

**ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL (EMF) TASK FORCE**

**Meeting Summary – November 19, 2015**

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vincent Amerson (CEO), Stan Brawer (LACFD), Dardy Chen (CEO), Cathy Chidester (DHS), Phil Cocker (LACFD), Wesley L. Ford (DPH), Mark Gluba (Pomona Deputy City Manager), Michael Olivieri for Paul Capraro (Pomona PD), Clayton Kazan (LACFD), Kevin Klar (LACFD), Alexander Li (DHS), Byron Prewett (LACFD), Glen Stanley (LAC Sheriff), and Michael Iwanaga for Sheila Williams (CEO)

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Stan Brawer (LACFD), Dennis Cross (LACFD), and Michael Jordan (DPH-EH)

**GUEST REGISTER:** Alexander Bear (EMA), Rose Belda (County Counsel), BC Brooks (Pomona Resident), Jane Brooks (Pomona Resident), Janine Jordan (EMA), Simon Lamb (SRLLAW), David Laub (LACFD), Ben Lee (DPH), David Loomstein (EMA), Desiree Naranjo (Insomniac), Holly Perez (LAC Sheriff), Myron Quon (WAFASA), Stephanie Raby (DHS), Gary Richards (Hard/Live Nation) Dan Whitten (LAC Sheriff)

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Meeting Agenda; Draft 11/5/15 Meeting Minutes; and Draft – 2015 Recommendation for Electronic Music Events on County-Owned Property

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<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairman Ford called meeting to order at 1:03 p.m., a quorum was present.	
<b>Welcome and Introduction of Task Force Members and Guests</b>	Chairman Ford asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves and include what agency they are representing.	
<b>Approval of meeting minutes 11/5/15</b>	<p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force members to approve meeting minutes. Minutes were emailed to all members prior to meeting; they were also allowed a few minutes prior to review before motions were given on each.</p> <p><b><u>11/5/15 Meeting Minutes</u></b> There were a total of 3 corrections from Pages 5 and 7.</p>	<p>Corrections were noted and will be made by the Task Force administrative assistant.</p>

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	<p>Chairman Ford asked for a motion to approve.</p>	<p>Task Force member Glen Stanley initiated the motion, Task Force member Phil Cocker seconded. All members then approved with no further objections.</p> <p>All approved minutes will be posted to the SAPC internet website.</p>
<p><b>Review of draft recommendations</b></p>	<p>Chair Ford moved towards reviewing the draft recommendations</p> <p><b><u>Venue Related Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Item# 5 - Discussion pertaining to age limit of attendees. Some Task Force Members recommended 21 years of age, others stated to use 18 years. It was agreed that the EMS would provide age analysis on patient care logs from 2014 and 2015 events.</p> <p>Item# 5 continued - Discussion on where the maximum number of 40,000 attendees came from. It was explained that this number was used from law enforcement under the Safety and Security subcommittee and was specific to the Pomona Fairgrounds. A Task Force member suggested changing the language to include “site specific” when it comes to the maximum number of attendees.</p> <p>Item# 9c - Discussion on the number of minutes that attendees can remain at a designated space in the venue after the event. A recommendation would be to have 4 hours instead of 60-120 minutes.</p> <p>Item# 13 - Discussion on the recommendation to change the wording from “Reduce” to “Limit”</p>	<p>EMS to provide information for next meeting.</p> <p>Safety and Security subcommittee to provide more information and changes to language for next meeting.</p> <p>Item 9c will be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Item 13, will be discussed at next meeting.</p>

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	<p><b><u>Safety and Law Enforcement Related Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Item# 1a - Request by a Task Force Member to remove item completely. It was stated that it's a safety issue for the medical staff that are treating patients that can be violent. Safety and security of personnel is important.</p> <p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the removal of Item# 1a</p> <p>Item# 2a – Discussion amongst Task Force Members to amend with the following changes:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Amnesty zones and boxes shall be defined at or near each entrance to the venue prior to the search area. Law Enforcement Incident Commander is responsible for defining the zone, the security, and placement of the amnesty boxes.”</b></p> <p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the amendment of Item# 2a</p> <p>Item# 1 – Request from Task Force Member to amend 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph to say:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Use law enforcement staffing at a minimum of 4 sworn peace officers per 1,000 event attendees, in addition to private security, not including supervisors and support staff.”</b></p>	<p>Task Force Member Kevin Klar initiated the motion and Task Force Member Clayton Kazan seconded. All other members approved the motion with no objections.</p> <p>Task Force Member Kevin Klar initiated the motion and Task Force Member Clayton Kazan seconded. All other members approved the motion with no objections.</p>

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	<p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the amendment of Item# 1</p> <p>Item# 1 - Request from Task Force Member to add the following in place of previously removed Item# 1a:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“This 4 peace officer per 1,000 recommendation should not include any law enforcement personnel needed for surrounding neighborhood patrol/security, traffic control, or any event related need outside of the event venue. This is a suggested staffing level for the interior of the event itself.”</b></p> <p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the amendment of Item# 1</p> <p>Item# 2c – Discussion over: 1) Who will be testing it? 2) Who will be given the information? 3) Who is paying for it? 4) How does it help for planning next event? The suggestion for this particular recommendation was geared towards public awareness. There is currently no mechanism on law enforcement side to do the testing.</p> <p>Suggestion to amend recommendation with the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Law enforcement should make available the contents of the amnesty boxes to public health for potential testing of the drugs upon request.”</b></p>	<p>Task Force Member Clayton Kazan initiated the motion and Task Force Glen Stanley seconded. All other members approved the motion with no objections.</p> <p>Task Force Member Kevin Klar initiated the motion and Task Force Member Michael Olivieri seconded. All other members approved the motion with no objections.</p>

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	<p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the amendment of Item# 2c</p> <p><b><u>Alcohol Related Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Task Force members reviewed the recommendations and had no changes.</p> <p><b><u>Education Related Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Discussion by Task Force Members over all of the recommendations, specifically on where the responsibility of the education and messaging will be. What agency or department?</p> <p>Chairman Ford moved to have subcommittee will rework the section.</p> <p><b><u>Health Related Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Item# 6 - Discussion by Task Force Member to remove recommendation completely. There are no standards for peer based educators. The promoters can consider to keep, but do not believe this should go to the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the removal of Item# 6</p>	<p>Task Force Member Clayton Kazan initiated the motion and Task Force Kevin Klar seconded. All other members approved the motion with no objections.</p> <p>Ben Lee over the subcommittee will rework this area.</p> <p>Task Force Member Byron Prewett initiated the motion and Task Force Kevin Klar seconded. Majority of Task Force agreed with 1 abstention</p>

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	<p><b><u>Emergency Medical Response Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Item# 7 – Request from Task Force Member to remove recommendation completely. Data suggests that primary issue for patients has been alcohol and drug intoxication. No data to suggest that patients have acute non-drug induced psychosis, suicidal ideation, or depression. Added that event is not an environment where behavioral cognitive therapy can be provided.</p> <p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the removal of Item# 7</p> <p>Item# 4 – Request from Task Force Member to amend the recommendation to not include number count and state:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Assign medical extraction teams (EMS and Security) at the venue in high density areas where access to patients is difficult.”</b></p> <p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the removal of Item# 4</p> <p>Item# 10 – Request from Task Force Member to amend the recommendation to state:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Consider including the parking lots when developing the Medical Action Plan”</b></p>	<p>Task Force Member Clayton Kazan initiated the motion and Task Force Glen Stanley seconded. All other members approved with no objections</p> <p>Task Force Member Clayton Kazan initiated the motion and Task Force Glen Stanley seconded.</p>

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	<p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the removal of Item# 10</p> <p><b><u>Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors</u></b></p> <p>Task Force members reviewed over the recommendations and had no changes.</p> <p>Task Force Member wanted to inform the members that the Medical Response subcommittee is working to change the DHS Mass Gathering Policy and get away from using “Electronic Music” or using specific genres of music and instead use “intensity” for all mass gathering events.</p>	<p>Task Force Member Clayton Kazan initiated the motion and Task Force Member Glen Stanley seconded. All other members approved with no objections. Majority of Task Force agreed with 1 abstention.</p>
<p><b>Public Comments (Comments from the public on Items of Interest within the Task Force Subject Matter Jurisdiction)</b></p>	<p>Chairman Ford moves towards public comments</p> <p>Janine Jordan from the EMA gave further clarity and explanation behind certain recommendations under the Education and the Board of Supervisors portion.</p> <p>Comment from the Public asked what the rationale of wandng was under the Safety and Law Enforcement section. Pomona PD stated that wandng was a recommendation carried over from the 2010 recommendations and may be reconsidered. It was agreed by the Task Force to remove the word “wandng”.</p> <p>Chairman Ford moved the Task Force Members to approve the removal of the word “wandng” from the recommendation under Item# 4, under the Safety and Law Enforcement section of the recommendations.</p>	<p>Task Force Member Clayton Kazan initiated the motion and Task Force Kevin Klar seconded. All other members approved with no objections. Majority of Task Force agreed with 1 abstention</p>

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	<p>Gary Richards from Live Nation commented that the Task Force will be voting on the age of these event and stated that his assistant did some preliminary research and found that 16 fatalities in LA County and Las Vegas 2006-present; average age was 23-1/2.</p> <p>Debra Martin from Pomona City Council stated that if the Task Force is going to consider age, “kids” can go to war at age 18, but they cannot go to festivals? Also, she informed that she held a community meeting and sent 1,800 invitations and only 70 visitors attended. One person said no raves.</p> <p>Member of the public stated that setting an age limit and defining shows as “intense” event is opening up a can of worms. Need to be careful.</p> <p>Pomona resident, B.C. Brooks stated that it is important to get the numbers right. Electronic Music Festivals require a lot more work for Emergency Medical System when compared to other events. Added that the Fairplex committee has said things that are not true. One of the issues that the task force needs to address is whether electronic music festivals should take place on county property.</p> <p>Chairman Ford stated that it is not the charge of the Task Force to recommend whether Electronic Music Festivals will take place on County property. There are two separate Board motions: 1) to develop recommendations for enforceable health and safety measures, which is the charge of the Task Force, and 2) a motion for County Counsel to advise the Board as to whether electronic music festivals are to be held on County property. Chairman Ford asked County Counsel if they wanted to respond regarding their work with the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. County Counsel had no comment.</p> <p>Pomona resident, Jane Brooks stated many neighbors are silent and they are waiting on the result of the Board of Supervisors’ decision on whether raves should be held at the Fairplex. She added that residents feel they are not being represented. Support</p>	<p>Chairman Ford requested that the information be provided to Mario Salcedo.</p>

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	<p>zero tolerance. Law enforcement shouldn't have to back off. There are problems in the surrounding communities.</p> <p>Antonio Ayala from Senators office recommended to put signage that indicates user responsibility for intoxication. Ayala indicated that they did not receive many complaints for noise. Wanted to thank everyone for being proactive.</p> <p>Pomona City Council Member Debra Martin explained that she has worked hard to reach out to constituents and residents. When previous concert affected 100% percent of neighbors, she worked to fix problem.</p> <p>Gary Richards from Hard Events explained that he worked hard to reduce sound and traffic and is always open to hearing any way to improve events. Resident concerns may be carry over from previous events.</p>	
<p><b>Adjourn to the next meeting</b></p>	<p>Chairman Ford adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled to take place:</p> <p>Thursday, December 3, 2015  9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  1000 S. Fremont Ave.  Alhambra, CA 91803  A9 East Building, Ground Floor Conference Room G-2</p>	<p>Mario Salcedo to send out reminder of next meeting date and time.</p>