



**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)**

March 19, 2026

0900

**1425 South "D" Street
San Bernardino, CA 92508**

Agenda

AGENDA ITEM		PERSON(S)	DISCUSSION/ ACTION
I.	CALL TO ORDER	Dean Smith	
II.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Dean Smith	Action
III.	PRESENTATIONS		
	A. Extraordinary Performance in Care (EPIC)	Amber Anaya	Information
	B. EMS Corps.	Jeff Metcalfe	Information
IV.	DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS		
	A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Dean Smith	Action
	B. ICEMA Updates	Amber Anaya	Information
	C. ICEMA Presentation	Amber Anaya	Information
	D. Present 2026 Goals	Dean Smith	Action
	E. Present Annual Report	Dean Smith	Action
	F. Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Updates	Amber Anaya	Action
V.	PUBLIC COMMENT		
VI.	REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS		
VII.	NEXT MEETING DATE	May 21, 2026	
VIII.	ADJOURNMENT		

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 9:00am

ICEMA – 1425 South “D” Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – Dean Smith

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) was called to order at 9:01am. Roll call; quorum established.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Craig Bell, Private Ambulance Provider
David Olsen, EMT–P Training Program
Kevin Parkes, ER Physician – Non-Trauma
Vacant, City Manager
Dean Smith, EMT–P Public Sector
Nathan Cooke, Emergency Medical Dispatch Representative
Allen Francis, Registered Nurse – MICN
Troy Pennington, ED Physician – Level II
Amanda Garcia, Air Ambulance Provider
Brian Savino, ED Physician – Level I
Art Rodriguez, EMT–P Private Sector

ICEMA STAFF:

Daniel Muñoz, ICEMA Administrator
Amber Anaya, Assistant ICEMA Administrator

ABSENT:

Art Andres, Consumer Advocate
Rich Sessler, Fire Chief
Ernie Perez, Law Enforcement Representative
John Chapman, Hospital Administrator

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 20, 2025 minutes were approved.

MSC: Amanda Garcia, Brian Savino – Motion Approved. Abstention: Kevin Parkes

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Extraordinary Performance in Care (EPIC) – Amber Anaya

IV. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. ICEMA/County Updates – Daniel Muñoz

- Reported that he was appointed permanent ICEMA Administrator by the County Chief Executive Officer on December 18, 2025. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve in the role.
- Provided updates on ICEMA policy activities and organizational priorities. Several policies, including specialty care designation policies, are currently out for public comment. Further discussion is scheduled for the Medical Advisory Committee meeting on February 3, 2026.
- Reported that ICEMA is pursuing modernization of specialty care designation rate structures. Notices were distributed to specialty care hospitals in December. No comments have been received to date. A recommendation will be presented to the ICEMA Board of Directors later this month for consideration.
- Provided an update on collaboration efforts with the County Fire Chiefs Association. A kickoff meeting was held in December with representatives from fire agencies, the County Administrative Office, and ICEMA. Discussion focused on EMS system challenges in the High Desert, including ambulance response delays. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2026.
- Reported that ICEMA is working with Harris Koenig (RTT) to align bed delay reporting charts with AB40 requirements, including system updates and provider education.
- Members were reminded that the finalized Exemption Video was distributed following the November meeting.
- Reported that ICEMA is finalizing the 2025 performance-based ambulance provider contract report and Fourth Quarter 2025 EMS reports are in progress.
- The next Performance Review Committee meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026.

1. Critical Care Paramedic Program – Victor Valley College

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Kenneth Fox.

- An overview of the proposed Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) education program was provided.
- The program is designed to support interfacility transport, particularly in rural and high-desert areas.
- The curriculum aligns with Title 22 requirements, includes didactic, simulation, and ICU clinical hours, and prepares students for IBSC certification.
- Program capacity will initially be 18 students, with preference for San Bernardino County providers.
- EMCC members discussed implementation considerations, credentialing, CQI requirements, and protocol development.

B. Set 2026 Goals – Dean Smith

The Committee discussed proposed priorities for 2026, including:

1. Review and update EMCC bylaws.
2. Continued support of system operations, including ambulance transport transition planning.
3. Support hospital efforts to improve ambulance patient offload time (APOT) through education and best practice sharing.
4. Improve understanding and communication of the EMS system structure (EMCC, MAC, Board of Directors).
5. Monitor and share regulatory financial impacts affecting healthcare and EMS, including behavioral health system changes.

Final goals will be brought back for formal action at the next meeting.

C. Annual Report – Dean Smith

The Committee reviewed the 2025 EMCC Annual Report. Members discussed potential improvements, including:

- More accurate reporting of EMS education numbers.
- List all public and private EMS educational institutions.
- Inclusion of Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) programs.
- The annual report will be updated and returned at next meeting for possible approval.

No action was taken.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received regarding:

- Newly issued Title 22 psychiatric staffing regulations and potential impacts on inpatient psychiatric bed availability.
- EMS workforce retention challenges and licensure barriers.

No action was taken

VI. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
2. EMCC Annual Report
3. Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Update
4. Finalization of 2026 EMCC Goals

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 19, 2026

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

10:27am