



FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
MEMBERS	CATEGORY REPRESENTED	OCEMS STAFF PRESENT	REPRESENTING
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Anderson, MD, Chair	– OCMA (ED Physician Directors)	Samuel J. Stratton, MD	– EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Markie Cowley	– PRC Hospital Administrators	Mike Delaby, RN, EMT-P	– Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brukman, RN,	– Base Hospital Coordinators	Mike Steinkraus, AEMT	– EMS Coordinator – Disaster
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lekawa, MD	– Trauma Center Directors	Vicki Sweet, RN	– ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Lush, RN, (exc.)	– Trauma Nurse Coordinators	Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Ord, RN	– Fire EMS Coordinators		
<i>Represented by Joelle Samsel, RN</i>		OTHERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anu Singh, MD	– Managed Care Emergency Physicians	Maryle Olivier, RN	– UCI Medical Center
<i>Represented by Ali Ghobadi, MD</i>		Patrick Powers, EMT-P	– Lynch Ambulance Service
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Woolson, RN	– ED Nurse Supervisors	Julie Puentes	– Hospital Assn. of S. California
<i>Represented by Carla Schneider, RN</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Super, MD	– Base Hospital Physician Directors		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Anderson, MD.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Stratton stated that Orange County EMS is pleased to announce the following appointments were made effective May 2, 2014:

- Vicki Sweet, MSN, RN joined Orange County EMS as an EMS Coordinator overseeing the advanced life support and continuous quality improvement programs. She succeeds Jane Elder who retired in March.
- Michael Delaby, MSN, RN, EMT-P was recently appointed as the new EMS Systems and Standards Chief.

Dr. Stratton announced that Lynch Ambulance Service has been approved as the first non-pilot project IFT-ALS provider in Orange County.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Hospital Diversion Hours:** Mike Delaby presented 2014 diversion data in a graphic format. Each graph represents one of six areas (north, west, central, coastal, and south) identifying the hospitals in that specific area and the percentage of total hours during the month that each facility is on diversion. Also shown in a graph format are diversion hours for trauma, cardiac, CT, and internal disruption. Trauma diversion hours are shown for all three trauma centers with cardiac, CT and internal disruption data identifying those facilities that reported diversion hours for the time period.
- **Disaster Preparations:** Mike Steinkraus reported that a number of incidents have taken place which has resulted in Orange County EMS requiring a number of HAVBED (Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters) polls taking place. He stated that by conducting HAVBED polls, during a real event, patients may be distributed in an efficient manner; the reasons for the short response time; etc. Some counties require HAVBED polls to be completed once daily. Committee members discussed the advantages in requiring daily HAVBED polls completed.

- **OC-MEDS:** Included in today's packet is the final OC-MEDS Newsletter which will be replaced by quarterly system reports. Vicki Sweet presented the 9-1-1 Interfacility Transfer data. Approximately 50% of patients arrive at the hospital via private vehicle with trauma listed as the major reason why a 9-1-1 IFT is completed.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Orange County Fire Chiefs Association Community Paramedicine Pilot Project**

The OC Fire Chiefs Association submitted a community paramedicine pilot project that has been accepted by the State EMS Authority on the transport of patients who have accessed the 9-1-1 system. Patients meeting criteria would be transported to alternate destination sites, such as a community or urgent care clinic. This pilot project involves Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach fire departments and clinics affiliated with Hoag Hospital and Memorial Care. The anticipated start date is January, 2015 with 150 patients enrolled in the pilot.

- **Trauma Center Designations**

A trauma survey team selected by the American College of Surgeons will be conducting re-verification of Mission Hospital and Western Medical Center/Santa Ana the first week of June, 2014.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Critical Care Response Unit Presentation by Anaheim Fire**

Joelle Samsel, EMS Coordinator of Anaheim Fire Department presented the city's Community Care Response Unit (CCRU) Proposal. Anaheim Fire is partnering with Kaiser Permanente and Care Ambulance Service (the city's ambulance service provider) in conducting a pilot program which would partner a captain/paramedic and nurse practitioner to respond to low level acuity medical aid calls. This proposal is based upon a program implemented in Mesa, Arizona.

Calls would be evaluated and the lower level acuity calls would be dispatched with the CCRU responding to the call. Both the captain/paramedic and nurse practitioner would work under their respective scopes of practice. If the patient needs a higher level of care, 9-1-1 would be contacted and an ALS unit would be dispatched. The patient would then be transported to the closest receiving center. Patients will not be required to pay for this type of service with Anaheim Fire and Care Ambulance allocating personnel and resources with Kaiser Permanente allocating funding to the program. Ms. Samsel answered questions and addressed concerns expressed by Committee members regarding the program.

Dr. Stratton stated that this is a proposed pilot that has some issues, such as liability, cost benefit analysis, etc., that still need to be worked out before the pilot goes forward.

- **Orange County EMS Policy/Procedures: 50-Day Review (April 1 through May 20, 2014 at 3:00 pm)**

A number of policies have been released for 50-day public comments through May 20, 2014 (3:00 p.m.). Public comments may be done via the Orange County EMS website.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.