



Transportation Advisory Subcommittee

Wednesday, April 23, 2014
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

Jim Karras
Bill Baker

REPRESENTING

Ambulance Association of O.C.
Mercy Air Service, Inc.

STAFF PRESENT

Laurent Repass, NREMT-P
Vicki Sweet, RN,
Eileen Endo

REPRESENTING

OC-MEDS Program Manager
ALS/CQI Coordinator
Office Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Ignacio
Patrick Powers, EMT-P
Trevor Stonum
Amy Waunch
Bill Weston
Robert Williams

REPRESENTING

JVI Consulting, LLC
Lynch Ambulance Service
MedCoast Ambulance Service
Children's Hospital of Orange County
Care Ambulance Service
Mercy Ambulance Service

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Jim Karras.

II. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patrick Powers announced the next Education and Training Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 9:00 am in Conference Room 433.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 22, 2014 meeting were not approved due to lack of quorum.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Review of April 1, 2014 Policy Updates:** Public comments were received on a number of policies and procedures. Attached to today's agenda packet is a memorandum from Dr. Stratton on the policies implemented effective April 1, 2014.
- **OCEMS Policy/Procedure: Mass Gathering:** This is a new policy that was released in October for a 50-day public comment period. Due to the large number of public comments, it was revised and released for a 15-day public comment period. These comments will be reviewed and changes to the policy will be made.
- **50-Day Public Comment Period: OCEMS Policies and Procedures (Public Comment Period: April 1, 2014 to May 20, 2014):** Vicki Sweet reported that Orange County EMS has released five policies for a 50-day public comment period. Committee members suggested a meeting between Los Angeles and Orange County Emergency Medical Services take place so that the same education materials may be presented for EMTs who may work in both counties.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Pediatric Transportation Presentation**

Amy Waunch of Children's Hospital of Orange County attended today's meeting to express CHOC's concerns when pediatric patients arrive at the hospital. Often times, pediatric patients are being held by his/her parent in the back of the ambulance and are not restrained in a safe manner. There are no requirements for ambulance units to have built-in car seats.

- **Report on Huntington Beach Fire Department Ambulance Design Specifications for Transport of Children in Ambulances**

This report was tabled until a future meeting due to the absence of the representative from the Fire EMS Coordinators.

- **Use of Child Restraint Systems/Seats in Ambulances**

Currently, there are no federal regulations that require child restraints in ambulances. Ambulance gurneys are not equipped to hold car seats in a safe manner, this makes restraining of pediatric patients difficult.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Review of Patient Restraint Policy Considerations**

Vicki Sweet shared the changes made to OCEMS Policy/Procedure #330.57 (Application of Restraints by EMS Personnel) which became effective April 1, 2014.

- **Ambulance Ordinance**

Orange County EMS is soliciting volunteers from the Transportation Advisory Committee to form a task force to revise the Ambulance Ordinance which has not been revised since April, 1985. Committee members discussed the establishment of maximum ambulance rates throughout various counties.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- **"NO FEAR" Pediatric Conference:** The Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators will be hosting a "NO FEAR" Pediatric Conference on May 15, 2014 which has been sold out and has a lengthy wait list.
- **Ambulance Strike Team Memorandum of Understanding:** Committee members discussed the signing of Ambulance Strike Team MOUs with the State of California.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 433.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.