County of Orange Health Care Agency
Health Disaster Management/Emergency Medical Services
Education & Training Advisory Sub Committee
405 W. Fifth Street, Conference Room 433
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Wednesday, January 8th, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
I. CALL TO ORDER	Mike Noone, Orange County EMS Melissa Murphy, Orange County EMS Jane Elder, Orange County EMS Vicki Sweet, Orange County EMS Patrick Powers, Lynch EMS Rikin Patel, Premier Amb Edward Valder, NPSC Robert Willams, TES Stacy Robison, Coastline ROP Adrian Rodriguez, Care Ambulance Lorie Mayfield, FPSC Bret Russell, Southcoast ROP Suzie Spears, Southcoast ROP	
II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Meeting every other month in 2014. OCEMS working on mass e-mail list for Ed and Training Ad Sub Meeting.	
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	November 6th, 2013. Were not available at this time.	
IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE	Medical Director Update - No Report.	
A. OCMEDS/ EPCR	Sweet- ePCR usage is above 90%. Providers not using OCMEDS are still having some issues with data transfer. OCEMS is receiving good data. Are the Educators incorporating ePCR in classroom since by 2015 all must have ePCRs There was discussion about teaching about ePCRs in EMT training. While some felt it might be beneficial, there may not be time in the curriculum to go over too many specifics. With the	

	need to keep up with Medicare and MediCal requirements, it presents a challenge, especially with teaching about narrative documentation for billing purposes and increased pressure for EMTs to document with limited time in the field.
B. IFT-ALS	Applications are being processed.
C. Accreditation	Online Orange County Accreditation- Noone is working on online education. Will release for approval to committee before placed on the website. Consistent way of teaching. 100% online accreditation. Skills will still be in-person testing. OCEMS working on making website easier for EMTs to understand how to make a profile in OCMEDS.
D. Community Para Medicine	Sweet- Pilot Program has been submitted to Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). Waiting for approval. Should have an answer by April to start training in September.
V. NEW BUSINESS	
A. Spinal Immobilization	Spinal Immobilization education may need to be restructured. There was discussion about spinal immobilization education, especially for patients with kyphosis. It is difficult to maintain position of comfort and still adequately immobilize. V Sweet mentioned that trauma centers are seeing an increase in neck injuries related to fall from standing position or short distance. Hospitals try to remove pts from backboards due to the increase risk of developing skin breakdown from being on a hard surface
B. Suctioning	EMT skill that is not being taught in extent. It is a BLS skill. It was recommended to explore specific policies related to the types of suctioning, e.g. deep, stoma, etc.
C. Restraint policy	Draft to relieve the EMT of having to convince facility that restraint is necessary for patients under a legal hold. Suggested that the policy state that pts under a legal hold will be restrained. This is still up for discussion.

D. CEU Providers	Elder- Asked that educators Provide OCEMS with an annual summery of CE classes that were provided by your company. If your company name changes they must let OCEMS know. CE provider number will not be the same with state. Must get a new provider number. April 01, 2014 is deadline for all EMT training programs to incorporate the new state regulations. OCEMS will change education policy to be consistent with the state.
VI. OTHER BUSINESS	
C. E2C2	California Council of EMS Educators looking for more members. http://www.ccoee.net/
VII. NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, March, 5th, 2014
Meeting Adjourned	Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 at 1030.

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