



## **Air-Medical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 10, 2021

1300 - 1500

1. Welcome

- *Attendees were welcomed and the EMS Specialist apologized for the late agenda.*

2. Roll Call

- *Participants were informed of the 2-hour CE for AMAC attendance. Late attendees or those not initially recorded were advised to email EMS Specialist to ensure an accurate record.*

3. Chief Executives Report

- *Donna Stone reported on the continued work and networking by the EMS Specialist. She conveyed her appreciation of all of that work.*

4. Medical Directors Report

- *Dr. Kepple reported the new website and upcoming free Dr. Deeter CE opportunity on Feb 12, 2021.*

5. Region Updates

- NOR-CAL Virtual Conference Series with Dr. Deeter, February 12, 2021
  - *EMS Specialist again advised of the upcoming conference and 1-hour CE for attendance.*
- New Website
  - *New website design discussed with the ease of use. Many participants stated they had reviewed the new changes.*

- Aircraft Clarity Form
    - *The reasoning and location of the form was discussed. The form would be discussed further later in the meeting.*
  - QI Data Collection
    - *EMS Specialist advised of the reintroduction of QA monitoring and planed to discuss further later in the meeting. It is currently in its early stages and is a work in progress. It was appreciated that data was submitted early by both SEMSA and CareFlight. EMS Specialist will ensure later meetings occur after the 10th of the month for better policy compliance on data submission.*
6. Case Review
- SEMSA
    - *Presentation by SEMSA crew. EMS Specialist and members conveyed a great job to the crew. Crews stated that it was a team effort, and SEMSA expressed their appreciation to CareFlight as well.*
7. Policy Review and Comments
- *NOR-CAL EMS. 06-0103, EMS Aircraft Requesting, Coordination, and Operations*
    - *Discussed current standard revisions. EMS Specialist informed the committee of his previous discussion with numerous LEMSAs in California and little consensus on the lift time focus. To improve safety and user-ability of standards, an aircrafts scene arrival time shall not exceed 15-minutes of the initial ETA given by the pilot upon flight acceptance. A timeframe greater than 15-minutes of the initial pilot ETA prompts submission of a fillable online Aircraft Clarity Report form by the air provider for NOR-CAL EMS review.*
    - *Chris Dearing of SEMSA agreed, stating, "We just need to get there when we say we will." This is a standard used by several LEMSAs in the state, as well as SSV.*

- *NOR-CAL EMS. 06-0103, EMS Aircraft Requesting, Coordination, and Operations*
  - *Liz Groneman brought up “ETA vs ETE.” The standard will be ETA. She also discussed clarification on minutes vs clock time. This was discussed among the members with a consensus to continue with the current process and continually monitor \_\_\_.*
  - *The policy will be revised and submitted to Dr. Kepple for review before approval. In the interim, this will be the standard from this time forward.*
  
- *NOR-CAL EMS. 06-0104, Quality Assurance (QA) for EMS Aircraft*
  - *Policy was reviewed and discussed. EMS Specialist informed the committee of the upcoming requirements and revisions for ease of assessment for both NOR-CAL EMS and its providers.*
  - *Dr. Rudnick noted that “Adult and pediatric” differentiation should be added to supraglottic airway and intraosseous placement. IO could be broken down to location as well.*
  - *Marcus noted that rescue aircraft, such as CHP should be added as well.*
  - *The online fillable form and Aircraft Clarity Report was discussed and its location was shown. EMS Specialist will reach out to the air providers to ensure understanding and standards, as well as update the current policy.*
  - *The online data collection form was discussed. This will be revised by the EMS Specialist to update it with current criteria needs to provide further clarity.*
  - *Scene arrival was agreed to be “skids on the ground.”*
  - *90% compliance per quarter was discussed. DeeAnn Dion asked for clarification of a “set” vs a “rolling quarter.” Submission will be based on a “set quarter.”*
  - *Outside agencies were discussed for data. DeeAnn Dion brought up the potential difficulty, as their standards differ from NOR-CAL. This was noted. Dr. Rudnick added PHI as they have flights into Trinity County.*
  - *Dr. Kepple noted a typo of “interfaculty.” This will be corrected to “interfacility.”*
  - *The policy will be revised and submitted to Dr. Kepple for review before approval. In the interim, this will be the standard from this time forward.*

- *NOR-CAL EMS. 06-0105, EMS Aircraft Utilization*
    - *No concerns were found. The policy was approved.*
  - *NOR-CAL EMS. 18-0204, Investigation and Disciplinary Process for EMS Air Provider Agencies*
    - *This policy was presented as a new policy. EMS Specialist informed the committee it was developed to ensure clarity and transparency for any unfortunate disciplinary process.*
8. QI Data Review
- *Early data was reviewed. Both agencies had submitted data early. EMS Specialist conveyed his appreciation. Only CareFlight data was displayed due to an issue opening the SEMSA data. This is likely a PC to Mac issue. EMS Specialist will contact Chris Dearing with future submission strategizing.*
9. Next Meeting Date
- *June 24, 2021 was the agreed-upon date for the next meeting. Dr. Rudnick will not be able to attend due to conflicting times with his clinic schedule.*
10. Final Comments
- *EMS Specialist expressed a great job to all air providers.*
11. Adjournment

Submitted respectfully,

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