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STANDING COMMITTEES

Purpose: To provide an overview of the committees that provides input to the EMS Agency in support of the San Mateo County EMS system. All system stakeholders and participants are encouraged to participate at these meetings.

Authority: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.204 & 1797.220.

Policy: The following committees meet on a routine basis, and their input is instrumental to the San Mateo County EMS System. For information on membership and current meeting location, dates and times, contact the EMS Agency at (650) 573-2564.

Committees:

EMCC - The Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) is an advisory committee to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and to the EMS Agency. The mission of the EMCC is to work with the EMS Agency to ensure an efficient emergency medical response system. The EMCC reviews and reports to the Board of Supervisors its observations and recommendations on the ambulance services operating within the County and on all matters relating to emergency medical services. The committees’ members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. This is the only EMS committee that falls under the Brown Act, requiring public notification of both meeting times and minutes. The committee meets twice a year in November and May and the meetings are open to the public.

ESC – The Executive Steering Committee was established to provide a forum for EMS system leadership to discuss policies and operational issues in addition to finding solutions to any system issues. The membership is comprised of the leadership from the San Mateo County Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services Group (JPA) the contracted advance life support (ALS) transport provider, and EMS Agency. All EMS committees report up to ESC for final approval of any system changes that affect contractual agreements, or have financial resources requirements. This committee meets quarterly, or as needed.

MAC - The Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) is an advisory committee to the EMS Medical Director and the EMS Agency that provides expert medical input into the

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development of EMS medical care policies, procedures and protocols. MAC provides a forum for communication between all emergency medical care providers and agencies, including hospital and pre-hospital representatives. The EMS Medical Director shall act as the liaison between MAC and ESC. This committee meets every other month or as needed.

Sub-committees:

QLC – Quality Leadership Council is comprised of representatives from San Mateo County Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services Group (JPA), the contracted advance life support (ALS) transport provider, Public Safety Communications and the EMS Agency. The function of the QLC is to: 1) provide and oversee peer-driven performance improvement for all EMS personnel working in San Mateo County, and 2) monitor compliance with contractual requirements for training and patient care. The committee uses clinical data trends to recommend system wide education and/or policy changes to continually improve EMS patient care. This group reviews and provides input for revision of existing policies and the creation of new policies that require additional attention beyond the scope of MAC and ESC. This committee meets monthly.

OPS – Operations is comprised of representatives from San Mateo County Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services Group (JPA), the contracted advance life support (ALS) transport provider, Public Safety Communications and the EMS Agency. The function of the OPS is to focus on system operations. The group may make recommendations on equipment issues, provide input on revisions of existing policies, and create new policies that require additional attention beyond the scope of MAC and ESC. This committee meets monthly.

STEMI – ST Elevated Myocardial Infraction (STEMI) membership is comprised of physicians, nurses, EMS providers and other representatives who participate in the STEMI care system. This committee reviews the appropriateness of STEMI care provided throughout the STEMI system and reviews patient outcomes to identify system issues for improvement. This committee meets quarterly.

Stroke - membership is comprised of physicians, nurses, EMS providers and other representatives who participate in the Stroke care system. This committee reviews the appropriateness of stroke care provided throughout the Stroke system and reviews patient outcomes to identify system issues for improvement. This committee meets every other month

Healthcare Working Group - (Healthcare Coalition) The Healthcare Working Group (HWG) is San Mateo County's Healthcare Coalition. Membership includes safety officers and emergency managers from hospitals and other healthcare facilities as well as EMS, Office of Emergency Services, Red Cross and other disaster organizations. The HWG's purpose is to ensure the continuity of optimal healthcare in San Mateo County during a disaster. The group's mission is to plan for a collaborative, coordinated, community-wide disaster response from the healthcare community. This committee meets monthly.