



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

JPA Board of Directors IFT Workshop #2 Minutes

Wednesday, May 24, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.
Diamond Springs Fire, 501 Main Street, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Pledge of Allegiance: Conducted

1. Call to Order/Introductions - Call to order at 1:04 p.m.

Board Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE - Cameron Park Fire, Div. Chief Sherry Moranz | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Battalion Chief Jed Gaines |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE ECC AEU, Unit Chief Scott Lindgren, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Battalion Chief Brian Newman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diamond Springs Fire, Chief Bryan Ransdell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Deputy Chief Ken Earle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado County Fire, Interim Chief Lloyd Ogan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Division Chief Tim Cordero |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado Hills Fire, Chief Maurice Johnson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate EDH Board of Dir., John Giraudo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Valley Fire, Chief Clive Savacool, Vice Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Battalion Chief Jon Michaelson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgetown Fire, Asst. Chief Mike Blankenheim (CAL FIRE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Battalion Chief Dave Wood |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Fire, Chief Eddie Dwyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Battalion Chief Dion Nugent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Fire, Chief Mark Matthews | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Captain Greg Morford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Fire, Deputy Chief Mike Lilienthal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Deputy Chief Dustin Hall |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marshall Medical Center, Exec. Dir. Maia Schneider | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JPA Representative Sherrie Kelley | |

Guests:

- José C. Henríquez, LAFCO
- Sue Hennike, El Dorado County
- Michelle Patterson, El Dorado County
- Jim Hartley, El Dorado Hills Fire Board of Directors
- Pat Williams, Diamond Springs Board of Directors
- Larry Schmidt, Marshall Medical Center
- Michele Williams, Marshall Medical Center

Other Attendees:

- Battalion Chief Dave Brady, El Dorado Hills Fire

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Dwyer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Director Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Interfacility Transfers

3.1 Review and Discuss Ambulance Billing Revenue

Ms. Hennike reviewed the billing revenue information she received from the ambulance billing company, Intermedix, with the committee. The collection percentage rate is 23% compared to the national average of 31%.

The IFTs are non-exclusive per the master contract so if revenue is lost due to the JPA not performing IFTs out of the county, then it will be County's responsibility to determine how to increase revenue.

Director Lindgren stated that the out of county IFTs removes medic units from our system, which results in a huge impact on the system as well as the fleet and personnel.

The County is reviewing the current ambulance billing contractor and will be making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in August as to whether a vendor change is needed.

Director Johnson requested that Ms. Hennike provide him the full report received from the billing company. He also requested to see the third-party collector contract and to be allowed access to the Wittman portal.

3.2 Discuss the Status of Certifying Non-JPA Providers

- AMR and Sac Valley Ambulance are currently the only two certified providers.
- There are no pending applications for service providers.
- A fire agency can certify for the non-exclusive out of county IFTs.
- The County has not discussed doing an RFP for the non-exclusive IFT portion.

3.3 Review and Discuss Marshall's Patient Transfer Guidelines

The committee reviewed Marshall Medical Center's Patient Transfer Guidelines document, which will minimize downtime for local ambulance providers and ensure El Dorado County residents have access to the appropriate level of care for their medical needs and that they may be transported in a timely basis.

3.4 Review and Discuss Q4 2019 Code 2 and Code 3 IFTs

During the fourth quarter of 2019, the following Code 2 and Code 3 IFTs were performed:

Code 2

Total = 277

IFTs terminating outside of EDC = 241

IFTs terminating outside of Sacramento County = 36

Code 3

Total = 37

IFTs terminating outside of EDC = 26

IFTs terminating outside of Sacramento County = 11

3.5 Discuss Code 2 IFTs that Terminate Outside of EDC

The Patient Transfer Guidelines created by Marshall Medical Center will be followed.

3.6 Discuss El Dorado County's IFT / Mental Health Issues

Director Schneider discussed how the JPA can become more proactive in addressing the mental health issues within our county. She stated that a mental health coalition has been formed in the county and recommended that the JPA nominate a member(s) to participate on the coalition.

The committee requested that the topic to nominate a JPA representative to the local mental health coalition be placed on the August Board agenda.

3.7 Discuss Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport Model (ET3)

Director Johnson discussed the Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport model with the committee. While the model might be difficult for the JPA, he stated that there are programs out there worth investigating that have significantly decreased the amount of transports.

4. Identify Next Steps

- The short-term goal of the JPA is to stop providing IFT service outside of Sacramento and Placer counties. The long-term goal, per the master contract, is to stop providing IFTs service outside of El Dorado County.
- Create a standing System Status Management and Board agenda item to review the monthly Code 2 and Code 3 IFTs.
- Marshall Medical Center to track why vendors are declining transfers.

11. Adjournment

Director Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Director Ransdell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.