



County of Orange / Health Care Agency
HEALTH DISASTER MANAGEMENT DIVISION/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting:

February 25, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

**Location: EMS Office - 405 W. Fifth Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
4th Floor, Conference Room 433**

Mission Statement: *"To act in an advisory capacity to the County Board of Supervisors and to Orange County Emergency Medical Services on all matters relating to emergency medical services in Orange County."*

THE COMMITTEE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE OR DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM, AND ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST WHICH ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA, BUT WHICH ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

A G E N D A

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: 12-10-10 meeting minutes

(Attachment 1)

IV. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**

- OCMEDS Update: Report on the status of the new system.
- Disaster Preparations: Report on the County's disaster preparations.
- 2010/2011 Influenza Season: Report on current flu season
- Hospital Diversion: Ongoing report on hospital diversion statistics for paramedic receiving centers going on by pass when they are unable to receive patients.

(Attachment 2)

V. **PUBLIC FORUM** (non-agendized)

At this time, members of the public may address the Chairman regarding any items within the subject matter of this advisory committee's authority provided by law. Comments are limited to 3-5 minutes per person and 20 minutes for all comments unless different time limits are set by the Chairman; subject to the approval of the committee.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Ground Ambulance Service Basic Life support (BLS Rates Adjustment and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Rate.

On September 11, 2007 the Board of Supervisors OCEMS approved a new methodology for the adjustment of Basic Life Support ground ambulance rates and the Orange County Fire Authority's Advanced Life Support Paramedic Assessment and Transport fee. The method finds the percentage change in the annual "all Items" Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area. This percentage change is multiplied by a factor of 150%. OCEMS then utilizes the data from the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics to determine the change from the prior year and

calculate any proposed rate increases. In accordance with Orange County Emergency Medical Services Policy 720.00, Section 314, *Orange County Ambulance Rules and Regulations Related to Ground Service Rates Adjustment*, the City Managers and Fire Chiefs (of cities that adopted the Orange County Ambulance Ordinance) would be notified of the proposed basic life support (BLS) rates and invited to provide written or verbal comments and then the rates are brought to EMCC for consideration. For the last two years the proposed rates have not been sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval due to the economic conditions.

B. Call Panel Survey

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Action: Paramedic Receiving Center Designation (Attachment 3)

Approve the Paramedic Receiving Center designation for 625.10 (December, 2009 – December 2012), 626.10 (December, 2009 – December 2012), 627.10 (December, 2009 – December 2012), and 630.10 (September 2010 – August 2013), for three years as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Committee on January 11, 2011.

VIII. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

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| A. Facilities Advisory Committee | - (1/11/11 meeting) | (Attachment 4) |
| B. County Paramedic Advisory Committee | - (1/12/11 meeting) | (Attachment 5) |
| C. Education & Training Advisory Committee | - (1/5/11 meeting) | (Attachment 6) |
| D. Transportation Advisory Committee | - (1/26/11 meeting) | (Attachment 7) |
| E. Disaster Advisory Group | - No report (1/19/11 meeting cancelled) | |
| F. Trauma Operations Committee | - No report (1/4/11 meeting cancelled) | |
| G. Quality Assurance Board | - No report (12/13/10 meeting cancelled) | |

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

X. NEXT MEETING - Friday, April 22, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT