



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday,
April 9, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Via Zoom

M I N U T E S

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF</u>	
Michael S. Ritter, MD (exc)	– Orange County Medical Assn. (SOCEP)	Carl H. Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
Arturo Pedroza	– Board of Supervisors-First District	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
Vacant	– Board of Supervisors-Second District	Tammi McConnell, MSN	– EMS Director
Timothy Munzing, MD	– Board of Supervisors-Third District	Sam Stratton, MD, MPH	– EMS Physician Researcher
Luis Estevez (exc)	– Board of Supervisors-Fourth District	Jesse Allured	– EMS Assistant Administrator
Ted Heyming, MD	– Board of Supervisors-Fifth District	Danielle Ogaz	– EMS Systems & Standards Chief
Robert Viera	– Ambulance Assn. of Orange County	Adrian Rodriguez	– EMS Ambulance Performance Chief
Rebecca Gomez	– City Selection Committee	Laurent Repass, NREMT-P	– EMS Information Systems Chief
Karen Sharp, RN	– Hospital Association of S. California	Laura Wallin, RN	– ALS/CQI Coordinator
Trez Gutierrez, RN	– Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.	Meng Chung, EMT-P	– BLS Coordinator
Chief Adam Loeser	– Orange County Fire Chiefs Assn.	David Johnson, RN	– Facilities Coordinator
David Gibbs, MD	– Orange County Medical Assn.	Jason Azuma, NREMT-P	– OC-MEDS Coordinator
Michael Killebrew	– Orange County City Managers Assn.	Alison Kelman	– Cities Readiness Coordinator
Chief Stu Greenberg	– Orange County Police Chiefs & Sheriffs Assn.	Wayne Tolosa	– Program Super. II, Training & Exercises
		Mike Chiles	– Program Super. II, Communications
		Andrew Roberts	– EMS Specialist
		Erica Moojen	– EMS Office Supervisor
		Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
		Lisa Wilson	– Information Processing Technician
GUESTS PRESENT			
Whitney Ayers	– Hospital Association of S. California	Walt Lynch	– Lynch Ambulance Service
Dave Barry, EMT-P	– Anaheim Fire and Rescue	Julie Mackie, RN	– Mission Hospital
Randy Black	– Orange County Fire Authority	Nichole Miller, RN	– Mission Hospital
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Kim Nichols, RN	– Placentia-Linda Hospital
Chad Druten	– Emergency Ambulance Service	Maryle Olivier, RN	– UCI Medical Center
Brice Girdley, RN	– Lynch Ambulance Service	Teresa Polinski	–
Robert Granata, MD	– Orange County Global Medical Center	Patrick Powers, EMT-P	– City of Placentia
Larry Grihalva, MICP	– Costa Mesa Fire Department	Rhonda Rosati, RN	– Brea/Fullerton Fire Department
Gloria Guerra, RN	– St. Jude Medical Center	Lynette Salerno	–
Janet Hewson, RN	– Fountain Valley Hospital	Michael Tou	– Providence St. Joseph
Bryan Johnson, RN	– Orange City Fire Department	Jacob Wagoner	– Lynch Ambulance Service
		Bill Weston	– Care Ambulance Service

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Trez Gutierrez.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trez Gutierrez announced the addition of Rebecca (Beckie) Gomez as the new representative from the City Selection Committee.

Tammi McConnell announced the addition of Laura Wallin, RN, who is the new ALS/CQI Coordinator who succeeds Vicki Sweet who retired in November.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 15, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Schultz reported that revisions to Orange County's policies and procedures which became effective on April 1, 2021 are now posted to the OCEMS Website. In addition, the Health Care Agency and its programs are updating their websites.

- **Orange County EMS Report**

Ms. McConnell reported that Orange County EMS staff time have been dedicated to the Health Care Agency Operations Center in managing COVID-19 requests as well as staffing a mobile vaccination POD weekly.

- **Health Emergency Management Report**

Danielle Ogaz presented the Health Emergency Management Report which included the addition of new staff, the dismantling of the Western Shelters, and the upcoming Health Care Coalition of Orange County meetings.

- **Hospital Diversion Report (January 1 to March 31, 2021)**

Attached to the agenda is the Hospital Diversion Report for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2021. Mr. Johnson reported that a "no diversion" directive was issued when 20/25 facilities were on diversion. He also presented reports on the other categories of diversion.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report**

Attached to the agenda is the Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2021. Mr. Repass reported that Orange County EMS has been collecting aggregate APOT data on a monthly basis. Jason Azuma introduced Committee members to the new APOT dashboard.

- **EMCC Correspondence**

Attached to the agenda is a letter announcing the addition of Laura Wallin, RN as the new ALS/CQI Coordinator.

V. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

- **Facilities Advisory Committee (March 9, 2021 meeting)**

Dr. Schultz reported on the items discussed at the Facilities included the standardization of APOT times, and the implementation of the new policies effective April 1, 2021.

- **County Paramedic Advisory Committee (March 10, 2021 meeting)**

Dr. Schultz reported that this Committee discussed many of the items announced year including APOT times, and the implementation of the new policies effective April 1, 2021.

- **Transportation Advisory Committee (April 7, 2021)**

No report.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Orange County Ambulance Ordinance**

Tammi McConnell presented a history of the development and changes that Orange County EMS intends to make on the ambulance ordinance.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- **Orange County EMS Fee Study**

Ms. McConnell reported on the outcome of the previous fee study, which included the proposed new fees to be charged involving the hospital that went before the Board of Supervisors in 2017. The outcome of that agenda item resulted in no new fees for hospital designations. A new fee study will be prepared and any increases to the fees will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in the fall.

III. MEMBER COMMENTS

No member comments were received.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments from members were received.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Due to the current pandemic, the meeting may be held via Zoom videoconferencing.