



**NEVADA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 16, 2020
10:00 A.M.
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

“The purpose of the EMCC is to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Medical Services Agency on all matters relating to ambulance services, emergency medical care, and first aid practices in Nevada County”

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call
 - Clayton Thomas – Penn Valley Fire Department
 - Annette LeFrancois – Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency
 - Chris John – Cal Fire
 - Dot Mitchell – Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital
 - Jill Blake – Nevada County Public Health Department
 - Joseph Matteoni – Grass Valley Police Department
 - Michelle Brighting – Dignity Health
 - Paul Cummings – Nevada County Office of Emergency Services
 - Robert Jakobs – Nevada County Sheriff’s Office/Nevada County OES
 - Tony Peard – Cal Fire
 - Vickie Pinette – SSV EMS
 - Ken Cutler – Nevada County Public Health Department
 - Kim Blix – Nevada County Public Health Department
 - Mark Buttron – City of Grass Valley
 - Laura Brown – Truckee Fire
 - Sharon Voss – Nevada County Public Health
 - Chris Jon – Cal Fire

- 2) Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes.

The minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting of the Emergency Medical Care Committee where approved as written.

- 3) COVID-19 Update – Dr. Cutler.

The COVID-19 pandemic was recognized in China at the end of 2019/beginning of 2020. Since then globally there are approximately 2 million cases identified in over 200 Countries with over 125,000 deaths. The United States now has the highest number of cases with over 600,000 cases and over 24,000 deaths. In California there are approximately 27,000 laboratory confirmed cases and approximately 890 deaths. In Nevada County there are 34 lab confirmed cases, 24 in eastern Nevada County and 10 in western Nevada County; with one death. Testing in the United States, California and locally has been limited and many individuals with mild symptoms have been directed to stay home by a health care provider without access to testing.

The important message is that there has been community spread and people need to follow the stay at home order. Nevada County has received an estimated 900 test results (just under 1% of our population); this number is an estimate as many tests are done through commercial/private labs and the information does not always include demographics and sometimes there is duplication. In California approximately ½% of the population has been tested. There is a concern that if social distancing guidelines are relaxed there will be a surge in cases. There are multiple models that forecast a peak in ICU beds. <https://covidactnow.org/> is an easy to access model that has County specific forecasting and includes models for strict and lax enforcement of stay at home orders.

Dr. Cutler has written an Isolation and Quarantine Order; as well as a Local Stay at Home Order. Both documents are available on the County Website in English and Spanish: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/2924/Coronavirus>.

Kim Blix has been in contact with both hospitals regarding their surge plans. In the past week, California has been moving away from alternate care sites to maximizing the surge capacity at hospitals.

Public Health has been able to have Dr. Trochet along with Kim Blix outreach to skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, jail, shelter facilities and congregate living facilities to review plans on how to respond to a suspected COVID case, isolation plans and other guidance.

Jill Blake confirmed that dispatch is updated on known positive cases.

- 4) Displaced Populations – Dr. Culter and Robert Jakobs.
There has been outreach to the shelters regarding social distancing and protection for staff. There has been outreach to hospital discharge planners on notifications and planning for when someone who is homeless needs shelter.

Project Room Key, a State initiative to provide funding for Counties to provide shelter for at risk homeless. Funding was allocated based on point in time counts. Nevada County was awarded \$74,000. There were concerns about the large number of individuals at Hospitality House. These funds were used for motels for Individuals at Hospitality House who were most at risk in order to reduce the density at the shelter. Mike Dent and Brendan Phillips with Nevada County have taken the lead on this. There was additional funding that Counties could apply for if they felt they would exhaust funding. Nevada County was able to secure an additional \$50,000. Potentially there are FEMA reimbursement funds available.

- 5) Tactical Active Shooter – Clayton Thomas and Joe Matteoni.
Due to COVID-19 any off-site training has been postponed.
There was discussion of training in preparation for fire season.
Most public safety organization have cancelled trainings that do not occur on site at their organization.
- 6) Old Business
None.

- 7) New Business
SSV and SNMH Medical Transfer Policy – Tony Peard and Chris Jon.
They are wrapping up training for using Emergency Medical Dispatch protocols for care homes. This will triage the call appropriately; if the person has acute symptoms the call will be treated as a medical call instead of a transfer of care from one facility to another. Using a Pro QA program card 33 they will be able to get an individual the appropriate level of care. Care facilities will be asked a series of questions. Tony is currently working on a way to educate the care facilities to make sure they know what questions to expect. The goal is to roll this out by May 1st, give the information to Rob Riley and have command center staff trained. Kim Blix asked if Chris can loop her in on the questions for the care facilities, she has been working closely with care facilities and is willing to re-iterate the messaging.
- 8) Discussion on Annual Report to County of Board of Supervisors – Clayton Thomas.
We will need to work on the Annual Report prior to the July meeting so that it can be circulated and approved before presenting it. Clayton Thomas asked each agency to give him statistics on personnel, total medical aids you ran for the calendar year (2019). Clayton can get Narcan info from SSV. For hospital partners we will need ED admits, ED traffic, physicians and nurses on staff in the Emergency Departments. John will send EMS QIP responses.
- 9) Next Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. location to be determined.
- 10) Adjournment 11:28 a.m.