Attachment 3 Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes August 23, 2013



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Friday, August 23, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. Location: Hall of Administration: Commission Hearing Room 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
MEMBERS	CATEGORY REPRESENTED	GUESTS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Uacant □ Patrick Powers □ Nick Anas, MD □ Jon Gilwee □ Vacant □ Monica Ruzich □ Vacant, RN □ Kenneth McFarland □ Michelle Tom, MD □ Philip Davis □ Brad Reese □ Margie Harrier, RN □ Vacant □ Chief Wolfgang Knabe □ Bryan Hoynak, MD □ Chief Paul Henisey □ vacant	 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 Board of Supervisors, Fifth District American Red Cross, OC Chapter Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn. Hospital Association of So. Calif. Society of OC Emergency Physicians Ambulance Association of OC League of California Cities OC Business Council OC City Managers Association OC Fire Chiefs Association OC Medical Association OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn. OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council 	Ryan Creager Jon Detviller Michael Dimas Adrian Donaldson Rosemary Dudevoir Walter Garcia Nicole Haney Michelle Honeycutt Jim Ignacio Steve Katanich John Latha Greg Lewin Kathleen Moran Greg Pate Dave Rose, EMT-P Bill Weston Stephen Wontrobski	Mercy Air Service Medix Ambulance Service Medix Ambulance Service Pacific Ambulance Service PMT Ambulance Service Medix Ambulance Service Medix Ambulance Service Lynch Ambulance Service Lynch Ambulance Service Premier Medical Transport Schaefer Ambulance Service OC Firefighters' Association Orange Fire Department Board of Supervisors 2 nd District Public Orange County Fire Authority Care Ambulance Service Public
HCA STAFF Richard Sanchez Holly Veale Lydia Mikhail Sam Stratton, MD Ken Miller, MD Tammi McConnell, RN Mike Delaby, RN	REPRESENTING - Assistant Director - Medical Services - Division Manager - EMS Medical Director - EMS Assistant Med Director - EMS Program Manager - EMS Facilities Coordinator	HCA STAFF Jane Elder, RN Mike Noone, NREMT-P Vicki Sweet, RN Fran Cohen, RN Erica Moojen Melissa Murphy Eileen Endo	REPRESENTING - EMS Coordinator (ALS) - EMS Coordinator (BLS) - EMS CQI Liaison - EMS Nurse Liaison - EMS Office Supervisor - EMS Specialist - Office Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Jon Gilwee, Chair.

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Self introductions were made by Committee members.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: June 28, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.

4. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

Informational item only.

5. <u>EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS</u>

No reports given.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Interfacility Transport Advanced Life Support (IFT-ALS) Pilot

Public comments supporting and opposing the pilot program from John Latta, Stephen Wontrobski, Greg Lewin, Michael Dimas, Steve Katanich, Jim Ignacio, Michelle Honeycutt, Dave Rose, and Greg Pate. After hearing public comments, Dr. Stratton made a presentation regarding the IFT-ALS pilot program to address the purpose and design of the system, and to address any concerns and questions expressed here by members of the EMS community and the public at large.

Member Comments:

- Dr. Anas: Addressed the importance of patients being transported safely and in a timely manner. This would enable patients to have a better outcome which translates into lower costs.
- Chief Knabe: Expressed concerns of the Orange County Fire Chiefs' Association. He stressed the importance of limiting IFT-ALS transports to take place between acute care facilities.
- Dr. Hoynak: Agreed that the IFT-ALS transports should only take place between acute care facilities. Concurred with Dr. Stratton on the lengthy wait times for CCT units to transport patients to another acute care facility.
- Chief Paul Henisey: While supportive of fire personnel and works closely with those stationed near the University of California, Irvine and UCI Medical Center, Chief Henisey supported this proposal as it would allow fire personnel to respond to 9-1-1 emergencies.
- Jon Gilwee: The implementation of the program is to ensure that Orange County residents receive quality patient care. He is supportive of this program which would allow physicians an option to transport patients from an acute care facility in this manner.
- Kenneth McFarland: Stressed the importance of no delay in patient transport. He indicated the proposal has been well thought out to ensure quality patient care.
- Mayor Reese: Supportive of the proposal and stated the intent of the program is not to replace the existing 9-1-1 system but to augment it to allow fire paramedics to respond to emergencies.
- Margie Harrier: Expressed concerns on the level of care, costs, and the quality of care.

Note: Patrick Powers recused himself from comments and any votes taking place on this subject.

Dr. Stratton thanked those expressing their concerns by addressing this Committee, and the input from Committee members as they have been very helpful. Dr. Stratton has made the decision to implement the IFT-ALS program effective October 1, 2013.

Any entity (public or private) meeting the requirements may submit an application for this program.

Committee members have requested that Orange County EMS provide a report in six months.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Patrick Powers: recommended that Ambulance Ordinance 3517 be revised.

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

Kathleen Moran: Oral Comments on maximum ground ambulance service rates.

10. NEXT MEETING - Friday, October 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Room - 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana 92701

11. ADJOURNMENT

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