



COUNTY PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

M I N U T E S

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Theodore Heyming, MD, Chair	– Children’s Hospital of Orange County	Brandon Grinstead, EMT-P	– Orange County Fire Authority
Jon Cline, MD (excused)	– Mission Hospital	Justin Horner, MICP	– Costa Mesa Fire Department
Robert Granata, MD	– Orange County Global Medical Center	Jeff Lopez, EMT-P	– Huntington Beach Fire Department
Matt Hunt, MD (excused)	– Hoag Memorial Hospital		
Iksoo Kang, MD	– St. Jude Medical Center	Kimberly Nichols, RN (excused)	– Orange County ED Nursing Leadership
Eric McCoy, MD (excused)	– UCI Medical Center	Kristin Thompson, RN	– Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Comm.
David Ngo, MD	– Huntington Beach Hospital		
Kelly Unger, MD	– Huntington Beach Hospital		
Claus Hecht, MD	– Orange County Fire Authority		
Robert Katzer, MD	– Anaheim Fire Department		
Shira Schlesinger, MD, MPH	– Newport Beach Fire Department		
		<u>OCEMS Staff</u>	<u>Title</u>
Julia Afrasiabi, RN	– UCI Medical Center	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
Ruth Clark, RN	– Orange County Global Medical Center	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Danielle Ogaz	– EMS Systems and Standards Chief
Gloria Guerra, RN	– St. Jude Medical Center	Laura Wallin, RN	– ALS/CQI Coordinator
Cyndie Strader, RN	– Hoag Memorial Hospital	Meng Chung, EMT-P	– BLS Coordinator
Chris Waddell, RN	– Huntington Beach Hospital	David Johnson, RN	– Facilities Coordinator
Kim Zaky, RN	– Children’s Hospital of Orange County	Jason Azuma, NRP	– OC-MEDS Coordinator
		Briana Hamlet	– Medical Services Intern
		Vicki Sweet, RN	– EMS Nurse Consultant
		Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
GUESTS PRESENT			
<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Drew Bernard	– Emergency Ambulance Service	Bryan Johnson, RN	– City of Orange Fire Department
Greg Boswell, RN	– Fountain Valley Fire Department	Julie Mackie, RN	– Mission Hospital
Ryan Creager	– Mercy Air Service, Inc.	Captain Natalie Nacker	– Orange County Fire Authority
Brice Girdley, RN	– Lynch Ambulance Service	Patrick Powers, EMT-P	– City of Placentia
Larry Grihalva, MICP	– Costa Mesa Fire Department	Susan Schulz	– Orange County Fire Authority
Vanessa Hayflich	– Mercy Air Service, Inc.	Jacob Wagoner	– Lynch Ambulance Service
Caroline Jack, RN	– Newport Beach Fire Department	Api Weinert	– Laguna Beach Fire Department

Note: Due to circumstances beyond our control, the meeting was abruptly cancelled during the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Introduction of Julia Afrasiabi, RN representing UCI Medical Center

Julia Afrasiabi, RN, was introduced as the new Base Hospital Coordinator from UCI Medical Center. She succeeds Maryle Olivier who retired at the end of May.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutest from the May 12, 2021 CPAC Meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Medical Director's Report:** Dr. Schultz reported that the number of COVID cases has increased but not nearly to the level seen in the months of December and January. Orange County EMS intends to initiate a ReddiNet poll effective Monday, July 19, 2021. The poll will be run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to see what impact COVID is having on hospitals in Orange County. He reported that the data being requested include the number of cases seen at the ERCs, the number of patients admitted, and the number of patients in the ICUs. This will allow EMS to determine the next steps needed to be taken. Dr. Grewal provided an update on the case rates; the support of mobile pods; and the number of people who have been fully vaccinated. Approximately 1.8 million of Orange County residents have been fully vaccinated. In comparison to surrounding counties, Orange County is doing better or on par with the remainder of the State.

OCEMS Report: Danielle Ogaz reported that all of the EMT and paramedic training guidelines put into place due to the COVID executive orders will sunset on September 30, 2021. Memos will be distributed to the system this afternoon. EMT training and paramedic training programs will be distributed today.

- **Health Emergency Management Report:** Dr. Grewal reported that Orange County EMS is beginning to prepare the After Action Report regarding to the pandemic. The full report will be presented in the early fall. He announced that the Health Care Coalition has started to resume its meetings with the EMS Committee being chaired by Kim Zaky, RN.
- **Orange County Hospital Diversion Report: January 1 to June 30, 2021:** Attached to the agenda is the hospital diversion report for the first six months of 2021. David Johnson noted that an increase was noted during the months of May and June for ED Diversion. July hospital diversion is anticipated to be high as well. Orange County EMS is starting to track neuro for the Stroke Neuro Receiving Centers.
- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times (APOT): April 1 to June 30, 2021:** Attached to the agenda is the APOT report for the second quarter. Currently, the benchmark of 30 minutes for the 90th percentile is being met. He presented the APOT dashboard and gauges which are on the OCEMS APOT website.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **ALS Standing Order #SO-C-20: Symptomatic Bradycardia – Adult/Adolescent**

Dr. Shira Schleginger expressed concerns on this standing order to determine whether three doses of atropine should be administered before paramedics switch to transcutaneous pacing. Revisions of this standing order will be made to clarify at which point transcutaneous pacing may occur.

Note: *Due to disruptions that occurred during the meeting, no New Business was conducted and the remainder of the meeting was cancelled.*

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None conducted.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None conducted.

The following portion of the minutes is an informational item only and no action is needed.

VIII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Base Hospital Coordinators – *Reported by Ruth Clark, RN*

The Base Hospital Coordinators continue to update the Base Hospital Treatment Guidelines to match the April 1st changes and currently assisting Dr. Schultz with the many changes/comments/suggestions. They are providing guidance and information to the ERCs regarding the data policy additions and entering of Hospital Discharge Data Summaries.

The next NO FEAR Conference will be in-person at Mission Hospital on Friday, November 19, 2021 from 8 am to 12 pm which will be trauma themed.

The next REAC meetings are Huntington Beach Hospital on July 20th; Mission Hospital on July 23rd, St. Jude on August 10th, and UCI Medical Center on August 17th.

- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS – *No report received.*
- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership Council – *Kimberly Nichols reporting:*

This group held its first in-person meeting on July 9, 2021. The emergency receiving centers are back to pre-COVID guidelines. The hospitals are reporting an increase in volumes and acuity.

- Facilities Advisory Committee – *No report given*

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT