



Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center

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EMC and Paramedic Advisory Committee Meeting

April 14th, 2025
12:00am @ PSTC

Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Banks	Coastal Valleys EMSA
Ken Bradford	Lifewest Ambulance
Galen Butts	SRJC Graduate, Sonoma Valley Fire District
Cathy Dooyes	Petaluma Fire Department
Maria Marino	Community Representative, Northbay Regional Center
Tracy McDowell	Kaiser Permanente
Erin Olson	Providence St. Joseph
Karri Pierson	Sonoma Valley Fire Department
Carissa Pisors	SRJC Paramedic Student Rep
David Bynum	Proxy for Matt Windrem Sonoma County Fire Protection District

Members Absent:

Tina Daniels	Coast Life Support District
Peter Goyhenetche	AMR/SLS
Mark LaGrave	Medical Director/Kaiser Permanente
Brian Trotter	Sutter Santa Rosa
Josh Zaret	Santa Rosa Fire Department

Others:

Staff in Attendance:

Art Hsieh	Director, Paramedic Academy, SRJC
Linda Anderson	Associate Faculty
Georgia Pedgrift	EMC Administrative Assistant
Rachel Smith	Director, Workforce Programs & CTE Grants
Beatriz Camargo	School Relations & Outreach Coordinator
Scott Snyder	Associate Faculty

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-** 12:07pm by Chair Cathy Dooyes.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Erin Olson motioned to approve. Karri Pierson seconds. Unanimous approval.
4. **Announcements** – Erin Olson says trauma survey at Memorial went very well. Been working on it for a year. Karri Pierson says enrollment process for SRJC is very cumbersome for employees taking ALS Update. Jen Banks says student feedback is consistent with that. It is possible CVEMSA could take over class and hold it internally instead of SRJC. A fee study is being done. Art says instructors with Career Education have been complaining about it for years. Rules come from Chancellor's Office at state level. Beatriz Camargo offers support from Outreach Team. Jen Banks will send out flyer about trauma expo being offered by Adventist Health on May 9. Free continuing education hours.
5. **Public/Industry Comment** – None
6. **Unfinished Committee Business-** None
7. **Dean's Report-** Josh Adams unavailable for meeting so Art reports out that CCAP agreements are helping us streamline agreements like ours with Windsor HS for EMR. Fire Program is working on ISA agreements. We are trying to get EMR in Piner HS and Elsie Allen HS. It is on hold because of issues with SRCS. Enrollment is up at SRJC. We are still on fiscal recovery until we get to 17,500 FTEs. We should hit that in 2028. PSTC is doing small reorganization and reclassifications.

New Business/Discussion

8. **Paramedic Affirmation Confirmation-** Read aloud by Cathy Dooyes. Erin motions to approve. Jen seconds. Unanimous approval.
9. **Summer EMT Class-** We will be hosting first summer EMT class two days per week. Reason is because college students coming home from college have been asking for EMT class. It will also help students who want to get classes done faster. Rocky will lead class. Erin explained that vaccine requirements will be tight and could eliminate students without any MMR or Varicella vaccines or trouble with TB testing. We will need support getting clinicals done in shorter period of time. Jen Banks says some programs have gotten rid of hospital clinicals and rely only on ambulances. It is because of vaccine requirements in hospitals. Erin says the problem with that can be that slow ambulance rotations can keep students from getting the 10 patient contacts they need. They are easy to get in the ER. We have not used simulations for contacts yet. Vaccines can be very difficult for students to get financially and while working/going to school.
10. **Fall Weekend EMT Class-** We are offering Saturday EMT class this fall to accommodate working students. We anticipate a lot of interest. This increases our need for more clinical rotations. We think class sizes might be smaller with a 5th class.

11. **SWF/Perkins Grant Requests-** Annual opportunity to ask for equipment. This year we requested simulation monitor interfaces. We could end up with larger paramedic academy sizes which would require more equipment. We do not know if federal government will stop funding these programs. Asking for \$65,000 worth of equipment. Should know by May.

Updates

12. **Full Time Faculty Hire-** Employment offered to Jackson Deizel who teaches in North Carolina currently. He is PhD with research background and experience working with underserved populations. He should be here by mid-July. He will teach EMT class and part of paramedic academy.
13. **EMC/Fire Career Fair-** Scheduled for May 7 at 11:00am. We already have many agencies planning to attend.
14. **EMC 170/ 171 Community Health Worker Certificate Courses-** Finishing EMC 170 with 7 students in class. Ends in a certificate. EMC 171 is Emergency Response Preparedness in Tribal Communities and will be offered Fall 2025. We are developing Community Paramedic certificate and classes that can go with that (Mental Health Crisis Management and Substance Use Disorder). Each class would be 1-2 units and available online. Cathy asks if Autism Spectrum would be included. Cathy has worked with Sweetwater Spectrum on Autism Awareness for first responders. What topics would EMS providers be interested in? These Community Paramedic classes could serve people throughout the state of California since all classes would be online. Discussion ensued.

Paramedic Academy

15. **Academy 30-** All students are placed in internships. 2 have finished with a third about to complete. Graduation on June 6 at 10:00am. 23 students total.
16. **Academy 31-** Currently in first semester with 25 students and will be starting clinicals soon.

EMC Department

17. **EMT Program-** Scott Snyder reported that our first attempt pass rate last semester was 93% which is a little low. 78 students completed the class which was 68% (32% attrition). Our pass rate is still above national and state average. 4 students passed on their second attempt at the national registry. 7 students passed the class but haven't taken the registry yet. They have a year to take it. 70 of 71 students who have taken the exam have passed. Erin says she has had more students report anxiety after clinicals and they did not feel comfortable with the things they have seen/experienced. Instructors lowered the grade standard from 80% to 75% and this will be first semester to see how that impacts attrition

and test results. We are now using FISDAP preparedness exam for our finals which gives students good insight into how prepared they are for the national registry exam.

18. **EMS Academy-** New Coordinator (Sam Crenshaw). He has been training with Tony Campana and will take over completely in Fall 2025.

19. **EVOC-**

- **Skid Car** is being assembled and will be operational today or tomorrow. We will be having a Train the Trainer class this week. Should have 5 certified instructors.

20. **AHA Classes-**

- **Need for Instructors** If you have employees who would like to be certified as instructors, we always need more. We have helped students in nursing program with class offerings.

21. **Department Trends-** Our classes are continuing to stay full. We are working to increase branding for community health care classes. Roseland EMR class filling and early talks about having EMT class there.

22. **Roundtable: Issues, Concerns, Suggestions, Recommendations-** Linda Anderson announced her retirement at the end of this semester.

Next Steps/Comments/Wrap up:

Adjournment- Cathy Dooyes adjourned meeting at 1:41pm.

Next EMC and Paramedic Advisory Meeting Date: Monday, October 13th, 2025 at 12:00pm.