

**MINUTES**  
**CQI COMMITTEE**  
**February 8, 2023**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kurt Kindig	American Ambulance Clinical Manager
Nate Wright	American Ambulance Kings County Operations
Jamie Martin	American Ambulance Communications
Rusty Hotchkiss	California Highway Patrol Air Operations PLO
Geoff Stroh, MD	CCEMSA Assistant Medical Director
Miranda Lewis, MD	CCEMSA Assistant Medical Director
Mato-Kuwapi Parker	CCEMSA Specialty Services Coordinator
Jessica Buehler	CCEMSA Education Coordinator
Sal Rodriguez	CCEMSA EMS Specialist
Shari Warner, RN	Community Medical Center – Clovis PLN
Amy Campbell, RN	Community Regional Medical Center PLN
Jennifer Andersen, RN	Saint Agnes Medical Center PLN
Mark Pisching	Sanger Fire Department PLO
Lisa Epps	Skylife- Air Methods
Brian Carnes	Skylife- Air Methods
Mary Jo Quintero, RN	Valley Children’s Hospital PLN
Ryan Munger, RN	Visalia Fire Department PLO

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Mato Parker. The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM REPORTS	The CQI Report is delayed. In transitioning to ImageTrend, it appears that some data is missing. The Agency is working on completing the report with the intent to present at the March 2023 CQI meeting.
CQI PROJECTS	<p><u>SNF Stickers</u>- Mato reported that distribution of stickers is on the to do list.</p> <p><u>571 Checklist</u>- The checklist is complete. Mato still needs to discuss it with Dr. Stroh and Dr. Lewis. Amy asked about establishing system data thresholds for 571 activation and discontinuation.</p> <p><u>CPAP</u>- Mato Parker reported the CPAP with no medication surveys are still going out. The last round had about 7 cases. We currently have survey data on about 50 cases. We will compile the data with what we have and report back to the group.</p> <p><u>LVAD</u>- Dr. Stroh, Dr. Lewis, and Mato still need to discuss the LVAD procedure that has been placed in a draft of policy 530.02. Mato will send out the draft procedure to the CQI committee for comments.</p> <p><u>Special Memos</u>- Once Julie returns at the end of the month, we will be implementing the proposed changes to the Special Memos page on the Agency website.</p>

<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>Dr. Lewis shared a document that she created that showed endotracheal intubations since November 2022. She mentioned that the esophageal detection device has been discontinued and it was suggested to use capnography as a tool to assess for correct tube placement.</p> <p>Dr. Stroh asked the group how they felt about capnography replacing EDD to assist in determining proper tube placement. The CQI group agreed that this was a good idea. Using waveform capnography could also assist in determining proper tube placement in patients that are not transported to an ED. We will need to determine if all agencies have the ability to use capnography as well.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>System Monitoring – Dr. Stroh asked the group what we would like to monitor for the upcoming year. The group mentioned the following:</p> <p>CPAP no Meds        Scene times for aeromedical transports</p> <p>Mato stated that helicopter scene time were discussed at Trauma Audit last month and it appears the industry standard is to stabilize and treat before initiating transport. This has also been supported by patient outcome data. There is also a field crew issue that can be worked on too. Sometimes the patient is brought to the LZ with very minimal packaging being done. That is something that could be improved to help decrease scene times.</p> <p>Monitoring 571 for patient outcomes        Monitoring scene times for non-traumatic shock post sticker distribution        Patient outcomes post-cardiac arrest – CARES        CHF versus COPD outcomes        Outreach – Teaching CPR in schools        Outreach to Board and Care facilities        AED Registry – Location        Narcan administration</p>

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2023.