Gov. Jerry Brown Makes Appointments to California Commission on Emergency Medical Services

Governor Jerry Brown made the following appointments on April 30, 2013:

Linda Broyles, 57, of Coronado, has been appointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Broyles has been continuous quality improvement coordinator at the Regional Cooperative Care Program since 2006 and clinical coordinator at American Medical Response since 2007. She was base hospital nurse coordinator at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla from 2005 to 2007, and served in various positions at Scripps Mercy Hospital from 1989 to 2005, including base hospital nurse coordinator. Broyles has been a registered nurse since 1977 and a certified emergency nurse since 1990. She is a member of the California Emergency Nurses Association. Broyles earned a Master of Science degree in nursing from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Ms. Broyles replaces Matthew Powers on the Commission.

Richard Johnson, 66, of Mammoth Lakes, has been appointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Johnson has been a pediatrician at the Southern Mono Healthcare District since 1996. He has been health officer at the Mono County Health Department since 2002 and Inyo County Health and Human Services Department since 2006. Johnson has also been a clinical specialist for the Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program at the California Department of Public Health since 2003 and an adjunct professor at Biola University since 1991. He was a managing partner and pediatrician at Pediatric Associates of Pasadena from 1979 to 1996. Johnson is chair of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee for the California Conference of Local Health Officers. He is a member of the American Public Health Association and the National Association of City and County Health Officials. Johnson earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Albany Medical College of Union University and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health. Dr. Johnson replaces Dr. David Herfindahl on the Commission.

The Commission on Emergency Medical Services supports the role of EMS agencies to ensure that patients have adequate access to quality emergency medical services, and to ensure the long term stability of these services. The Commission meets quarterly at locations throughout the state to provide advice to the Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority and to approve regulations, standards and guidelines developed by the EMS Authority. For more information about the EMS Commission, please visit http://www.emsa.ca.gov. Link to Governor’s press release page: http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=18015

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