



County of Santa Cruz



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

AGENDA

DATE & TIME	Monday, April 21, 2025, 9:00am – 10:30am
LOCATION-In-Person	NetCom, 495 Upper Park Rd., Santa Cruz
LOCATION-Online	<p>Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 298 651 594 606 Passcode: q469cL65</p> <p>Dial in by phone +1 831-454-2222,,844040794# United States, Santa Cruz Find a local number Phone conference ID: 844 040 794# For organizers: Meeting options Reset dial-in PIN</p>

COMMISSIONERS:

Ron Prince, M. Koenig, District 1 – Co Chair	Chris Clark, Law Enforcement
Jerry Souza, K. De Serpa, District 2	Jason Nee, Fire Chief’s Assoc. – Co Chair
Celia Barry, J. Cummings, District 3	Eric Conrad, Dominican Hospital Rep.
Michael Baulch, F. Hernandez, District 4	Phyllis Stark, Watsonville Hospital Rep.
Dan Quinto, M. Martinez, District 5	Jeremy Boston, AMR
Dr. Marc Yellin, Medical Society	Chris Jones, Consumer Representative
<i>Samantha Moeller, Field Representative (appointment will be finalized at 4/29 BOS meeting)</i>	

COUNTY STAFF:

Greg Benson, EMS Director	Monica Morales, HSA Director
Emily Chung, Public Health Director	Dr. Lisa Hernandez, Medical Services Director - Health Officer
Claudia Garza, Sr. Dept. Admin. Analyst	Shelley Huxtable, EMS Office Assistant

ITEM:

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum.
2. Review/Correct Agenda & Approve Minutes from February 2025 meeting.

3. Written Correspondence Listing:

The Written Correspondence Listing is established to act as a report of materials received by the Commission as a whole but, may also include items requested for inclusion by individual Commissioners. Upon completion of any actions deemed necessary (i.e., acknowledgment, referral, etc.), these items are included in the Written Correspondence Listing. While these items are not part of the official record of meetings of the Emergency Medical Care Commission, they will be maintained by the Santa Cruz County Emergency Medical Services Agency for a period of two years.

4. Oral Communications:

Oral Communications for items not on the agenda will be presented for discussion purposes only and may be brought to the Commission by Commissioners or members of the public. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

5. Welcome New Commissioner (Jason Nee)

Dan Quinto, District 5.

6. Commissioner Stipends (Greg Benson)

Discussion on which commissioners are eligible to receive the quarterly stipend and required paperwork.

7. Medical Director Recruitment Update (Greg Benson).

8. Ad-Hoc Committee Update and Consideration of Approval of the proposed EMCC 12-Month Action Plan (Ron Prince)

9. Individual Commissioner Updates (Ron Prince)

Discussion on having a standing agenda item for all commissioners to give a brief update/report at each meeting.

10. Program Updates:

A. Covid-19/Flu/RSV Update and Prehospital Advisory Committee Update, (Greg Benson)

The Commission will receive updates on Covid-19/Flu/RSV and an update of actions taken by the Prehospital Advisory Committee. Impact to the hospitals Information link:

<https://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/PublicHealth/CommunicableDiseaseControl/CoronavirusHome.aspx>

B. EMS Administrator Report (Greg Benson)

The Administrator will report on issues of interest, challenges, progress and concerns for the Commission to consider for action, if necessary.

C. Innovator Report (Jeremy Boston)

The Commission will receive an update from AMR about the EMS Innovator programs.

11. Proposed Agenda Items for next EMCC meeting on June 16, 2025.

12. Adjournment.

ITEM 5
Welcome New Commissioner

Dan Quinto, District 5 Commissioner.

ITEM 6

Commissioner Stipends

Discussion on which commissioners are eligible to receive the quarterly stipend.



County of Santa Cruz Stipend Program

About the Board/Commission/Committee Stipend Program:

Beginning January 1, 2024, individuals serving on County commissions, committees, and boards, as outlined in Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 2.38 (<http://tinyurl.com/countycode>), shall receive a \$75 stipend for each public meeting they attend pursuant to their duties, unless they opt out of receiving such stipend. The stipend shall not be paid to County employees or employees of other public agencies who serve on County commissions, committees, and boards as part of their official duties.

Stipend Instructions:

- Board, commission and committee members who are not employees of the County or another public agency serving in their official capacity must complete this form and listed attachments, if applicable.
- Stipends will be made at a flat rate of \$75 per public meeting unless dictated by a specific County Code provision. This includes regular meetings, special meetings and standing subcommittee meetings.
- Payments will be disbursed on a quarterly basis or more frequently, contingent upon scheduled meetings and attendance.
- Receipt or waiver of stipend will not affect eligibility or selection for board, commission or committee appointments.
- Members receiving a stipend must complete and submit the W-9 Form in order to be registered as a payee of Santa Cruz County in the County's vendor system. DocuSign link below:
 - W-9 Form: <http://tinyurl.com/3xmfv9ud>
- Checks will be mailed to members. If members prefer electronic payments, they must complete and submit the Electronic Payment Agreement and a voided check or bank verification.
 - Electronic Payment Agreement: <https://tinyurl.com/nv648kap>

- The County may issue an IRS Form 1099 for stipend payments totaling \$600 or more annually. Stipend payments may be taxable income. Please consult your tax professional for more information.
- The voided check or bank verification can be scanned and emailed to commissionsscc@santacruzcountyca.gov.
- For questions or assistance, please contact the staff liaison assigned to your board, commission, or committee. Contact information can be found on the Commissions, Committees & Advisory Bodies webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/ye23x8ax>

* Required

1. Please select the name of Board, Commission or Committee on which you are serving: *

Select your answer



2. Full Name *

Enter your answer

3. Please choose one of the following options: *

- I will Opt-In to the Stipend Program, complete the form below, and the W-9 Form, Electronic Payment Agreement, and voided check or bank verification, if applicable, to commissionsscc@santacruzcountyca.gov.
- I will Opt-Out of the Stipend Program. By selecting this option and signing this form, I am waiving the \$75 stipend paid per meeting.

ITEM 7

Medical Director Recruitment Update

ITEM 8

**Ad-Hoc Committee Update and
Consideration of Approval on
Action Plan**

Status report and approval/vote on the 12-month action plan.

**EMCC 12 Month Action Plan
02/20/2025 Draft**

Problem Statement	Related/Specific Task	Desired Outcome
<p>1. The current EMS transport system may not be economically sustainable as it is 100% funded by collected fees. Increasing numbers of the aging population in the County are covered by government payors (currently 85%). These funding sources do not fully cover the cost of transport the majority of the time.</p>	<p>Research adjunctive funding sources for EMS transport services.</p>	<p>Ensure the long term fiscal solvency of the EMS transport system.</p>
<p>2. Current Fire/EMS responses are not data driven and, as a result, unneeded apparatus are sent to many calls, leading to artificial scarcity of response resources.</p>	<p>Continue developing reports to evaluate the entire clinical continuum of all calls. This evaluation includes call inception, subsequent EMD classification, Fire/EMS response, field evaluation, and finally, hospital outcomes. This will allow the system to safely right size the Fire/EMS response matrix.</p>	<p>Modify response matrix, achieving operational efficiencies. Align the clinical delivery level with the actual needs of the patient. Reduce Red Lights and Sirens responses in the County to reduce community risk and increase response efficiencies.</p>
<p>3. The County Board of Supervisors should be better informed about all elements of the EMS system, including its current strengths and threats. This will help to insure that the system is maintained and improved over time.</p>	<p>Dedicate time to educate/inform County Board of Supervisors regarding current risks and possible solutions aimed at improved and sustainable pre-hospital care.</p>	<p>Policy makers will be in a better position to fiscally and politically support efforts to maintain and improve EMS delivery in the County.</p>
<p>4. The LEMSA lacks sufficient staff to fulfill its current statutory reporting requirements and to effectively conduct futures planning. The LEMSA Director is tasked with many responsibilities that lie outside of EMS.</p>	<p>Explore/identify methods to increase funding and resources to the LEMSA. Conversely, if additional funding is not available, advocate for reducing the EMS Director's responsibilities outside of mission critical EMS activities.</p>	<p>Ensure that the LEMSA has proper resources to maintain and improve the health of the EMS system while improving oversight and the quality of services being provided. Reduce the EMS Director's workload on projects outside of the EMS core mission.</p>

ITEM 9

Individual Commissioner Updates

Discussion on having a standing agenda item for all commissioners to give a brief update/report at each meeting.