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 Emergency Medical Care Committee
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July 13, 2018				
Introductions and Announcements	Introduction of new members appointed effective July 1, 2018.	7/13/18	7/13/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margie Harrier representing the Orange County Business Council; • Michael Killebrew representing the Orange County City Managers Association; • Chief Tom Schultz representing the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association; • Chief Charles Celano, Jr. representing the Orange County Police Chiefs & Sheriffs Association.
	Members reappointed effective July 1, 2018.	7/13/18	7/13/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Karras representing the Ambulance Association of Orange County; • Letitia Clark representing the City Selection Committee; • Rebecca Gomez representing the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Director's Report • Orange County Hospital Diversion Report • Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report • Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report for Third Quarter FY 2017-18 • EMCC Correspondence 	7/13/18	Ongoing	Report given by OCEMS Staff.
EMCC Advisory Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports given on Facilities Advisory and County Paramedic Advisory Subcommittee meetings held in July 2018. 	Ongoing	Ongoing	Hear report.
Children's Hospital of Orange County Pediatric Resource Center	Hear report regarding the American College of Surgeon's recommendation after the evaluation of Children's Hospital of Orange County as a pediatric trauma center.	07/13/18	Ongoing	Dr. Stratton reported that the American College of Surgeons recommended that CHOC consider designation as a base hospital. The Facilities Advisory Subcommittee asked that any recommendation be deferred until concerns expressed by the Committee be addressed.



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Orange County Grand Jury Reports	The Orange County Grand Jury released a report titled, "Competition or Collaboration Orange County's Public Agency Helicopters"	7/13/18	7/13/18	This grand jury report was presented to give Committee members an opportunity to review the report. Health Care Agency staff were not interviewed in preparation of this report.
Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) Designation as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center	The American College of Surgeons recommended that the hospital seek designation as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center.	7/13/18	7/13/18	CHOC has notified Orange County EMS they intend to seek verification as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center.
Orange County Trauma Center Application Request: Fountain Valley Regional Hospital	A letter of intent and application for designation as a Level II Adult Trauma Center were received by Fountain Valley Regional Hospital.	7/13/18	Ongoing	Dr. Stratton reported that an impact analysis will need to be performed on the potential addition of the facility as a trauma center. <i>Public Comments were heard from Ann Abe, CEO of Orange County Global Medical Center; Michael Lekawa, MD, Chief of Trauma Services of UCI Medical Center; and Kenneth McFarland, CEO of Fountain Valley Regional Hospital.</i>
9-1-1 BLS Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services Request for Proposal Public Comments	Orange County EMS is in the process of developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for provision of the 9-1-1 BLS Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services. Public comments on the 2014 RFP are being accepted through July 31, 2018.	7/13/18	Ongoing	<i>Stephen Wontrobski: Comments regarding the overcharging by the Orange County Fire Authority and suggestions made on changes to the contract.</i>
Facility Re-designations and Designation	Re-designation of Huntington Beach Hospital as an emergency receiving center and base hospital for a period of three years. Designation of Children's Hospital as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center for three years.	7/13/18	7/13/18	<i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that Orange County EMS re-designate Huntington Beach Hospital as an emergency receiving center and as a base hospital for a three year period.</i> <i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended the designation of Children's Hospital of Orange County as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center for a period of three years (note: Art Pedroza abstained from voting on this designation due to a conflict of interest).</i>



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Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #900.00: Multi-Casualty Incident Response Plan	This policy/procedure was presented for approval at the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee and the County Paramedic Advisory Subcommittee in July 2018.	7/13/18	7/13/18	<i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that Orange County EMS approve this policy as recommended by subcommittees.</i>
Public Comments	Oral comments heard on the closure of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center San Clemente and on rebates charged by the Orange County Fire Authority for ALS and BLS ambulance transportation.	7/13/18	7/13/18	<i>Oral Comments received Stephen Wontrobski.</i>
October 26, 2018 Meeting				
Announcements/Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of personnel from Orange City Fire Department and the Orange County Fire Authority. • Formal introduction of Police Chief Charles Celano • Introduction of new EMS Systems and Standards Chief. 	10/26/18	10/26/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ritter thanked personnel from these two fire agencies for their response to a fatal automobile accident involving a physician from Mission Hospital • Congratulations to Chief Celano on his upcoming retirement after a 27-year career in law enforcement with the city of Tustin. • Introduction of Danielle Ogaz as the new EMS Systems & Standards Chief.
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Director Report • Epidemiology Report • Orange County Hospital Diversion Report • Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report • Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report for FY 2017-18 Annual Report • 2019 Ambulance Request for Proposal Evaluation Panel Pool • Orange County EMS System Report for FY 2017-18 • Legislation 	10/26/18	Ongoing	Report given by OCEMS Staff.
EMCC Advisory Subcommittee Reports	Hear reports from advisory subcommittees of the Emergency Medical Care Committee.	10/26/18	10/26/18	Reports given by OCEMS Staff.



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OCEMS Policy/Procedure #310.05: Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center Contact and Transport Criteria	This is a pilot project that will allow Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) to provide online medical control to field personnel for those patients whose destination is determined to be CHOC. Currently Orange County EMS is in discussion with another facility to offer the same type of pediatric patient management.	7/13/18 10/26/18	Ongoing	Dr. Stratton reported this pilot project was developed upon a recommendation made by the American College of Surgeons recommendation that CHOC be directly involved in the management of acute pediatric patient with field personnel.
American College of Surgeons Trauma System Survey	Several inquiries made from facilities that have expressed interest in trauma center designation.	10/26/18	Ongoing	Negotiations are currently underway with the American College of Surgeons to assemble a team of trauma system experts to conduct an evaluation of Orange County's trauma system. Facilities (not exclusive to trauma centers) and first responders will be asked to provide input.
January 18, 2019				
Introductions/Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in Leadership of Orange County EMS 	1/18/19	1/18/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ritter announced the retirement of Samuel J. Stratton, MD as the EMS Medical Director effective January 18, 2019. • Introduction of Carl H. Schultz as the EMS Medical Director effective January 18, 2019. • Announcement of Gagandeep Grewal, MD as the new Associate EMS Medical Director.
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Director Update • 2018 Hospital Diversion Annual Report • 2018 Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time Report • 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report for First Quarter of FY 2018-19 • EMCC Correspondence 	1/18/19	Ongoing	Report given by OCEMS Staff.
EMCC Advisory Subcommittee Reports	Hear reports from advisory subcommittees of the Emergency Medical Care Committee.	1/18/19	1/18/19	Reports given by OCEMS Staff.
EMS Fees Effective January 1, 2019	A memorandum outlining the fees approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors that became effective on January 1, 2019 was attached to the agenda.	1/18/19	1/18/19	Hear report.



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Appointment of Nomination Committee for EMCC Slate of Officers for Calendar Year	Nominating committee plans to meet to appoint a slate of officers.	1/18/19	4/12/19	Karen Sharp, RN and Jim Karras offered to serve as members of the nominating committee.
Facility Re-designationss and Designation	<p>Re-designation of Anaheim Regional Medical Center as an emergency receiving center and as a cardiovascular receiving center. (Facilities Advisory Subcommittee recommended that the facility be re-designated as an emergency receiving center for three years and as a cardiovascular receiving center on a conditional basis for one year</p> <p>Designation of Mission Hospital (Mission Viejo) as a Comprehensive Children’s Emergency Receiving Center [CCERC]. (Facilities Advisory Subcommittee recommended that Mission Hospital be designated as a CCERC for one year.</p>	1/18/19	1/18/19	<p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that Orange County EMS re-designate Anaheim Regional Medical Center as an emergency receiving center for three years and as a cardiovascular receiving center on a conditional basis for a period of one year.</i></p> <p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended the designation of Mission Hospital (Mission Viejo) for a one year period. (note: Dr. Ritter recused himself from voting on this designation due to a conflict of interest).</i></p>
April 12, 2019				
Introductions/Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new members appointed since January, 2019 	4/12/19	4/12/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeffrey Barke, MD, representing the Second District. • David Gibbs, MD, representing the Orange County Medical Association. • Chief Adam Loeser representing the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association.
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Director’s Report • Orange County EMS Report • Orange County Hospital Diversion Report (first Quarter 2019) • Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times Report • Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report (Mid-Year) • EMCC Correspondence 	4/12/19	Ongoing	Orange County EMS provided the report which included the availability of high risk ambulances, the John Wayne Airport exercise, the Hepatitis A outbreak, and the Health Care Coalition.
EMCC Advisory Subcommittee Reports	Hear reports from advisory subcommittees of the Emergency Medical Care Committee.	4/12/19	4/12/19	Reports given by OCEMS Staff.



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American College of Surgeons Trauma System Survey	American College of Surgeons Trauma System Evaluation	10/26/18 4/12/19	Ongoing	A contract between the County of Orange and the American College of Surgeons has been signed with the visit to take place the week of July 15 to 18, 2019. The purpose of this visit is to review the EMS System in regards to the trauma system.
Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center Pilot Project	Pilot Project began on February 4, 2019 where field paramedics may request to speak with a base hospital MICN at either Children's Hospital of Orange County or at Mission Hospital for the care of pediatric patients.	7/13/18 10/26/18 4/12/19	Ongoing	This pilot project is doing well. Orange County EMS staff are currently gathering data on all pediatric patients who meet criteria.
Ground Ambulance Service Rates effective July 1, 2019	Due to a change in the approved methodology, it is necessary to return to the Board of Supervisors to change the CPI table. This became necessary due to a change in the tables as revised by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.	4/12/19	Ongoing	Hear report prepared by OCEMS staff. <i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee supports the Health Care Agency's proposed change in methodology using the Consumer Price Index "Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim" series to adjust the rates on an annual basis for mileage, oxygen, standby, and expendable medical supplies.</i>
Appointment of Slate of Officers for Calendar Year	Slate of officers selected by Nominating Committee: Michael Ritter, MD, as Chair and Trez Gutierrez, RN, as Vice Chair for FY year 2019-20	1/18/19 4/12/19	4/12/19	<i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee has appointed Dr. Michael Ritter to serve as Chair and Trez Gutierrez to serve as Vice Chair.</i>
Member Comments	Use of local ambulance service providers at community events.	4/12/19	4/12/19	<i>Rebecca Gomez: Appreciated the community participation by local ambulance service providers and thanked them for their participation. She asked how an organization could make a request for them to participate in a community event.</i> <i>Mike Killebrew indicated that a request be made to their local ambulance service provider.</i>