



Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center

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EMC and Paramedic Advisory Committee Meeting

April 15th, 2024
11:00am @ PSTC

Members in Attendance:

Tina Daniels	Coast Life Support District proxy for Chris Ottolini
Cathy Dooyes	Petaluma FD
Erin Olson	Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital/SRJC
Jennifer Banks	Coastal Valleys EMSA
Matt Windrem	Sonoma County Fire Protection District
Karri Pierson	Sonoma Fire Department
William Stinemates	SRJC Paramedic Student Rep proxy for Molly Anderson
Galen Butts	SRJC Graduate Representative
Tracy McDowell	Kaiser Permanente proxy for Marylou Zinmaster
Ken Bradford	LIFEwest

Members Absent:

Josh Zaret	Santa Rosa Fire Department
Peter Goyhenetche	AMR proxy for Ambrose Stevens
Gina Mitchell	Sutter Hospital
Maria Marino	Community Representative

Others:

Carissa Pisors	SRJC Paramedic Student Rep Academy 30
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Staff in Attendance:

Art Hsieh	Director, Paramedic Academy, SRJC
Mark LaGrave	Medical Director/Kaiser Permanente
Veronica Stirnus	PSTC Administrative Assistant
Megan Rhodes	Job Developer, Workforce Development, SRJC

Quorum: YES

Called to order: Art Hsieh called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

1. **Welcome and introduction**-Roll call. Introduction of attendees.
2. **Call to Order**- 11:04am by Art Hsieh. Art is stepping in for chair until appointment of new chairperson.

3. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Unanimous approval.
4. **Announcements** – EMC/Fire Career Fair next week. Megan Rhodes announces there is a Career Fair for STEM and Health Sciences May 8 at the new Lindley Center for STEM Education from 11am-12pm. SRJC will provide table, chairs, shade tent, and lunch for 2 representatives per employer. It is being hosted by Daisy Cardenas (HOPE Program), Lucero Jimenez Ceja (Avanzando Program), Jessica Zambrano (MESA Program), and Megan Rhodes (SRJC Career Hub). Kathy enjoyed SIMS training offered by SRJC.
5. **Public/Industry Comment** – None
6. **Unfinished Committee Business-** Program goal from COA has changed. “To prepare Paramedics who are competent in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains to enter the profession.” Program goal adopted. Motion made by Matt Windrem, seconded by Tina Daniels.
7. **Deans Report-** Josh Adams unavailable. Art reports that SRJC enrollment is up dramatically. Partnerships with high schools expanding. Community colleges and K-12 systems are coming together to help teach in the high schools. We tested out with Windsor High School and will try to roll into CCAP. Santa Rosa High has also reached out to us. Increase in students likely due to covid reduction and online options. Next spring we will offer Community Health Care Worker course. Should be highly attended class.

New Business/Discussion

8. **Election of new Chair:** Cannot be paid staff from SRJC. Can be students, though not typical. Erin Olson nominated Kathy Dooyes. She accepted nomination.
9. **Hiring of new FT Faculty:** 4 candidates. All bring interviewed by end of month. Should be able to provide recommendations shortly after interviews. Mid-May should be ready for Board approval. All local candidates.

Updates

10. **EMC/Fire Career Fair:** Scheduled for April 23, 2024 11:00am-2:00pm in 1100 Building. Over 20 departments signed up. 120-150 students usually come through. Advertise to EMT class at coast and to college in Napa.
11. **Spring Off the Vine Symposium:** Went well. First time back after 6 year hiatus. March/April next year will be considered. Trying to avoid fire season. Hoping to get departments to sponsor members. Majority of the costs cover hotel and travel for speakers. Any extra goes to equipment fund. Jennifer recommended later start time to get more people attending, especially those who travel. Offer CEUs. Kathy suggested cutting lunch time to get people out by 5:00pm. Great catering.

12. **Paramedic Program Re-accreditation:** Got letter from K-HAB about a month ago. We are one of few programs without issues.
13. **Bachelor's degree Program:** College of Siskiyou has been approved for Bachelors program. Josh says we should apply too. Mostly online programs. Will table until next FT instructor comes on board and work toward it. Katie had done initial research and background to move forward. Will be 100% online to get Bachelors.
14. **Community Health Worker EMC 170:** Changed from CHW 170 to EMC 170 (specifically community health care workers). Now working on second course Health and Clinical Issues with Native American populations. EMC and tribal health initiative. 6 credits total- state certification and specific targeted information they can use in every day work lives. Mark LaGrave asks how is community health care worker used effectively? He would like to see it in pre-hospital care/EMS. Art explained we came onboard with this project because we are increasing outreach to underserved populations. Tribal care grant was received through an EMS company. Grant aligned with our efforts. As we build CHW, hoping there is a way for people to see pre-hospital care in its entirety. Can provide for reservations that are hours away. Discussed how reservations view Eastern and Western medicine. Indian Cultural Center confirmed disparities. Tribal needs to have own EMS care. Community Paramedic Certificate (all CHW) on deck. Spring 2025 EMC 170 will be available. Tribal Health looking to get approved in Fall 2024 to be on the schedule for Fall 2025. Kathy Dooyes asked about special needs populations/kids EMC programs. Jen Banks wanted to discuss AEMT. Art explained SRJC was approached by Rancho Abode and SoCo Fire to provide AEMT services. We do have a class on the books for AEMT. Resurrected the course. Doesn't meet national standards. Need for AEMT not there. 128 hours time with clinical for AEMT. Jen says it sounds like many EMSA are getting a lot of pressure to modify scope. Showed concern that AEMT will wipe out paramedic program/field. AEMT needs to have cardiac support. Jen is watching closely, but isn't seeing movement on state level. Art explained pharmacology was missing from AEMT. Got buffed up. Scope of practice for AEMT is going to start next year for national standard.
15. **CTEA/Strong Workforce Grants Funding Cycle 9:** Existing grants- box ambulance in service. Last two van ambulances came in February and are in-service. 8 new ambulances. Oldest coming up on 4 years. Want to last next 1-2 decades. Not suited for street use, but good for our purposes. County Health Department knows they're here if ever needed. Want to fully stock them. Carissa Pisors commended they were stocked up last Friday. We have submitted for 2 new grants. One is for skid ambulance. Other is for 2-story portable building. Metal container type buildings. Unable to find funding for scenario village. Longer term project is demolishing the village and replacing it.

Paramedic Academy

16. **Academy 29:** May 17 graduation 2:00pm. On track for 21 graduates.
17. **Academy 30:** Finishing first semester. Trauma coming up in 2 weeks. Clinical orientation tomorrow. Tracy McDowell says Kaiser does not have a new educator. Jen Banks asks how to support local students in contracts coming up. Erin Olson says issues are with logistics and semantics with Kaiser. Art says Kaiser gave \$5,000 grant. Students say summer lulls are difficult.

Too much drag time. Potentially modify class schedule to go through the summer. Internships still start in January. Kathy asks about lab assistant and how it's going. Art says it's going well. Will see how fall goes with fire season being active.

EMC Department

18. **EMT:** 113 students took registry exam. 90%. All 3 pass rates were under 100%.
19. **EVOC:** Decreased frequency because not filling classes. Moved to 45 days between classes. Filling about 16 per class. Medic doesn't use us for EVOC. Long-term potential issue offering this course. Having one offs at the moment, but not good long-term. AI technology being used in other areas for EVOC. Will monitor next 6-12 months to see if we will keep going long term. Likely drop in frequency. June class being put together.
20. **EMS Academy:** Tony Campaña says EVOS implemented. NAEMT. Good feedback on academy. Graduation May 17 at 6:00pm.
21. **AHA Classes:** Student Nursing Association sending students to these classes. BLS will start next year. Most departments are providing certification in-house. Don't see big need.
22. **Department Trends:** None.

Next Steps/Comments/Wrap up: Erin Olson says Memorial Hospital will have Trauma Symposium for 4 hours in morning and trauma speakers. Open to all CVEMS and Memorial employees. CEUs for nurses and EMS. May 21 8:00am-12:00pm. Free event with food. Jen Banks says Adventist Health Ukiah Valley Trauma Expo is May 17. 60 people max. Conflicts with graduation.

Adjournment- 12:55pm.

Next EMC and Paramedic Advisory Meeting Date: Monday, October 14th, 2024 at 12:00pm.