

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

See last page for the purpose of the program's Advisory Committee, including a description and list of responsibilities.

SPONSOR / INSTITUTION NAME:	Ventura College		
CoAEMSP PROGRAM NUMBER:	600186	DATE, TIME, + LOCATION OF MEETING:	09DEC2022, 1300-1600, Ventura College HSC 211
CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:1	Kyle Blum		

	ATTENDANCE					
Community of Interest	Name(s) – List all members. Multiple members may be listed in the same category.	Present – Place an 'x' for each person present	Agency/Organization			
Physician(s) (may be fulfilled by Medical Director)	Todd Larsen Daniel Shephard Ira Tilles		Ventura College Medical Director; SJRMC/PVH VCMESA Medical Director Adventist Hospital Simi Valley			
Employer(s) of Graduates Representative	Mike Sanders Jeremey Schumaker Joey Williams Jeff Winter		AMR Ventura/ Gold Coast Ambulance AMR Ventura/ Gold Coast Ambulance AMR Ventura/ Gold Coast Ambulance AMR Ventura/ Gold Coast Ambulance			
Key Governmental Official(s)	Steve Carroll Chris Rosa Adrian Gil-Stefansen Andrew Casey Nick Clay Darryl McClanahan		VCEMSA – EMS Administrator VCEMSA – Deputy Administrator VCEMSA - Coordinator VCEMSA – Coordinator SBEMSA – EMS Administrator SBEMSA - Coordinator			
Police and Fire Services	Heather Ellis Joseph Williams Jaime Villa Robert Miner		Ventura City Fire Department – EMS Coordinator Ventura County Fire Department - Captain Oxnard Fire Department - EMS Coordinator Ventura County Fire Department - Captain			

¹ The best practice is that the chair is not the Program Director. The Advisory Committee is *advising* the program.

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Public Member(s)	Barbara Cogert Irene Ornelas		
Hospital / Clinical Representative(s)	Kyle Blum Tom Gallegos Karen Magnani		Saint John's Regional Medical Center Ventura County Medical Center St. John's Regional Medical Center
	Meghan Shaner Kristen Shorts Kathy Triguero		Los Robles Medical Center Adventist Hospital Simi Valley Los Robles Hospital
	Debbie Wilkes Sharon Waechter Kelly Tu		Community Memorial Hospital Ventura County Medical Center Los Robles Medical Center
Other	Karen Beatty John Everlove Matt Jewett		Oxnard College EMT Faculty Moorpark College Allied Health Coordinator/EMS Oxnard College Dean – Fire & EMT
	Matt McElhenie Gerry Pantoja Preston Pipal		CEMSEA Director Ventura College Foundation Ventura College Biology Faculty
Faculty ²	Collin Stocke Melissa Corney Andrew Dowd		Ventura College Biology Faculty Ventura College, EMS Faculty Ventura College, EMS Faculty
	Sophie Elliott Stephen McNaughten Jeremiah Glass		Ventura College, EMS Faculty Ventura College, EMS Faculty Ventura College, EMS Faculty
	Joy Reed John Terrusa		Ventura College, EMS Faculty Ventura College, EMS Faculty
Sponsor Administration ²	Kimberly Hoffmans Jennifer Kalfsbeek-Goetz Debbie Newcomb Beatriz Herrera Angelica Gonzales		Ventura College President Ventura College Vice President of Academic Affairs Ventura College Dean, Career Education I Ventura College Academic Counselor Ventura College Academic Counselor
Student (current)	Alonso Calderon, part-time cohort Santiago Virto, full-time cohort		Ventura College Paramedic Student, Class 26 (part-time) Ventura College Paramedic Student, Class 25 (full-time)

² Additional faculty and administration are ex-officio members.

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Graduate	Jenna Blaker	\boxtimes	Ventura College Paramedic Graduate
	Melissa Corney	\boxtimes	Ventura College Paramedic Graduate
	Sophie Elliott	\boxtimes	Ventura College Paramedic Graduate
Program Director, ex officio, non-voting member	Thomas O'Connor		Ventura College School of Prehospital and Emergency Medicine, Program Director
Medical Director, ex officio, non-voting member	Todd Larsen	\boxtimes	Ventura College Medical Director; SJRMC/PVH
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	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Required	Lead	Goal Date
1.	Call to order	The meeting was called to order at 1305.	No		
2.	Roll call	Introductions of all in-person and virtual attendees.	No		
3.	Review and approval of meeting minutes	Members reviewed the prior Minutes. The Minutes of the 10DEC2021 Advisory Meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve by J. Terrusa. Seconded by T. Larsen.	No		
4.	 VCCCD EMS Program Reports Moorpark College EMT Oxnard College EMT Ventura College EMT Ventura College Paramedic 	 Moorpark College (MC) EMT J. Everlove indicated that MC will offer an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course during the 2023 Spring Semester. EMT will continue to be scheduled the upcoming fall and spring semesters. MC will partner with Agoura High School to offer a dual enrollment EMR course, with an anticipated enrollment of 24-25 high school students. Moorpark College Paramedic (PM) Program J. Everlove reported that MC is getting ready to start a PM Program in 2023. MC is working with EMS partners to facilitate 	No		

³ Add rows for multiple members of the same community of interest If the program has additional named communities of interest, list the community of interest and the name(s) that represent each.

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	 instructional, clinical, and field needs, and is working toward finalizing all paperwork. Dr. Andrew Laurence Bourgeois will serve as the MC Paramedic Program's Medical Director. J, Everlove is grateful for the support of participating agencies and thanked T. O'Connor for his collaborative support. Oxnard College (OC) EMT 			
	• N/A			
	Ventura College (VC) EMT			
	• T. O'Connor reported that enrollment in the EMT Program has fluctuated over the past couple of years with Covid. During Academic Year (AY) 2021-2022, a total of 119 students completed the EMT Program. While this is a decrease in the total completion and success rate, there is an increase in first-time NREMT pass rates which have reached 75%.			
	Ventura College Paramedic (PM) Studies Program			
	• T. O'Connor reported that in AY 2021-2022, VC started a part-time paramedic program and increased overall program enrollment. There was a decrease in retention in the part-time cohort due to fire department hiring's, withdraw to pursue other pathways, and others will repeat the course in the future. The program maintains the 75% passing threshold and is above the national average for NREMT pass rates.			

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5.	 Endorse the Program's minimum expectation [CAAHEP Standard II.C. Minimum Expectation] "To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels." Establish / review additional program goals⁴ 	 T. O'Connor indicated that it's a CAAHEP requirement to include the following statement in the Paramedic Handbook under Program Philosophy: To prepare competent entry-level paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels, who can function professionally, competently, consistently, and safely in a variety of settings. Attendees reviewed Program Outcomes and Objectives. No additional goals were identified. Attendees reviewed the Program's Minimum Expectations. The following recommendations were identified: Recommendation to expand the local scope regarding the administration of medications: J. Terrusa recommended expanding the local scope while the interns are in their field internship to meet the entire State of California curriculum. For example, since interns are allowed to administer fentanyl in the hospital setting, the recommendation is to permit students to administer other medications in the hospital setting such as Toradol. M. Corney agreed that it is challenging to meet the FISDSAP requirement due to limitations with the local scope of practice. T. O'Connor indicated that the local scope had already been revised to include Levalbuterol and Ipratropium Bromide, among other medications, even though this is not permited on the rigs but has been included in the local scope of practice. 	No Yes	T. O'Connor and J. Terrusa will correspond with Dr. Shephard.	

⁴Additional program goals are not required by the CAAHEP *Standards*. If additional program goals are established, then the program must measure them.

 K. Blum asked for a motion approving the expansion of the local scope of practice regarding the administration of medications, pending Dr. Shephard's review and approval. S. Elliot approved, and T. Gallegos seconded. <i>Recommendation to continue rotations at Grossman Burn Center:</i> Attendees discussed whether the shifts at the Grossman Burn Center continue to be a beneficial rotation for students. Interns arrive at 5:45 am, train on burn victims, and have the opportunity to meet and talk with Dr. Grossman. M. Corney expressed this rotation to be highly beneficial due to the Grossman Burn Center's level of expertise and specialization. J. Blaker indicated it's informative and impactful to see the progression from the 911 call, to transport, arrival at Grossman, the procedure, and the recovery. There is a valuable affective component to this experience. K. Blum established advisory group consensus to keep the Burn Center shift. 	Yes	T. O'Connor will email	
 Attendees discussed the efficacy of the trauma rounds. Program graduates explained that since VCMC is a teaching hospital with many Residents, there is little opportunity for interns to work on patients, resulting in interns often standing by the sidelines. J. Terrusa proposed shadowing the physician as a way to observe from a different diagnostic perspective. A. Casey and T. Gallegos expressed that differential diagnosis through physician shadowing will require facilitation and alignment with the hospital requirements. K. Blum established advisory group consensus to modify trauma shift and shadow the physician/trauma surgeon as way to make the Trauma Rounds more meaningful to interns. 		VCMC Trauma Coordinator, Gina Ferrer, and cc T. Gallegos. T. Larsen will coordinate with Duncan.	
Experience course for candidates who lack ambulance experience:			

	 J. Winters expressed the challenges when interns do not have ambulance experience in basic level knowledge, such as where to stand in an ambulance, how to use a gurney, locating monitors, equipment knowledge, how to load and unload, reporting, experience answering a call, and patient care and treatment. He believes students will need more than one shift to learn to navigate an ambulance and understand the unwritten rules. J. Villa agrees there is a challenge when interns do not know how to navigate an ambulance. It creates extra stress for the student and preceptor. T. O'Connor indicated that ambulance experience is listed on the paramedic application as a requirement, but he finds that it would preclude candidates with military, ER tech, or fire department backgrounds. From experience, these candidates bring a diversity of thought into the classroom. Mandating 911 experience will eliminate candidates from entering the program, and we need to be mindful of enrollment and that not every paramedic will end up in an ambulance. M. Corney recommends taking one ER shift and turn it into an ambulance ride-along, even as an observational day, to mitigate the lack of 911 experience. J. Williams indicated that with UCLA and MC's programs, it will be challenging to secure preceptors. For AMR, there are not enough preceptors. Per T. O'Connor, an alternate option is to do ride-alongs within the EMT scope, which would not require a preceptor. J. Winters is a big proponent of the PM V95 course. He indicates that it is evident when interns have or do not have ambulance experience. Lack thereof deters from the overall learning experience. He recommends VC make it a requirement or give it a big push. Either ten 12-hour shifts, or five 24-hours shifts will give students an advantage to be more fluid and successful during internship. C. Rosa concurred it is beneficial to mandate or recommend 		

	Endorse the Program's required minimum	 a structured format and checklist from T. O'Connor, will be beneficial. T. Larsen does not believe potential students should be excluded due to lack of 911 experience, but agrees all students would benefit from a 12-hour shift/orientation. T. O'Connor indicates challenge in requiring PM V95 as a precourse is that some students were admitted 2-weeks prior to the start of the term and there was no time to have them participate in PM V95. S. Elliott recommends a PM V95 during the didactic portion or before the clinical rotation would be more meaningful. It will help students utilize the knowledge learned, especially for people not working in Ventura County. J. Villa indicated that space is a challenge, but barring any issues with the City Attorney, he can facilitate some of the ride-along with squad rounds on a 12-hour basis. J. Williams suggests students spend time on both ambulance and fire to share. Ambulance can possibly do 10 shifts over a twoweek break. 12-hour shifts are preferred over 24-hour shifts to avoid getting into a sleeping arrangement. Better to cap at 12. A. Calderon shared that his participation in PM V95 was an eve opener and it cemented his desire to become a paramedic. He highly recommends it to incoming students. S. Virto recommends students have opportunities to spend time in an ambulance during a winter break. President, K. Hoffmans, asked the committee to look into self-test and digital models that students could complete to refresh ambulatory skills before entering clinical rotations. K. Blum asked for a motion to approve increasing participation in the PM V95 either as a pre-course, or, create a shortened PM V95 12-hour shift opportunity following didactic to increase 911 experience and to address the lack of FTO preceptors. S. Elliott and M. Corney motioned to approve. J. Terrusa seconded. 	No	
6.	numbers of patient/skill contacts for each of the required patients and conditions [CAAHEP Standard III.C.2. Curriculum]	 T. O'Connor indicated that the paramedic program submitted for a new competency tracker software, to take old 		

	 Student Minimum Competency (formerly known as the Appendix G) Review summary graduate tracking reports 	 information and move it to a new FISDAP tracking system. This goes into effect January 21, 2023- <i>Recommendation to maintain minimum competencies:</i> Dr. Larsen recommends submitting for a minimum number of contacts. If there are deficiencies within a cohort, he would like to address the specific cohort, as opposed to raising the minimum contacts and making students struggle to achieve those minimums. The goal is to implement minimum contacts with the new cohorts beginning August 2023. K. Blum requested a motion to approve keeping the minimum amount of contacts. J. Terrusa motioned to approve. T. Larsen seconded. 			
7.	Review the program's annual report and outcomes [CAAHEP Standard IV.B. Outcomes] Annual Report data Thresholds/Outcome data results Graduate Survey results Employer Survey results Resources Assessment Matrix results Other	 All marks on the report were above the minimum 70% threshold. Graduate employer survey format: T. O'Connor is looking at streamlining this survey and creating a Google form to collect the data. President, K. Hoffmans, recommends working with the Ventura College Institutional Researcher, Phillip Briggs, to develop a survey and facilitate data entry into a spreadsheet. Annual Resource Assessment Matrix findings: More classroom space is needed Additional instructors are needed Fix ongoing AC issues Preceptor survey revealed all positive experiences except one. 	Yes	T. O'Connor work with P. Briggs	2023 academic year
8.	 Review the program's other assessment results [CAAHEP Standard III.D. Resource Assessment] Long-range planning Student evaluations of instruction and program Faculty evaluations of program Course/Program final evaluations 	 Current student feedback and recommendations: Students recommend shortening the lunchtime and uusingthe extra 30 minutes to arrive later in the morning, especially for students who commute from outside Ventura County. T. O'Connor indicated that a previous cohort advocated for a longer lunch to get exercise in, and to allow faculty 	No		

		experience, interns will have ample IV-start opportunities in the hospitals.			
9.	Review program changes (possible changes) Course changes (schedule, organization, staffing, other) Preceptor changes Clinical and field affiliation changes Curriculum changes Content Sequencing	 Ongoing Staffing Concerns: T. O'Connor shared that one of the biggest struggles is hiring and retention of faculty. Most recently, the Department has had to hire 1-2 times per semester. This results in an overtaxed system with not enough faculty. The Chancellor's Office lists the minimum qualifications for teaching vocational programs as a Bachelor's Degree with 2 years of experience of an Associate Degree with 6 years of experience. There are instructors with decades of experience, but no degree and they are no longer eligible to teach. Revisions to State Regulations due to ongoing challenges with preceptorship and faculty shortages. At the November CEMSEA (state educators) meeting, state representatives were present and advised that regulations will be open in 2023 and they are open to input from CEMSEA. C. Rosa hopes that the previous two years challenges and extreme staffing and preceptor shortages will show stakeholders that regulations and requirements as currently written are not working. He recommends that state Program Directors reach a consensus and work with Dr. McElhenie on drafting public comments, compiling supporting documentation, and provide significant justification to propose re-writing State regulations. The Program feels they have done everything it can to support efforts to secure preceptors, including regular visits by program faculty to internship sites to support student and preceptor, 24-hour on call-availability to preceptors, hosting Simulation Days as a preceptor training opportunity, developing a 40-page packet on how to intercept and troubleshoot problems, and hosting preceptor training through VCEMS rather than through the educational institutions to 	Yes	CEMSEA must intervene in re-writing of State Reg opening 2023	

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 Review substantive changes (possible changes) [CAAHEP Standard V.E. Substantive Change] Program status Sponsorship Sponsor administrative personnel Program personnel: PD, Lead Instructor, other Addition of distance education component Addition of satellite program 	No changes	No	
Other identified strengths	 J. Williams indicates that the Prism immersive simulator is a great tool and he commends the program for securing this technology. J. Williams indicates that everyone who has completed the VCCCD EM Programs has done a good job, and it ultimately comes down to the student, not always the school. J. Blaker concurred, that it doesn't matter where the training is obtained. Whether it's VC, MC, or UCLA, it all comes down to the effort put in by the student. A. Calderon is grateful VC is offering a part-time program, especially for students who have families. Although it takes longer to complete, it provides someone like him an opportunity to attend paramedic school. Due to his ER union, he works every other weekend. After a full-day of school, he goes straight to work. T. O'Connor shared that in the first PM part-time class, one student commuted 3.5 hours because it was the only program available that fit their schedule so that he could remain employed to support his family. 	No	

S. Virto is grateful that some students are being sponsored by their employers.	
Inter-rater reliability of preceptors, unequal call response volumes by unit, and transport vs. non-transport internship opportunities challenge the students and the program to find efficient and effective methods of	

completing the program within the allotted timeframe. The program

has consistently issued incompletes for students to allow additional

time to meet program exit requirements.

No

12. Other identified weaknesses

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13.	Identify action plans for improvement	Continue to promote PM V95 for students without 911 experience. Add a 1-unit version of PM V95 to run concurrently with clinical rotations. Research alternative data tracking platforms to replace FISDAP.	Yes Yes Yes	Tom Tom Tom	Spring 2023 Summer 2023 Fall 2023
14.	Other comments/recommendations	 Additional comments about the new Moorpark College Paramedic Program J. Everlove indicated that the new MC PM program follows a similar Course Outline of Record as VC's PM Theory and Clinical Practicum. Program admission does not include an Anatomy and Physiology pre-requisite. Program admission will not require 1,000 hours of prehospital experience, but experience is an advisory recommendation. T. O'Connor offered to assist with the development of a PM V95 course. The program will bridge multiple semesters starting in May through the end of the college calendar. T. O'Connor shared that, similarly, the VC part-time cohort bridges semesters which causes some headaches. From an A&R perspective, it sets up the course to be a positive attendance class the entire semester. From a financial aid standpoint, it limits students' financial aid disbursements. J. Everlove shared that A&R is part of their workgroup and is helping to solve some of those issues. 	No		
15.	Staff/professional education	Decreasing opportunities to travel to EMS Education related events due to CA AB 1887 travel ban. Grant funding also decreasing to support travel out of the area combined with increased costs of attending conferences are a considerable factor.	No		
16.	CoAEMSP/CAAHEP updates	COAEMSP and CAAHEP has an update to student competency requirements for cohorts starting after January 1, 2023. Next cohorts will start in August 2023 and will be under the new requirements. Current cohorts do not need to adjust.	No		
17.	Next accreditation process (i.e., self-study report, site visit, progress report)	T. O'Connor submitted the VC Paramedic Program's Self-Study in 2021. Accreditors have rescheduled the site visit to the 2023 Fall Semester because they are backlogged. The last accreditation visit was in 2015	No		

		with approval in 2016. The accreditation site visit is nearing 8 years this cycle.			
18.	Other business	None	No		
19.	Next meeting(s)	In an effort to avoid duplication and to better utilize resources and time, T. O'Connor and J. Everlove agreed to merge both Paramedic Advisory Committee Meetings and alternate hosting each year. There was consensus for MC to host the 2023 Advisory Meeting. J. Everlove will have additional people to add to the Advisory Group. Next meeting: Friday, December 1 st , 2023 at Moorpark College.	Yes	MC will host the next Paramedic Advisory Meeting. T. O'Connor will email a save the date to the committee.	December 2023
20.	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.			

Minutes prepared by Thomas O'Connor and Sabrina Canola-Sanchez	Date <u>12/15/2022</u>				
Minutes approved by	Date				
If item #5 above was acted on, then:					
Medical Director's signature	Date				

Attach Student Minimum Competency (formerly known as the Appendix G) > **Table 1** to verify which required minimum numbers were reviewed and endorsed (*if item #4 above was acted on*)

PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee must be designated and charged with the responsibility of meeting at least annually to assist program and sponsor personnel in formulating and periodically revising appropriate goals and learning domains, monitoring needs and expectations, and ensuring program responsiveness to change, and to review and endorse the program required minimum numbers of patient contacts. [CAAHEP Standard II.B. Appropriate of Goals and Learning Domains]

Additionally, program-specific statements of goals and learning domains provide the basis for program planning, implementation, and evaluation. Such goals and learning domains must be compatible with the mission of the sponsoring institution(s), the expectations of the communities of interest, and nationally accepted standards of roles and functions. Goals and learning domains are based upon the substantiated needs of health care providers and employers, and the educational needs of the students served by the educational program. [CAAHEP Standard II.A.]

Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee

- Review and endorse the minimum program goal.
- Review and endorse the required minimum numbers of patient/skill contacts for each of the required patients and conditions.
- Verify that the Paramedic program is adhering to the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards.
- Review Program performance based on outcomes thresholds and other metrics (at a minimum credentialing success, retention, and job placement).
- Provide feedback to the Program on the performance of graduates as competent entry level Paramedics (for employers).
- Provide feedback to the Program regarding clinical and field opportunities and feedback on students in those areas.
- Provide recommendations for curricula enhancements based on local needs and scope of practice.
- Assist with long range planning regarding workforce needs, scheduling options, cohort size, and other future needs.
- Complete an annual resource assessment of the program.