

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

EMS for Children Advisory Committee

September 22, 2022 Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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MINUTES

TOPIC		DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE		RESPONSIBLE PARTY	Reporting Timeframe	STATUS
I	CALL TO ORDER	September 22, 2022. Chaired by Kevin San Nicolas		Chair	1010	Called to Order
II	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION	Proof of Publication in Pacific Daily News PDN: 9/15/2022 and 09/20/2022		HPLO	1010	Confirmed
III	ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS	<i>Present at HPLO Conference Room: None.</i> <i>Present via Virtual Attendance at Remote location:</i> Kevin T. San Nicolas, Chairperson Frankie Mendiola, M.D., GMH Daren Burrier, GFD Member Dorothy Duenas, GCC Cherika Muna, Treasurer Margaret Bell, Secretary Mark Guayco, GMH, Member <i>Absent:</i> Julietta Quinene, Vice-Chairperson Tom Manglona, Member Bradley Kinney, M.D. (LCDR) Robert Leon Guerrero, M.D., Member Arthur Paulino, Member Cecilia Javier, DPW Office of Fire & Safety Alexander E Wielaard, M.D. Sarah Haley-Wein	<i>Present at HPLO Conference Room: None</i> <i>Present via Virtual Attendance at Remote location:</i> Rob Weinberg, Asst Attorney General Breanna Sablan, HPLO Sharon Manibusan, HPLO Joshua Tilton Angel L Lagas Dr. Elliot Ross Dr. Emily Raetz Dr. Carl von Trampe GMRC Eddy Reyes, FTFC	Chair	1011	No Quorum
IV	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Adoption of Agenda <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Mendiola: 2nd D. Burrier</i>		EMSC	1013	Approved

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V	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Approval of minutes of June 23, 2022 <i>Motion to approve: D. Duenas; 2nd: M. Bell</i>	Chair	1015	Approved
VI	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	B. Sablan reminder members to register for the Ethics in Government training. A virtual session will be held on 9/28/2022, 0800-1200. Members are requested to provide B. Sablan with a copy of their registration confirmation.	HPLO	1016	Register for Ethics Training
VII	LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT	No Update	OAG	1016	No update
VIII	COMMITTEE REPORT	A. Statues, Rules and Regulations– Update for Chapter 84. B. Sablan informed the EMSC that the Legislature will hold a public hearing of Bill 335-36 on 10/14/2022. The Speaker has requested the HPLO to provide a financial impact assessment. She encouraged the EMSC members to attend the public hearing and to provide a statement of support on the bill. The Chair expressed appreciation to the Committee for its hard work.	EMSC	1017	Bill 335-36 Public Hearing on 10/14/2022
		B. Policies and Protocol Booklet. Dr. Ross informed the EMSC that he has been working on updating the booklet with Dr. Mendiola with the aim to bring present the draft at the November 2022 meeting; therefore, he solicited volunteers to assist in the review. The Chair and D. Duenas volunteered to review the draft to help bridge the administrative and medical protocols. Other volunteers were requested to contact B. Sablan HPLO.	ESMC	1021	Established a review committee; invited EMSC volunteers
		C. Ambulance Diversion Policy and Interfacility Transfer. 1. Dr. Ross indicated that the current draft will be updated depending on the EMSC's decision today on the recommendation to approve GMRC as the Primary Stroke Center on Guam under a separate agenda item. a. In reference to the medical transport for stroke victims: i. Dr. von Trampe relayed Dr. S. Shay's concern about transport times for possible stroke victims/patients once a diagnosis is determined due to the time sensitivity to prevent further brain damage; therefore, he wanted to ensure that these transports are not delayed by waiting in the queue. C. Muna stated transport for these patients are treated the same for E911 transports without delay; delays are primarily caused by the lack of emergency transport at the time of the requirement. In addition, emergency dispatchers are trained to ask the right questions. If the patient must be accompanied by a nurse and respiratory therapist, then this would also be considered an emergency transport.	ESMC	1024	Dr. Mendiola to address initiatives with GMRC Medical Director

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Dr. Wielaard stated that GMRC is offering to equip emergency transports with glucometers, as the readings are part of the assessment to determine if a patient is showing signs of a stroke. The Chair welcomed the offer and requested that dissemination of the glucometers be coordinated with D. Burrier, who stated that GFD personnel are trained in using this device. It is important to ensure EMS personnel are trained. iii. Dr. von Trampe also stated that Dr. Shay is offering refresher training on stroke recognition for emergency personnel. D. Burrier welcomed the offer and suggested that this training count for CEUs for recertification. In addition, the Chair suggested that training could also be open to all paramedics and included in GCCs curriculum. The Chair expressed his appreciation to GMRC. <p>2. The EMSC noted an increase of diversions for the past couple of months at GMHA, GMRC and USNH. D. Burrier reported one diversion case where there was a delay upon arrival; however, after discussion with the Charge Nurse and the ER physician a bed was eventually made available. Some issues the EMSC should address are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Better communications between dispatch and hospitals on emergency room bed space <i>prior</i> to arrival. b. Consider need to establish another category of diversion, e.g., better coordination when saturation levels are reaching capacity, possibility of increasing number of receivables at the same location when saturation levels dictate; etc. c. Working with emergency dispatch centers on staging and queue based on saturation levels <p>3. Dr. Mendiola stated that he would discuss the above with the GMRC Medical Director with the aim to improve communications when diverting patients and medical care is delayed due high saturation levels and to help minimize conflict between hospital personnel and emergency dispatch personnel during these periods that may sometimes lead to other problems, such as poor bed-side manner, misunderstanding, etc. M, Guayco requested for him to be informed immediately should there be any issues concerning the nurses.</p>			
IX	OLD BUSINESS	<p>A. AGENCY REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical Director's Report USNH: Dr. Raetz reported that USNH also experience and increase of emergency admissions at the USNH, and she invited comment from the members if there were any issues. She also reported that its CT Scanner has since been repaired after being down for 18 days. 	EMSC	1037	Noted Reports

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. GMHA: M. Guayco reported that GMHA continues to report its saturation of bedspace and there is good coordination between GMHA and GMRC for adult and pediatric emergency admissions. He reported there was one situation where a patient was transported in a private vehicle from another hospital. For hospital-to-hospital transports, it is the responsibility of the sending facility to ensure patients are safely transported from one hospital to another. 3. Guam Community College (Paramedic Program Update): D. Duenas reported that the final cohort returned from training in Tyler TX and upon successful passing of the NREMT exam that will be certified as entry-level paramedics. To date, 13 of 15 have passed the exam and GCC is working on a solution to have two of the students re-tested. Mr. Tilton stated that he is working with GCC to send an analyst exam coordinator to Guam for the testing. Once this process is established, he stated that it would continue to work with GCC in establishing a program in Guam once potential local testing representatives are identified to be trained. With respect to the EMT Program, D. Duenas stated that 22nd cohort of fire academy candidates recently completed the program; all tested and passed NREMT exam. Classes will continue to be held in November and December 2022, with a new course anticipated to begin in Spring 2023 semester for the 23rd cohort. 4. Guam Dept. of Education: No representative. 5. MCH/DPHSS: No report. 6. DPW: No representative 7. GPD: No representative 8. EMS for Children Program/Ambulance Inspections: B. Sablan reported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. She has been meeting with Dr. Ros and Dr. Mendiola on the EMS grant, which includes the requirement for a GMHA pediatric emergency care coordinator. b. Ambulance inspection schedule for GFD is forthcoming. 9. Emergency Medical Dispatcher GRMC: C. Muna requested support to remind GMHA Ward Clerks and GMRC Charge Nurse and USNH continue to report the number of COVID positives to her, as there have been some incidents where it was not reported timely but were included in the written reports. 			
X	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Approval of GRMC Primary Stroke Center. Dr. Wielaard stated the establishment of the GMRC Stroke Center will be a great benefit to the community to address the significant disease burden on victims suffering from strokes. With timely and the highest quality of care, early identification and emergency transport is a revolutionary change in the region. GMRC has been working on this</p>	EMSC	1050	Approved GMRC as Primary

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	<p>designation for over one year, taking into emergent care, quality control, education, etc through to discharge planning and discharge. The partnership with EMS is critical to minimize the impact to these victims/patients. NOTE: The Chair requested HPLO to disseminate the GMRC presentation to the EMSC members on this proposal made at the working meeting in August.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the GMRC as the Primary Stroke Center: Dr. Ross; 2nd: D. Duenas.</i></p>			<p>Stroke Center</p> <p>Amend Protocols, as required</p>
	<p>B. Non-Emergency Transport Regulations for type of color of ambulance. The Chair reported that he had research this request; however, he found no standard color identified. D. Burrier stated that there is confusion in the recognition of emergency and non-emergency vehicles. Asst AG Weinberg suggested reviewing what other jurisdictions are doing and consider adding a color scheme to be incorporated to the current draft of the Rules and Regulations before the October 14, 2022 hearing. In the meantime, B. Sablan stated that she would inform the inquirer of the EMSC discussion, which is generally supports a distinction in color.</p>			<p>Review other jurisdictions and update draft Rules and Regulations</p>
	<p>C. GFD Prehospital Stroke Protocol Dr. Ross reported that the protocol document currently mirrors the federal protocols. Dr. Raetz stated that USNH is still in the process of its review, so there is no official position at this time. C. Muna stated that the EMSC decision today regarding GRMC as the Primary Stroke Center will be pending GFD approval. Dr. Ross stated that diversion for stroke victims/patients would be diverted to GMRC unless the CT Scan is inoperable.</p>			<p>In progress</p>
	<p>D. Interim Authorization to license current cohort of Paramedics. B. Sablan that interim authorization of licensing will occur after Rules and Regulations, Chapter 84 is ratified since this provides HPLO with the authorization.</p>			<p>Authorization Pending</p>
	<p>E. CERTIFICATIONS/RECERTIFICATIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cepeda, Galen – Access Medical Transport 2) Eclarinal, Kina – Access Medical Transport 3) Gideon, Carreon – Access Medical Transport 4) Santos, Raymond – GFD 5) Doyle, James Jr. – GFD 6) Ada, John-John – GFD 7) Blas, Jesy T. – GFD 8) Blas, Shane B. – GFD 9) Borja, Gerald M. – GFD 10) Camacho, Luke A.M. – GFD 			<p>Issued</p>

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XI	ANNOUNCEMENT	Next Regular Board meeting 10/27/2022 at 10:00 a.m.	EMSC	1126	Set Date
XII	ADJOURNMENT	<i>Motion to Adjourn: K. San Nicolas; 2nd: Cherika</i>	EMSC	1127	Adjourned

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 Margaret Bell
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Approved by:  11/3/2022

Secretary / Date

Chairperson / Date