



COUNTY PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
 Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
MEMBERS	REPRESENTING	MEMBERS	REPRESENTING
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theodore Heyming, MD	- BHPD – Children’s Hospital of Orange Cnty	<input type="checkbox"/> Patty Gleed, RN	- Paramedic Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Hunt, MD	- BHPD – Hoag Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Thompson, RN	- Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> David Ngo, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Nichols, RN	- ED Nursing Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Unger, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- Trauma Nurse Coordinators
<input type="checkbox"/> Jon Cline MD	- BHPD – Mission Hospital		
<input type="checkbox"/> Kim-Tan Nguyen, MD	- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	<u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Iksoo Kang, MD	- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center	Carl Schultz, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Eric McCoy, MD	- BHPD – UCI Medical Center	Mike De Laby, RN, EMT-P	- Assistant EMS Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Katzer, MD	- Anaheim Fire and Rescue Dept.	Danielle Ogaz	- EMS Systems & Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claus Hecht MD	- Orange County Fire Authority	Vicki Sweet, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Shira Schlesinger, MD	- Newport Beach Fire Department	David Johnson, RN	- EMS Facilities Coordinator
		Jason Azuma, EMT-P	- OC-MEDS Coordinator
		Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Zaky, RN	- BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange Cnty.	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyndie Strader, RN	- BHC – Hoag Hospital	Greg Boswell, RN	- Orange County Fire Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Waddell, RN	- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital	Shelley Brukman, RN	- Fountain Valley Fire Dept.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cross, RN	- BHC – Mission Hospital	Julie Mackie, RN	- Mission Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	- BHC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	Aaron Oshima	- Mercy Air Service
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melanie Golda, RN	- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center	Nicole Plaffe, RN	- Children’s Hospital of Orange Cnty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maryle Olivier, RN	- BHC – UCI Medical Center	Rhonda Rosati, RN	- Brea/Fullerton Fire Department
		Amy Waunch, RN	- Children’s Hospital of Orange Cnty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Barry, EMT-P	- Representing Anaheim Fire Department		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Grinstead, EMT-P	- Representing Orange County Fire Auth.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Fleming EMT-P	- REAC – Huntington Beach Hospital		
<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Fairchild, EMT-P	- REAC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Theodore Heyming, MD.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

Presented by Dr. Schultz:

• **Medical Director’s Report**

Due to the current pandemic EMS staff have been staffing both the Health Care Agency’s Operations Center and the EMS offices. He reported that changes are expected to be made to criteria for specialty receiving centers in regard to data reporting requirements. Dr. Schultz reported that changes will be made to Policy/Procedure #310.10 to clarify language regarding the care of hospice patients. In addition, changes will be made to Policy/Procedure #310.15 regarding “Physician of Scene” to include other health care providers (e.g., midwives, paramedics).

- **OCEMS Report:**

Vicki Sweet reported that Orange County EMS continues to monitor those reports for patients whose primary impressions include symptoms for COVID-19. Currently both diversion hours and APOT times are monitored daily and continue to remain stable. Fairview Developmental Center has been designated as an alternate care site which was expected to close at the end of June. Initially, patients were transported to Fairview using the Los Angeles County Medical Alert Center (MAC) but patients are now being routed to Fairview through the State's All Access Center. The Orange County EMS website has the instructions and documents that must be completed for patients transported to Fairview.

- **Health Emergency Management (Disaster Report):**

Danielle Ogaz reported that the Health Care Agency's AOC has been opened full time since March, 2020. She reported on the number of PPE distributed through the AOC; the status of skilled nurse facilities; and the number of skilled nursing facilities who have reported COVID19 patients.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time Report:**

Attached to the agenda is the APOT report for the period of June 1 to June 30, 2020 (Attachment #2). Jason Azuma reported that for the past 2½ months, Orange County has averaged 12,000 to 15,000 runs per month. Dave Barry asked if hospitals intend to increase ED staffing should the pandemic impact hospitals adversely.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Pediatric Medication Guide (I-20) – Finalize Algorithm**

Dr. Schultz reported that the new pediatric medication guide developed by a task force consisting of Medical Advisory Committee members has been approved and will be included on the EMS website.

- **COVID-19**

Dr. Schultz reported that Orange County has seen an increasing number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Committee members stressed the importance of donning PPE for all types of patients and not limited to those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

- **Placentia Fire Department Status Update**

Dr. Schultz reported that effective July 1, 2020, the City of Placentia elected to terminate its contract with the Orange County Fire Authority and establish its own fire department. Fire personnel provide fire services with Lynch Ambulance Service providing paramedic services. All medical aid calls are being monitored by Orange County EMS.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Fire EMS Advisory Group**

Dr. Schultz reported that the Orange County Fire Chiefs asked that Orange County EMS meet with an advisory group consisting of field service providers to discuss policies and procedures, standing orders, and base hospital orders and review them from the field personnel perspective. The frequency of meetings is not known at this time.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Base Hospital Coordinators:** Laura Cross reported that the coordinators are currently preparing plans to conduct their fall MICN class online. They are also planning their fall NO FEAR conference.
- **Orange County Fire Chiefs Association:** Kristin Thompson reported the impact of COVID-19 on fire service personnel. Only two agencies have fire personnel who have not tested positive for COVID-19. Ms. Thompson asked that hospitals to please notify agencies should a patient they may have transported has tested positive for COVID-19. Hospital personnel indicated there is a time lapse of several days due to the time lapse in receiving test results.
- **Orange County Nursing Leadership:** Kim Nichols reported that the group plan to meet on Friday, July 10, 2020. At their last meeting, there was extensive discussion about COVID-19.
- **Facilities Advisory Committee:** Orange County EMS intends to cancel the meeting scheduled for July 14, 2020. Meeting notifications will be sent out before the end of the week.

IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.