

**MINUTES  
NEVADA COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

Notice is now given that a regular meeting of the Nevada County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) has been called and will be held on **Wednesday, March 10, 2021** from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** through "Zoom."

*"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 and Roll Call – Chairman (There was a quorum)  
Clayton Thomas (Chair) – Penn Valley Fire District  
Kim Blix – Nevada County Public Health  
Dr. Kellerman – Nevada County Public Health  
Vickie Jasinsky – S-SV EMS  
Natasha Lukasiewich – Tahoe Forest Hospital  
Mark Buttron – City of Grass Valley  
Laura Brown – Truckee Fire  
Joe Matteoni – Grass Valley Police Department  
Rob Riley – Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Ambulance  
Paul Cummings – Nevada County Office of Emergency Services  
Annette LeFrancois – Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency
- 2) Introductions – Dr. Scott Kellerman introduced himself as Nevada County's Public Health Officer. Dr. Kellerman has worked in Public Health his entire life. He has worked in sub-Saharan Africa, built a 175-bed hospital and nursing school there; mainly through the donations of this community.
- 3) Approval of December 9, 2020 Minutes.  
There were no changes or corrections. A motion was made by Chief Buttron to approve the December 9th minutes. The motion was seconded by Chief Brown. All members present were in favor.
- 4) Discussion on Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors – Clayton Thomas.  
This year it will be a two-year report; due to COVID. Clayton emailed out the most recent draft report yesterday. Clayton appreciates the responses her received from community members. There are still a few items missing. Once we get the last few pieces of information, Clayton will work with Jill Blake on scheduling the report to the Board of Supervisors.

Clayton reviewed the draft report. On page 3 Clayton needs information from the BLS providers on how many staff they have. The number listed for EMTs is not correct. Data for page 4 section B is needed for all agencies except Grass Valley/Nevada City. Chief Buttron will ask the fire Chiefs for the agencies listed on page 4 to provide their data. On page 4 section B Ambulance Services, Clayton did receive updated numbers from all the provider agencies and S-SV. There are a couple of transport agencies not listed in the report to save space and because their numbers are very low.

On Page 5, Hospital Emergency Departments/Trauma Centers. Tahoe Forest Hospital became a level 4 Trauma Center on November 14, 2020. Tahoe Forest will have a level 3 site visit in September 2021. Correction, Renown is a level 2 Trauma Center.

ALS provider agencies, law enforcement agencies and BLS agencies in Nevada County have received the Narcan administration training and authorization to use it.

There is almost a doubling of Narcan use since the last report. Overdose deaths in Nevada County have increased. In 2020 there were 36 accidental overdose deaths; 19 were fentanyl related and 17 were not.

On page 7, CPR, First Aid and other Instructional Forums; due to COVID there was no in-person learning taking place, except for emergency responders. Clayton suggests that we use this page to discuss the response to the COVID pandemic, experiences, accomplishments and challenges. Especially COVID related impacts to EMS, Hospitals, Public Health and provider agencies. Please email Clayton with some content for this page.

Natasha from Tahoe Forest shared, they had to change the triage process and add makeshift isolation rooms. Nursing productivity was impacted. They could not have patients in the waiting room, so they would have patients who were stable drive up to the ambulance bay and triage them and get vital signs. They started a respiratory illness clinic within 72 hours, which helped with the Emergency Room capacity. Acuity increased as many patients waited before seeking care.

Suggestion to add information on field changes for police and fire. Dispatch and response procedures for care homes.

Kim Blix shared one of the biggest challenges was the safety of individuals with the PPE scarcity and for the first time in the history of Nevada County navigate the resource requesting process for the Federal Government and the Global Strategic Stockpile in order to get the needed PPE to our hospitals and healthcare providers. Never have we had N95 masks, gowns or gloves become a scarce product locally. Clayton asked today's attendees if there was anything they would like to see, add or change in the report. There were no comments.

- 5) Displaced Populations – Clayton Thomas.  
This topic came onto our agenda at the request of Dr. Cutler.  
The purpose is to discuss any shelter activations, medical care related to that and homeless population and issues around medical care.
- 6) Tactical Active Shooter – Joe Matteoni.  
The Active Shooter Training is on hold due to COVID.
- 7) COVID-19 Update – Dr. Kellerman.  
Nevada County remains in the purple tier with approximately 10.1 cases per day. To move to the red tier, we need to have fewer than 7 new cases per day and be below 8% positivity rate. Testing is not as popular as it used to be. Nevada County has given out over 27,000 vaccines, some of these are second doses. A vaccine clinic has opened in Whispering Pines. We hope to give out 1,100 vaccines each week. Dokimos Pharmacy is averaging about 800 doses per week. Some primary care providers are administering vaccine in addition to Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital and Tahoe Forest Hospital. The lack of vaccine doses is a limiting factor in being able to get more individuals immunized, which will reduce the chance of severe illness or death.
- 8) Old Business
  - a. Communication between first responders and Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital – Clayton Thomas. This will be the last meeting for this agenda item. Rob Riley reported he is getting information from the hospital when there is a positive. Joe Matteoni reported they are being notified by the hospital. Chief Buttron reported they are being notified. Clayton Thomas mentioned that almost everyone on today's call has had the opportunity to get vaccinated.
- 9) New Business  
None.
- 10) Next Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
- 11) Adjournment at 11:03 a.m.