



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday, July 12, 2019 – 9:00 am

*Location: Hall of Administration: Commission Hearing Room
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, California 92701*

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arturo Pedroza <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Barke, MD <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Pending Appointment</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Timothy Greco, MD (exc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Karras <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Voss (excused) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letitia Clark <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Sharp, RN (excused) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trez Gutierrez, RN <input type="checkbox"/> Margie Harrier (excused) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Killebrew <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Adam Loeser <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David L. Gibbs, MD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Gomez <input type="checkbox"/> Michael S. Ritter, MD <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Board of Supervisors, First District – Board of Supervisors, Second District – Board of Supervisors, Third District – Board of Supervisors, Fourth District – Board of Supervisors, Fifth District – Ambulance Association of Orange County – American Red Cross – City Selection Committee – Hospital Association of Southern California – Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association – Orange County Business Council – Orange County City Managers Association – Orange County Fire Chiefs Association – Orange County Medical Association – Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – Society of Orange County Emergency Physicians – Orange County Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Association 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam Stratton, MD, MPH Gagandeep Grewal, MD Michelle Cheung, MD Steve Thronson Mike Delaby, MSN, RN Laurent Repass, NRP Danielle Ogaz David Johnson, RN Juan Alvarez Kirstin Wong Jonathan Robinson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMS Medical Director - Associate EMS Medical Director - EMS Physician Specialist - Deputy Agency Director, Regulatory/MHS - Assistant EMS Administrator - EMS Information Systems Chief - EMS Systems & Standards Chief - Facilities Coordinator - EMS Specialist - EMS Specialist - EMS Intern
<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NAME</u></p> <p>Janet Hewson, RN Tim Korber, MD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REPRESENTING</u></p> <p>– Fountain Valley Regional Hospital – Fountain Valley Regional Hospital</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NAME</u></p> <p>Chris Leo Patrick Powers, EMT-P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REPRESENTING</u></p> <p>– UCI Medical Center – Powers Mobile Health</p>

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Michael Ritter.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Announcement of new member:**
 - Michael S. Ritter, MD, now serves as the representative for the Society of Orange County Emergency Physicians which is a subgroup of the Orange County Medical Association.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 12, 2019 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

- **Medical Director's Report:**

– *Dr. Schultz reporting:*

Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center Pilot Project: Children's Hospital of Orange County and Mission Hospital have been participating in this pilot project, where field paramedics may request to make base hospital contact with a MICN at either CHOC or Mission Hospital for the care of a pediatric patient. Orange County EMS is prepared to give Children's Hospital of Orange County designation as a base hospital. A review of the data indicates the success of the pilot project ensuring that pediatric patients are cared for appropriately.

Pit Crew CPR Pilot Project: This pilot project enables paramedics to administer continuous CPR. Data outcomes from this pilot project shows that the return of spontaneous circulation has doubled and proven to be very successful. The pilot project will be completed at the end of July with other fire departments given the option given an option to participate on a voluntary basis.

- **Orange County Hospital Diversion Report: January 1 to June 30, 2019:** David Johnson provided a report on the Orange County's hospital diversion for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2019 as seen in Attachment #2.
- **Ambulance Patient Off-load Times (APOT) Report: January 1 to June 30, 2019:** Mr. Johnson provided a report on the Ambulance Patient Off-load times for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2019, as seen in Attachment #3.
- **Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report: Third Quarter Activity Report FY 2018-19 (January 1 to March 31, 2019):** Dr. Schultz presented the Third Quarter Activity Report for FY 2018-19 on the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation contract for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2019. This report contains the contractual response times for each of the five exclusive operating areas (Regions A – E) as seen in attachment #4.
- **EMCC Correspondence:** Dr. Schultz provided background information regarding the correspondence included in the agenda packet (Attachment #5). Correspondence included an announcement on the suspension of West Anaheim Medical Center's Cardiovascular Receiving Center designation; notifications regarding the shortages of fentanyl and sodium bicarbonate; and the system change notification regarding an update to OCEMS Policy/Procedure #300.31 (OC-MEDS Data Dictionary).

V. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

Dr. Schultz reported on items discussed at the Facilities Advisory, and County Paramedic Advisory Committees. Both the Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee and the Transportation Advisory Committee will meet in the next two weeks.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #714.00: Maximum Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates:** Attached to the agenda packet (see Attachment #6) are the maximum emergency ground ambulance rates that became effective on July 1, 2019.
- **American College of Surgeons Trauma System Evaluation:** Mr. Johnson presented a report on the upcoming American College of Surgeons (ACS) trauma system evaluation. The ACS is a verifying body that has been reviewing Orange County's trauma centers for many years. In addition to hospital verifications, the ACS also performs system evaluation at both County and State levels. THE ACS team will consist of experts from different parts of the United States. The evaluation will begin on Monday, July 15, 2019. A report and any recommendations are expected in the coming months.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

Mike DeLaby provided information on the Public Safety Power Shutoffs which Southern California Edison plans to implement in high fire risk areas in an effort to reduce fire risk during extreme and potentially dangerous fire weather conditions. Mr. DeLaby outlined the process that will take place. This information is being provided to ensure that facilities are aware of the plan in place so that they may review their emergency plans in the event that a shut off may occur. Committee members discussed the impact that a shutoff would have on hospitals, long-term care facilities, dialysis centers, etc. over a prolonged period of time.

B. State Regulations for Specialty Critical Care Systems (STEMI/Stroke)

Dr. Schultz reported that the State of California developed new regulations for both STEMI (CVRC) and stroke centers that became effective July 1, 2019. He doesn't anticipate a major impact to Orange County's specialty centers with the implementation of the new regulations. Facilities currently designated, must be in compliance with the new regulations when their facility is due for re-designation. Dr. Schultz reported that new regulations for EMS for Children had also been released.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Jim Karras: Reported that the Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator conducted a poll of ambulance service providers in the region to determine the number of strike teams that could be deployed to Ridgecrest, in the event that additional strike teams are needed. The deployment of these strike teams had no impact on ambulance transportation in Orange County. He also reported that ambulance service providers will be participating in a drill at the Joint Air Force base in Los Alamitos.

X. PUBLIC FORUM

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hall of Administration in the Commission Hearing Room.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.