsen is also working with Riverside County Sherriff along with Chief Rawlins to have the Sheriff Department go live as it recognizes the Rescue 9 BLS helicopter in Riverside County.</p> <p>Discipline, AB450 –paramedic disciplinary review board will be going live Jan 2023</p> <p>Staffing: Moses Martinez – Senior GIS Specialist Alex Gonzalez – Senior business processing analyst TAP employee - Esita Harper rejoined to help with covid dashboards TAP employee - Bryan Hanley is still on our team as an educator, he is also filling in for Misty Plumley who is being utilized by public health DOC until the unforeseeable future.</p>
<p><b>5.2.</b> Clinical Unit Updates: <b>Shanna Kissel/Dustin Rascon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spec • Specialty Care Updates</li> <li>● Pediatric Readiness Survey</li> <li>● 2021 Policy Manual Update</li> <li>● EMS Plan Update</li> </ul>	<p><b>Shanna</b> <b>EMS education – fall POC changes went into effect Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2021</b> REMSA is utilizing videos for POC updates which has REMSA staff as well as other healthcare professionals.</p> <p>We are also working on getting a Learning Management Platform to utilize for annual POC training and education.</p> <p>2022 spring draft policy will be taking it forward next week and to PMAC in November for implementation in April 2022 which includes some STEMI education.</p> <p>STEMI committee is continuing working on performance metrics for CQI initiatives. There will be a regional educational session as a project that the STEMI managers can be working on.</p> <p>The Stroke Committee is also working on the development of performance metrics as well as guidance for CQI</p>

	<p>REMSA Stroke dashboard: We are working with the research unit to expand and upgrade the data that is presented on the dashboard.</p> <p>JFK was designated as a level 4 trauma center on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 which is an extension of Desert Regional Medical Center which is already an existing level 2. There is a partnership between both hospitals.</p> <p>The Critical Trauma Patient Policy - 5301 was taken to the trauma audit committee and was updated to reflect the contacts for higher level trauma centers for patients that fall within the existing policy which is pertinent as we began to add lower level trauma centers who are a base hospital as well.</p> <p>The trauma regulation rewrite committee is preparing to get back to meeting again to update the trauma regulations</p> <p>EMS Plan: EMSA is working on the EMS plan –as well as the Trauma, Stroke and STEMI updates. The CQI plan will be updated as well. All plans will be submitted to EMSA for approval in 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter</p> <p>REMSA is working on an administrative policy specialty care designation – which encompasses all 3 specialties as well as base outlining the designation, and de-designation policy. That goal is for April 2022 as well.</p>
<p><b>5.3 Data Unit Updates: Catherine Farrokhi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Electronic Patient Care Record Report FY21-22 (Attachment B)</li> <li>● EMS Suspected Overdose Report FY18-21 (Attachment C)</li> </ul>	<p>Catherine gave a report that details the four new fiscal year reports 2020/2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Which is an updated report for fiscal year 20/21 In this report you will find the shifts and changes in the responses to COVID the response to it notably a 25% drop in EMS volume. That had to do with responses and transport as well as the number of records coming in between the months of January thru April 2020. This is when the shut downs began. They stayed stable and only increasing gradually until December 2020 when there was a 15% increase, which happened drastically stayed at that level until January. And then again there was a 16% drop in February. Outside of COVID. We are also seeing a record number of patient offload delays as well as staffing issues with the accompanying availability of resources</li> <li>- A new report that stems from the Riverside to overdose to action partnership project with public health – overdose within the County involving opioids. This</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIC – 51/50 Impact Report FY20-21 (Attachment D)</li> <li>• Patient Care Continuum Report FY20-21 (Attachment E)</li> </ul>	<p>will be included within the annual reporting matrix, which shows the number of overdoses throughout the EMS systems, the location, cities where they are occurring, and how often Narcan is used.</p> <p>- Update: WIC 51/50 psychiatric hold EMS Impact report as well as the patient care continuum, which looks at the response timeline for EMS responses from the time of the call to the point of transport – This report stays constant until 2020/2021 which is where it is noted that it can be found to have the lowest amount of 51/50's with an mutual impact on the level of care</p>
<p><b>6 Other Reports</b></p>	
<p>6.1 PMAC - Steven Patterson, MD / Magdalena Robles</p>	<p>Dr. Patterson - PMAC met on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Reviewed the special care Covid 19 clinical and data unit updates</p> <p>In addition, there was also a discussion regarding PMAC representation. We are still looking for nominations for the Riverside County Fire Chief non transport BLS provider and EMT at large position. Nominations were still pending at the time of the meeting.</p> <p>There was a discussion on a new policy 6202D, which is the policy for a EMS Physician to be on the scene. This motion was review and a nomination to accept was approved unanimously. The policy will expand the education and training opportunity for EMS Fellows, specializing in EMS care and administration. Their role will primarily be to augment and supplement the role of the base station physician with direct, on-scene medical direction, and support for EMS field care providers. This supports implicating more individuals in the EMS arena from the physician side</p> <p>Base station-hospital audits were completed with plans for a hospital base station physician group to be developed for collaborative purposes.</p> <p>Education was presented on supraglottic airway implementation with Igel. This was specifically reviewed as optional equipment and procedures to be supplemental tools available for airway management. And further development as a policy is forthcoming.</p>



<p>6.2 EMD Preparedness Division – Anne Accurso</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Homeland security 19 grant funding was used for the alert and warning project for the operational area. This was the first project for county wide mass notification system. Software service provided awarded to the Genesis – alert RIVCO. This went live Sept 1<sup>st</sup> as the role with the previous vendor was completed and closed out. The Alert-RIVCO Project will have a campaign to encourage, opt-in and get people to get registered on the system. The alert-Rivco app will be available google play store as well as the apple IOS stores.</li><li>- Home land security 19 grant funding also approved. The mountain top project approved by the Board of Supervisors and was also awarded to Genesis. This will be a combined effort /collaboration between Emergency management, Facilities Management and Idlewild fire. It will enhance the system alert and warning with traveler information radio station as well as evacuation routes, as well as enhanced long range acoustic sirens. Also, implementation of phase I, which is the assessment phase that went live as of 9-29-20 and should be completed by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.</li><li>- Zone Haven: There is an RFP with scope of work that is going out for an evacuation management software solution which will enhance operational capabilities. This will be available to our first responder agencies when they are making decisions out in the field. This will be dependent on a competitive bid process.</li><li>- Medical and Health grants: Regarding hospital and public health and emergency preparedness as well as pan flu. We currently waiting on approval of FY 21/22 grant applications</li><li>- HPP Supplemental funds Covid response will be closing June 21.</li><li>- Covid funds from public health emergency preparedness will close March 22</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March air reserve base emergency shake out exercise October 21<sup>st</sup> from the base.</li> <li>- There will be a cyber security workshop, which includes all the Stakeholders on Nov 17th</li> <li>- R.A.C.I.E.S. Amateur radio functional exercise will take place in November.</li> </ul> <p>There will be a major air craft accident response table top exercise which is scheduled for the Air Force Airshow. This will take place at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> exercise</p>	
6.3	<p>Phillip Rawlings – Ben Clark Training System Working on enhancing the emergency degree program - 4 track Track 1: Track interfaces Police. Track 2: Track Fire Track 3: Homeland security track Track 4: Crime analysis Investigations</p> <p>In the process of building a 17 thousand square foot facility. That will house an EMS and fire class room as well as administrative offices. This is scheduled for a Sept 2022 completion - in collaboration with Moreno Valley College.</p>	
6.4	<p>COMMENTS;</p> <p>Jerry very proud of REMSA and the county are commended for doing a great job. Magdalena Robles – State of California authorized to build a 10- 12 thousand square foot facility at the Vista Delago High School. There will be an emergency response pathway upstairs and the patient care pathway downstairs including a simulation room. Was approved 1 ½ but delayed due to COVID. They are now back on schedule.</p> <p>Dustin Rascon – REMSA App: rivecoready.org reminded everyone of the app</p> <p>Nicholas Ritchey: REMSA Riverside County for EMT and Paramedic training.</p>	

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	<p>This will include a fire incident reporting system. We currently support 5 fire departments who are already using it. Please add it to your curriculum EPCR program for training and documentation practices.</p> <p>Stan Hall – would like to have a discussion about PMAC critical mass of 51/50 law enforcement agency</p> <p>Dan responded – Reporting that a sobering center is opening with Dr. Reza Vaezazizi</p> <p>Stan hope to get some positive resolution to the 51/50 crises</p> <p>Dr. Patterson</p> <p>Noelle Toering - excited for the protocol 3308. Inquired about sending out notices related to it.</p>	<p>Dr. Patterson will present to PMAC and update for next meeting</p>
<p>6.4 EMD Operations Division - Mark Bassett</p>	<p><b>Tabled for the next meeting</b></p>	
<p><b>7 OPEN COMMENTS ( 5 Minutes)</b></p>		
<p>7.1</p>	<p>Proposed meeting dates – 3/30/2022, 6/29/2022, 09/28/2022, 12/07/2022</p>	
<p><b>8. NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT</b></p>		
	<p>Next meeting December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am</p>	

**FOR CONSIDERATION BY EMCC**

DATE: March 23, 2022

TO: EMCC

FROM: Dan Bates, Deputy EMS Administrator

SUBJECT: 2022/2023 Membership Date

ACTION: Review of Term Dates

<b>Sec.</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Current Membership</b>	<b>2022-2023 Term Dates</b>
1.a	1	PMAC Physician	Stephen Patterson	07/01/21—06/30/24
1.b	2	HASC	Megan Barajas	NA
1.c	3	RCMA	James Rhee	07/01/21—06/30/24
1.d	4	AMR	Peter Hubbard	NA
1.e	5	Ambulance Association	Dawn Downs	07/01/19—06/30/22
1.f	6	Air Ambulance Provider	Grant Lopez	07/01/19—06/30/22
1.g	7	RCFCA	Brian Young	07/01/19—06/30/22
1.h	8	CVAG	Mark Scott	07/01/19—06/30/22
1.i	9	WRCOG	Gary Nordquist Chris Mann	07/01/19—06/30/22
1.j	10	RCLEAA	Vacant	07/01/19—06/30/22
1.k	11	PMAC Prehospital	Magdalena Robles	07/01/19—06/30/22
1.l	12	Riverside Co Fire Dept.	Scott Philippbar	NA
1.m	13	District One	David McCarthy	06/30/20 - 06/20/23
1.m	14	District Two	Stan Grube	06/30/20 - 06/30/23
1.m	15	District Three	Jerry Holldber	07/01/20—06/30/23
1.m	16	District Four	Claudia Galvez	07/01/20—06/30/23
1.m	17	District Five	Vacant	07/01/21—06/30/24