



Emergency Medical Service Agency

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: EMSAC

Date/Time: June 2, 2026

Location: MS Teams

ATTENDEES: [see roster sheet]

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Attendance

The meeting included representatives from multiple hospitals, EMS providers, non-quorum voting positions, and advisory roles. A full quorum was confirmed for both hospital and EMS groups. Voting and non-voting members participated throughout discussions and motions.

Meeting Rules Review

Guidelines for participation, motions, time limits, and recording practices were reiterated, emphasizing voting member responsibilities and general meeting procedures.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The prior meeting's minutes were reviewed and approved following a motion and second.

EMS Agency Updates

Director Holcomb reported completion of the ImageTrend rollout, relocation of the EMS agency office, and upcoming transition to EMS Flow statewide data warehouse, noting possible delays in reporting during implementation.

GSU Presentation

The Geary Stabilization Unit overview included location, services offered, patient criteria, referral sources, admission data, discharge outcomes, and ongoing efforts to strengthen EMS referral pathways. The majority of clients self-refer, with additional referrals from EMS, hospitals, case managers, and other community partners.

Policies and Procedural Reviews

Paramedic Program Approval

Updates aligned policies with state regulations and incorporated public comment revisions. The updated policy was approved by vote.

Minimum Equipment Requirements

Pulse oximetry was added as a required item for BLS ambulances. The change was approved.

Ambulance Turnaround Time Standards

Medication lists supporting triage decisions were updated following public comment. Changes were approved.



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Base Hospital Standards

Reorganization and updates to personnel requirements, quality assurances, and reporting were completed. Parallel language amendments to a related policy were also approved.

Airway Procedures Bundle

Multiple airway management protocols were reviewed, including ventilation guidance, pediatric considerations, supraglottic airways, intubation techniques, CPAP indications, and thoracostomy updates. Significant discussion centered on the proposed retirement of needle cricothyrotomy. After extensive debate, members opted to retain needle cricothyrotomy temporarily and revisit the topic in a future dedicated review meeting. Other components of the airway bundle were approved.

Circulation Procedures

Procedures for tourniquet use, mechanical CPR devices, intraosseous access, ECG acquisition, and related retirements were reviewed and approved. Peripheral vascular access devices were retired due to risk outweighing benefit.

Disability and Exposure Procedures

Updates to spinal motion restriction and splinting protocols were approved, including removal of traction splints and procedural clarifications. Carboxyhemoglobin monitoring was renumbered without content changes.

Special Circumstances

A newly categorized procedure on suspected abuse reporting was approved, along with retirement of COVID-19 point-of-care testing.

Pain and Nausea Management

A unified protocol combining adult, pediatric, and abdominal pain guidance was approved. Additions included updated medication guidelines, monitoring requirements, and conditional BLS comfort measures.

Respiratory Distress

A consolidated flowchart addressing mixed-etiology respiratory distress across age groups was approved, incorporating nitroglycerin threshold updates.

Trauma

A unified trauma algorithm aligned with updated national guidance was approved, resulting in retirement of several older trauma-related protocols and pediatric poisoning/overdose guidance now incorporated elsewhere.

Obstetric Procedures

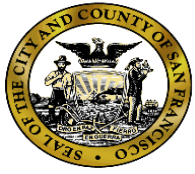
A consolidated childbirth protocol was approved, merging multiple algorithms and adding assessment guidance and references for management of complications. Updates to eclampsia and preeclampsia procedures were also approved.

Medication Updates

Magnesium indications, dosing adjustments, and removal of outdated references were approved.

Jail Health Services

A guideline for emergency department physicians managing persons in custody was approved.



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Administrative Changes

Additional non-voting clarifications were noted, including updates to equipment lists, blood pressure thresholds, hospice guidance, and certification language.

Open Forum

Several members announced upcoming retirements and expressed gratitude for collaboration. Additional acknowledgments and closing remarks were shared.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was approved, concluding the meeting.