



Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center

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EMC and Paramedic Advisory Committee Meeting

October 14th, 2024

12:00am @ PSTC

Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Banks	Coastal Valleys EMSA
Ken Bradford	Lifewest Ambulance
Galen Butts	SRJC Graduate, Sonoma Valley Fire District
Tina Daniels	Coast Life Support District
Cathy Dooyes	Petaluma Fire Department
Peter Goyhenetche	AMR/SLS
Mark LaGrave	Medical Director/Kaiser Permanente
Tracy McDowell	Kaiser Permanente
Erin Olson	Providence St. Joseph
Brian Cyr	Proxy for Karri Pierson, Sonoma Valley Fire Department
Carissa Pisors	SRJC Paramedic Student Rep
Brian Trotter	Sutter Santa Rosa
Dave Bynum	Proxy for Matt Windrem, Sonoma County Fire Protection District
Josh Zaret	Santa Rosa Fire Department

Members Absent:

Maria Marino	Community Representative, Northbay Regional Center
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Others:

Sean Sullivan	Lifewest Ambulance
Marcus Bond	Sonoma County Fire Protection District
Brian Meader	Medic Ambulance

Staff in Attendance:

Art Hsieh	Director, Paramedic Academy, SRJC
Anthony Campana	Associate Faculty, EMS Academy Coordinator
Georgia Pedgrift	EMC Administrative Assistant
Rachel Smith	Director, Workforce Programs & CTE Grants

Quorum: YES

Called to order: Cathy Dooyes called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

1. **Welcome and introduction**-Roll call. Introduction of attendees.
2. **Call to Order**- 12:09 pm by Chair Cathy Dooyes.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Unanimous approval.
4. **Announcements** – Dr. LaGrave wants to give credit to Erin Olson and Kaiser ER staff for adding paramedic clinical rotations.
5. **Public/ Industry Comment** – None
6. **Unfinished Committee Business**- None
7. **Deans Report**- Josh Adams had last minute meeting at main campus. Art provided his update. Enrollment for college is up 3% this fall continuing trend of increasing enrollment. PSTC performing well with student numbers. Our dual enrollment agreements with local high schools have led to EMR class at Windsor High School (funded by Perkins Grant) and we worked through many behind the scenes communications. Process should get easier moving forward. Discussion regarding potential cuts to EMC ensued. This committee wants to influence decision makers regarding funding needs for EMC.

New Business/Discussion

8. **EMC 170 Community Health Worker Certification Course**- Intent it to help people navigate health care system and providing basic community education. It is not heavy with clinical knowledge. Meant to interface with people in the community. Goal is to help tribal youth get involved in health care careers. Course will begin in Spring 2025 with target students in tribal communities from Sonoma and neighboring counties. Working to hire instructor and secure clinical partnerships and job shadowing. We have few tribal members involved in EMC so this is opportunity to increase that pathway. Community Paramedic programs include many of the same topics and EMC 170 would be a required course if we were to offer that certification. Class will be 4 units and online.
9. **Program Resource Survey**- Committee members please complete the survey. Information becomes part of our annual report.

Updates

10. **EMC/ Fire Career Fair**. Scheduled for December 3 from 12:00pm-1:30pm. Approximately 16 agencies have RSVPed. Spring fair will combine with Fire.
11. **Spring Off the Vine Symposium TBD March/ April 2025**- Will likely be a Thursday and Friday. Suggestion to start later than 8:00am for travelers and people getting off shift in morning and shortening lunch.
12. **Preparing for Field Internships Academy 30**- Students will start being placed in January 2025. We have 24 students currently enrolled which is a larger group than we usually have. Preceptor training class on November 11 online.

Paramedic Academy

13. **Academy 29:** Graduated 21 students with 100% pass rate on first attempt of national exam. 100% of graduates are employed and many were already signed on before graduating. This committee has helped with this success and keeping them in local jobs. We will be sending employer survey soon.
14. **Academy 30:** 75% completed with program. 24 students remaining. Carissa Pisors report class is doing well overall. Nervous about exams next month. Signed up for most clinicals. Class is supportive of each other.
15. **Academy 31:** 52 applicants and EMC 109 takes place next week. We had larger Academy 30 (started at 28) with support from agencies. Is group able to do that again? Finding enough preceptors is significant hurdle. Jen Banks asked about students who do not pass EMC 109 and what we do to encourage them to come back. Testing process is 3 parts (short essay, FISDAP entrance exam, psychomotor exam, patient assessment, oral scenarios). We do not have a hard number of students allowed into the program. They must pass EMC 109 and we have to have room in hospital and clinical rotations. We are trying to reduce barriers to adding qualified students. Rejections letters to candidates include scores and offer to go over scores with Art if interested. Many students re-apply. Recently we have not turned away any student who passed EMC 109.

EMC Department

16. **EMS Academy:** 38th Academy currently underway. This will be Tony's last semester as coordinator. He wants to stay involved and train new coordinator. Academy meant to meet needs of stakeholder agencies. Now includes both EVOS and EVOC. Need local agencies to help with personnel, instructors, scenarios, mentorship, etc. It's a great way to recruit new employees. He will let committee know which dates he needs support. Very difficult to pay people to help class since it is not a required class. If you believe the class is helpful, please contribute.
17. **EMR-** Elsie Allen High School wants EMR class offered at its campus. Fall 2025 target start date. Rumor that Santa Rosa High might want class as well. These classes help increase diversity in EMC Program. We have 6 sections of EMR and 4 of them are sharing a CANVAS course shell for consistency. Jen Banks asks if we can give PSFA (Public Safety First Aid) certificate at completion of EMR for volunteer firefighters. We have already changed language on our EMR certificate to include these requirements after request from Cal Fire. Title 22 will be looked at by the State and EMR is not currently codified by the State.
18. **EMT-** Total in 2023 was 110 students, 109 students passed NREMT on first attempt and the remaining 1 student passed on 2nd attempt. Most other states require more hours than our program. Hoping to add a third clinical shift for students.
19. **EVOC-**
 - **Skid Car** approved through CTE and must be purchased and here by June 2025. Trying to purchase van and skid car chasey. Will be incorporated into EVOC class.
20. **AHA Classes-**

- **BLS** class for credit approved and will begin in Spring 2025. Could be taken at same time as EMR in future.

21. **Department Trends**- None.

Next Steps/Comments/Wrap up:

Adjournment- Cathy Dooyes adjourned meeting at 2:00pm.

Next EMC and Paramedic Advisory Meeting Date: Monday, April 14th, 2025 at 12:00pm.