

DEPARTMENT: Public Health BY: C. B. Mosher, MD, MPH, Health Officer PHONE: 966-3689

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes x No     )  
Recommend establishing Emergency Medical Care Quality Assurance (QI) Committee, a subcommittee of the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:  
By Resolution 99-345 the Board of Supervisors agreed in concept to the development of a QI Committee for Emergency Medical Care. In that same resolution, the Board also acted to appoint Supervisor Balmain to the committee.

The purpose of this Committee is to focus on patient care issues within the emergency medical care system in Mariposa County and to do so in a setting guaranteeing confidentiality which could not be guaranteed if the committee were a public committee. There is extensive precedent for such committees within the medical field since an honest review of patient care issues can only be conducted where the records can be discussed openly and not subsequently discovered.

The needs in Mariposa County for a QI subcommittee are two fold: first, to have an established committee of medically knowledgeable people who can review, episodically, situations of questionable care as they occur; secondly, in a more proactive manner, establish patient care criteria which will be monitored on an on-going basis and help direct both training and improvement to the emergency medical care system in the County. Examples of this latter might include success rate for intubation in the field, success rate for establishing an intervenous line on first attempt in the field, etc.

Included in this package are proposed by-laws for the committee and a proposed membership list for the committee.

It is recommended that the Board act to establish the committee, approve the by-laws and the membership list.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:  
Significant issues regarding patient care within the emergency medical care system in Mariposa County will be dealt with either in a public forum (EMCC, Health Department, Mountain Valley EMS Agency) or will not be dealt with at all.

COSTS: (x) Not Applicable  
A. Budgeted current FY \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Total anticipated costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Required additional funding \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
D. Internal transfers \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required  
A. Unanticipated revenues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Reserve for contingencies \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Source description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:  
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CLERK'S USE ONLY:  
Res. No.: 99-97 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote - Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: Stewart Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Denied  
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:  
This item on agenda as:  
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Recommended  
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Not Recommended  
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For Policy Determination  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted with Comment  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Returned for Further Action

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
A.O. Initials: [Signature]

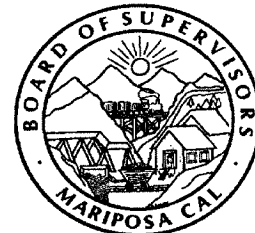


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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MINUTE ORDER

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TO: DR. MOSHER, County Health Officer  
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*  
SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Care Quality Assurance Committee; Res. 00-97

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 21, 2000

#### ACTION AND VOTE:

Dr. Mosher, Health Officer;

Resolution Establishing Emergency Medical Care Quality Assurance (QI) Committee, a Subcommittee of the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) (From Forthcoming Policy on 3/14/00)

**BOARD ACTION:** Following discussion with Dr. Mosher, (M)Balmain, (S)Pickard, Res. 00-97 was adopted with changes to committee by-laws under paragraph 1 of *Purpose*, by adding, "specific action for improvement will include counseling of individuals, referral to the certifying agency, Mountain Valley EMS Agency, or referral to the EMCC of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, as appropriate"; and under paragraph 1 of *Membership*, by adding, "Members shall be appointed by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors for the initial membership." Also, Supervisor Parker requested that a copy of the annual generalized report be submitted to the Mountain Valley EMS Agency – motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Stewart. It was clarified that Supervisor Balmain was not appointed to the committee to avoid a conflict with the confidential information that would be reviewed.

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