



FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP					
MEMBERS		CATEGORY REPRESENTED	ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF PRESENT		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Anderson, MD	– OCMA (ED Physician)	Carl Schultz MD	– EMS Medical Director	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Lekawa, MD	– Trauma Medical Directors	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chien Sun, MD	– Managed Care Physicians	Jesse Allured, EMT-P	– Assistant EMS Administrator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Birkle, RN	– Base Hospital Administration	Danielle Ogaz	– EMS Systems & Standards Chief	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kenneth McFarland	– ERC Hospital Administration	Laurent Repass, NRP	– EMS Information Systems Chief	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cyndie Strader, RN	– Base Hospital Coordinators	Adrian Rodriguez	– EMS Performance Chief	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Maas, RN	– OC Nursing Leadership	David Johnson, RN	– Facilities Coordinator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Slattery, RN	– Trauma Program Coordinators	Jason Azuma, NRP	– OC-MEDS Coordinator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greg Boswell, RN	– Fire Chiefs EMS Coordinators	Erica Moojen	– EMS Office Supervisor	
GUESTS PRESENT					
NAME		REPRESENTING	NAME		REPRESENTING
Annabella Anderson, RN		– Mission Hospital	Nicole Miller, RN		– Mission Hospital
Collette Baeza, RN		– UCI Medical Center	Maryle Olivier, RN		– UCI Medical Center
Nate Berkuta		– City of San Clemente	Patrick Powers, EMT-P		– City of Placentia
Drew Bernard		– Emergency Ambulance Service	Sharon Richards		– Hospital Association of S. California
Todd Costa		– Orange County Fire Authority	Rhonda Rosati, RN		– Brea/Fullerton Fire Department
Laura Cross, RN		– Mission Hospital	Sam Roth		– Tenet Healthcare
Josh Dean		– Lifeline Ambulance Service	Michael Tou		– Providence/St. Joseph
Brice Girdley, RN		– Lynch Ambulance Service	Robert Viera		– Care Ambulance Service
Gloria Guerra, RN		– St. Jude Medical Center	Chris Waddell, RN		– Huntington Beach Hospital
Chris Leo		– UCI Medical Center	Api Weinert		– Laguna Beach Fire Department
Julie Mackie, RN		– Mission Hospital	Kim Zaky, RN		– Children’s Hosp. of Orange County

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Peter Anderson.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- David Johnson announced the appointment of Jesse Allured, who became the new Assistant EMS Director in late November, 2020. Also, staff have been hired to fill vacancies within Health Emergency Management. Dr. Schultz announced that Orange County EMS is in the process of hiring a new ALS/CQI Coordinator to replace Vicki Sweet who retired in November.
- Dr. Chien Sun, representing Kaiser Permanente, is now the representative for Managed Care Physicians replacing Dr. Robert McCormick who became Chief of Emergency Services for Kaiser Permanente in Orange County.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

Note: the January 12, 2021 meeting was cancelled due to the increased hospitalizations throughout the County.

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- **OCEMS Report**

Orange County EMS currently monitors hospital diversion on a daily basis. After seeing a surge of patients and ED saturation diversion in triple digits, Orange County EMS established a no diversion policy. The Fairview Alternate Care Site was reopened in December and is slated for a “warm” closure (this allows Fairview to be reactivated within 72 hours). Currently there are seven patients (all Orange County residents) currently admitted to Fairview. Orange County EMS staff are currently staffing a mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Mondays.

Health Emergency Management Report: Danielle Ogaz reported that the HCA Operations Center is accepting resource requests on Wednesdays with the warehouse opened five days a week for distribution of supplies. Currently, the Orange County Health Care Coalition is not meeting due to the pandemic.

- **Epi Update**

Mr. Johnson reported on the vaccine distribution throughout Orange County. The California Department of Public Health has issued new guidelines will be distributed to hospitals. A third vaccine is expected to be approved for EUA status soon (Johnson & Johnson). During the last conference call, CDPH encourages everyone to be vaccinated and not wait for a specific vaccine. Dr. Grewal reported the case rate is now six cases per 100,000. It is anticipated that Orange County will move to the next tier. Dr. Grewal answered a question posed by Patrick Powers on whether the app user may select the vaccine they wish to have administered. Dr. Grewal indicated that the Othena app allows you to select a location by which vaccination you want.

- **Specialty Centers (CCERC, SNRC, CVRC, Trauma)**

Mr. Johnson reported this item is a standing item on the agenda. Two of the trauma centers, Mission Hospital and Orange County Global Medical Center will be undergoing virtual surveys by the American College of Surgeons. All redesignation surveys will be conducted online with no site visits planned. Annabelle Anderson reported that the trauma program manager collaborative is meeting to plan for the virtual trauma site visits being held at the two facilities.

Dr. Sun asked whether Orange County EMS can confirm whether Anaheim Global Medical Center or Chapman Global Medical Center have plans to close their facilities. Mr. Johnson reported that Orange County EMS has not received word from either facility of any pending closures. Once notification has been received, an impact evaluation report must be completed and submitted to CDPH.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report (January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021)**

Attached to the report is Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report for the 2020 calendar year and also for January 1 to January 31, 2021 (see Attachment #2). Jason Azuma presented a report on APOT data for both January and February 2021. APOT reports may be found on the OCEMS website (under Core Measures).

- **Facility Diversion Report (January 1 to December 31, 2020)**

Attached to the packet is the Facility Diversion Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2020 (See Attachment #3). Mr. Johnson reported on the trends noted including peaks noted during the month of July.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None reported.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **New Policies**

Dr. Schultz reported that policies that will become effective on April 1, 2021. These include the established standard for ambulance patient off-load time in Orange County. Dr. Schultz reported there are six or seven policies that will be expected to be released at that time.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.