



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



Regular Meeting

Friday, December 12, 2014 – 9:00 am

Location: Hall of Administration: Commission Hearing Room

333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, California 92701

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Ron Blaul
- Patrick Powers
- Nick Anas, MD
- Jon Gilwee
- Vacant
- Monica Ruzich
- Sharon Hoier, RN
- Kenneth McFarland
- Michelle Tom, MD (excused)
- Vacant
- Dean Grose (excused)
- Margie Harrier, RN
- Vacant
- Chief Wolfgang Knabe
- Bryan Hoynak, MD (excused)
- Vacant
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CATEGORY REPRESENTED

- 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
- American Red Cross, OC Chapter
- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- 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

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Sam Stratton, MD
- Ken Miller, MD
- Mike Delaby, RN
- Rey Montoya
- Laurent Repass, NRMT-P
- Vicki Sweet, RN
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Assistant Medical Director
- EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- EMS Performance Chief
- OC-MEDS Program Manager
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- EMS Office Supervisor
- Office Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

- Chief Kevin Baker
- Walter Garcia
- Tina Heinemann, RN
- Chief Paul Henisey
- Brian Jacobs
- Jim Karras
- Steve Katanich
- Kathleen Moran
- Aaron Oshima
- Greg Pate
- Julie Puentes
- Sharon Richards

REPRESENTING

- City of Westminster
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- UCI Police Department
- OC Mental Health Board Member
- AmeriCare Ambulance Service
- Schaefer Ambulance Service
- Board of Supervisors, 2nd District
- Mercy Air Service, Inc.
- Enova
- HASC
- HASC

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Stratton presented Julie Puentes, Executive Vice President of the Hospital Association of Southern California with a Meritorious Service Award in recognition of her contributions to the Orange County Emergency Medical Services System in her representation of the hospitals during her tenure at HASC.

Dr. Stratton announced that Dr. Ken Miller received the California EMS Medical Director of the Year Award presented by the Emergency Medical Services Authority.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from the August 22, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted. (Abstention for those who were not in attendance at the meeting)

IV. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**

Medical Director Update: Dr. Stratton reported on a pilot program in conjunction with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Santa Ana Police Department that allows nasal administration of naloxone (Narcan) by law enforcement personnel; the approval of a pilot with Anaheim Fire and Rescue to implement a critical care response unit consisting of a fire captain paramedic and nurse practitioner; and the current status of potential Ebola patients within Orange County. He addressed questions posed by Committee members on the use of Narcan by EMTs under their allowed scope of practice and whether upcoming holiday travelers may present additional potential Ebola patients. Orange County EMS, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Children's Hospital of Orange County, is working to ensure placement of automated external defibrillators throughout schools in Orange County.

Program/OC-MEDS Update: Mike Delaby presented hospital diversion for the period of January through November, 2014. Laurent Repass presented a report on OC-MEDS. This report included the number of user accounts, the number of ePCRs completed, the implementation of an electronic base hospital reports and the future of OC-MEDS including awarding of grant funding.

EMCC FY 2013-2014 Annual Report: Attached to the packet is the fiscal year 2013-2014 Annual report (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014).

V. **EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**

Heard reports on the Transportation Advisory and Education and Training Advisory Subcommittees.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance (Ordinance 3517):** The County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance will have its first reading on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. The Orange County Ambulance Rates are also expected to be approved at that time.

Patrick Powers requested that the Health Care Agency consider separating the Ambulance Ordinance and the Orange County ambulance rate increase. By doing so, they are independent and neither needs to rely on the other for passage.

B. **Ambulance Request for Proposal (RFP) Process:** The Orange County Board of Supervisors directed the Health Care Agency to reinstate the current RFP and rescore the proposals using new selection committee groups rather than re-issue the RFP out of concerns expressed in the scoring of the original RFP by selection committee members.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Triage of Orange County Pediatric Trauma Victims:** Children's Hospital of Orange County has submitted an application for designation as a pediatric trauma center and is developing call panels as required in the trauma center criteria. Regionally, CHOC has become well known in the treatment of children with disabilities, cardiac diseases, and pediatric patients with genetic diseases following them into young adulthood. Trauma criteria will define a pediatric patient as a patient who is age 14 years or younger following national standards. Pediatric trauma victims will be triaged to the nearest trauma receiving center. Currently, pediatric patients who require neurosurgical care are being transferred to CHOC once stabilized. Orange County EMS will continue to monitor data to determine whether any modifications to criteria will be required.

B. **Annual Stroke Neurology Receiving Center Report:** Dr. Stratton provided a report on the preparation of a white paper regarding Orange County's Stroke Neurology Receiving System. Also, the Orange County Trauma System has been invited to join a research consortium joining facilities in Los Angeles and San Diego counties allowing Orange County to participate in additional National Institutes of Health research projects involving stroke neurology receiving centers and trauma centers

C. **IFT-ALS Update:** Dr. Stratton provided an update on the IFT-ALS program to Committee members with all goals continuing to be met. Approximately 2,400 patients were transported in the first year of the program. He added that an increase in patient transports has been seen due to repatriation of patients with their respective insurers due to the Affordable Care Act.

D. **Appointment of Nomination Committee for EMCC Calendar Year 2015 Slate of Officers:**

Jon Gilwee, Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe, and Patrick Powers were appointed to serve on the nominating committee to recommend the slate of officers for calendar year 2015.

E. **Psychiatric Emergency Services Initiative**

Julie Puentes, Executive Vice President of the Hospital Association of Southern California, presented an initiative proposed by a coalition consisting of hospitals, emergency physicians, the Orange County Medical Association, law enforcement personnel, the Mental Health Association of Orange County, the Orange County Psychiatric Society, and NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill). Ms. Puentes outlined the objectives, the solutions, and the coalition's future goals.

Chief Knabe indicated that since this item was placed on the agenda for presentation only, it will be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration as an action item.

Dr. Anas: Supported the coalition's initiative and encouraged that the model includes the care of behavioral health pediatric patients.

Jon Gilwee: This model is a best practice approach to an ongoing problem and is an opportunity to make a change in the treatment of psychiatric emergency patients.

Sharon Hoier: Asked if there are any plans to increase ETS in terms of the number of beds? Ms. Puentes indicated that while this model is not based on increasing bed availability, the number of patients that can be treated is expected to increase.

Kenn McFarland: Commended the PES Coalition for the collaboration and stressed the importance of ensuring the safety both mental health patients and health care workers alike.

VIII. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Patrick Powers: Commended Orange County Emergency Medical Services for the tremendous growth in the delivery of health care in Orange County.

IX. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Chief Paul Henisey: The Psychiatric Emergency Services model is supported by the Orange County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association. Chief Henisey encouraged Committee members to support the model being presented here.

Chief Kevin Baker: Encouraged support for the PES model. As police chief for the City of Westminster, he shared that many times law enforcement personnel have difficulty in finding a facility to accept a patient causing delays in patient care and in police units returning into service.

Brian Jacobs (a member of the Orange County Mental Health Board): Appreciative of the work by the Hospital Association of Southern California and the Orange County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association in supporting this model.

X. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.