



COUNTY PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Theodore Heyming, MD
- Matthew Hunt, MD
- David Ngo, MD
- Kelly Unger, MD
- Jon Cline MD
- Kim-Tan Nguyen, MD
- Iksoo Kang, MD
- Eric McCoy, MD
- Robert Katzer, MD
- Claus Hecht MD (excused)
- Shira Schlesinger, MD

REPRESENTING

- BHPD – Children’s Hospital of Orange County
- BHPD – Hoag Hospital
- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- BHPD – Mission Hospital
- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center
- BHPD – UCI Medical Center
- Anaheim Fire and Rescue Dept.
- Orange County Fire Authority
- Newport Beach Fire Department

MEMBERS

- Dave Barry, EMT-P
- Brandon Grinstead, EMT-P-
- Dane Morrissey, EMT-P
- Jason Fairchild, EMT-P
- Patty Gleed, RN
- Kristin Thompson, RN
- Kim Nichols, RN
- Vacant

REPRESENTING

- Representing Anaheim Fire Department
- Representing Orange County Fire Auth.
- REAC – Huntington Beach Hospital
- REAC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
- Paramedic Training
- Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee
- ED Nursing Leadership
- Trauma Nurse Coordinators

OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

- Carl Schultz, MD - EMS Medical Director
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD - Associate EMS Medical Director
- Danielle Ogaz - EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- Vicki Sweet, RN - ALS/CQI Coordinator
- David Johnson, RN - EMS Facilities Coordinator
- Jason Azuma, EMT-P - OC-MEDS Coordinator
- Erica Moojen - EMS Office Supervisor
- Eileen Endo - Office Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

MEMBERS

- Drew Bernard
- Greg Boswell, RN
- Shelley Brukman, RN
- Luis Estevez
- Brice Girdley
- Larry Grihalva
- Janet Hewson, RN

REPRESENTING

- Emergency Ambulance
- Orange County Fire Authority
- Fountain Valley Fire Department
- City of Placentia
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Costa Mesa Fire Department
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital

MEMBERS

- Bryan Johnson, RN
- Julie Kim, RN
- Julie Mackie, RN
- Patrick Powers
- Rhonda Rosati, RN
- Phil Robinson
- Amy Waunch, RN

REPRESENTING

- Orange City Fire Department
- St. Jude Medical Center
- Mission Hospital
- City of Placentia
- Brea/Fullerton Fire Department
- City of Laguna Niguel
- Children’s Hospital of Orange County

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Ted Heyming.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Schultz announced the passing of Dr. Bruce Haynes, who served as the EMS Authority Medical Director; and as Medical Director for Imperial, Orange, and San Diego counties during his career. In addition, Stephanie Lush, the trauma program manager at UCI Medical Center has retired. Mary Slattery has accepted the position.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 8, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

Presented by Dr. Schultz:

Medical Director’s Report

ALS Standing Order I-20: Pediatric Medication Volume Doses by Weight, has been approved and posted to the OCEMS website. Dr. Schultz thanked Drs. Katzer, Schlesinger and Kim Zaky for their hard work in creating this procedure. In addition, paramedics may administer sodium bicarb via IO or IV in cardiac arrest patients. The use of epinephrine in traumatic full arrest patients has been eliminated.

- **OCEMS Report:**

Vicki Sweet reported that the Medical Health Agency Operational Coordination report has been released on a daily basis. Beginning next week, this report is being released on a weekly basis. The Fairview alternative care site currently has ten patients with five from Orange County, three from Los Angeles, three from San Diego and one from Ventura. While it is not known how long the site will remain open, the anticipated closure date will be September 30th.

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

Danielle Ogaz reported that the Health Care Agency Operations Center (AOC) is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 am-4:00 pm for resource requests. Pick up hours are 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. Orange County has received 7,853 orders; filled 6,056; with 1,048 orders being denied or redacted. 92% of orders are being filled.

- **Hospital Diversion Report (January-June, 2020):**

Attached to the agenda is the hospital diversion report for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2020. David Johnson reported that a decrease was noted in the second quarter with a rise seen in June and July. He noted the reasons why hospitals have gone on diversion. Reasons include staffing and bed availability issues. While trauma diversion hours should an increase, the percentage of time on diversion remains within an acceptable standard.

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

Attached to the agenda is the July 2020 APOT report. David Johnson reported that Orange County EMS reviews APOT time on a continuous basis with no specific patterns noted. At this time, Orange County EMS is looking to standardize APOT times due to the amount of data report during a two-year period.

V. **Unfinished Business**

- **COVID-19**

Dr. Schultz reported that Orange County anticipates moving from the purple tier to the red tier allowing more businesses and for schools to open. Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported the hospital trends have declined in Orange County. The Orange County Health Care Agency will continue to stress importance the importance of monitor for both influenza and COVID. At this time, there are no plans to use POD sites for vaccinating for flu.

- **Placentia Fire Department Status Update**

Dr. Carl Schultz reported that there are no issues with medical care or with transport times. EMS is satisfied with how things are going with Placentia. Orange County continues to monitor the ePCRs to ensure there are no problems.

VI. **New Business**

- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms**

Dr. Schultz reported that this subject was discussed by the Medical Advisory Committee. Orange County will be compiling a list of surgeons/facilities who can be contacted to accept these types of cases. There are no plans to create a designation process for facilities who are able to take these cases.

VII. **Other Business**

VIII. **Advisory Committee Reports**

- **Base Hospital Coordinators**

Laura Cross reported that a new MICN class began yesterday. The Base Hospital Coordinators will be holding a "No Fear Series" will be every Monday in November at 9:00am. It will be a 1-hour CE with ER type topics via Zoom. No Fear flyer will go out on October 1st.

- **Orange County Fire Chief EMS**

Rhonda Rosati reported that the Fire Chiefs EMS Committee met last week and discussed safety stand-down, suicide (please visit the website, www.healingourown.org). Stephanie from Western Youth Services is training first responders on wellness & mental health.

- **Orange County Nursing Leadership**

No report.

- **Facilities Advisory Subcommittee**

Dr. Carl Schultz reported that hospital designations have been extended until the redesignation process can be re-started and that letters advising facilities of this have been sent. David Johnson reported that specialty centers have been notified to continue sending the required data. He reported that Orange County EMS is beginning to form PI committees for both STEMI and stroke centers.

IX. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.