



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



## Regular Meeting

**Friday, April 24, 2015 – 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 (excused)
- Michelle Tom, MD
- Jim Karras (nonvoting member)
- Dean Grose
- Vacant
- 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

- Tammi McConnell, RN, MSN- EMS Administrator
- Lydia Mikhail - Division Manager, HDM
- Mike Delaby, RN - EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- Rey Montoya - EMS Performance Chief
- Vicki Sweet, RN - ALS/CQI Coordinator
- Meng Chung, EMT-P - BLS Coordinator
- Juan Alvarez - EMS Specialist
- Adrian Rodriguez - EMS Specialist
- Erica Moojen - EMS Office Supervisor
- Eileen Endo - Office Specialist

#### GUESTS PRESENT

- Rocky Allen
- Edris Aubry
- Dave Barry
- Tina Heinemann, RN
- Brian Jacobs
- Steve Katanich
- BC Bill Lockhart
- Eric Ross
- Kristin Thompson, RN
- Stephen Wontrobski

#### REPRESENTING

- Mercy Air Services, Inc.
- Loma Linda University
- Anaheim Fire Department
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Private Citizen
- Schaefer Ambulance Service
- Orange County Fire Authority
- Loma Linda University
- Anaheim Fire Department
- Private Citizen

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Michelle Tom, MD.

### II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MSC: Minutes from the February 27, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.**

### IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

**Ambulance RFP:** Tammi McConnell reported on the outcome of the April 14, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting on the recommendations for awarding the ambulance contracts for those cities whose contracts are due to expire on June 1, 2015. The Board has elected to postpone the agenda item for an additional two weeks to allow for an ad hoc committee to explore possible legislative options.

**Hospital Diversion Report for First Quarter 2015:** Mike Delaby presented hospital diversion hours for first quarter 2015 and also a comparative analysis from 2012 through March 2015 as requested by Committee members at the last meeting. Chief Knabe asked whether or not “wall time” has been measured. Ms. McConnell reported that lengthy “wall time” is not experienced in Orange County. Incidents where a lengthy wall time is experienced are reported directly to OCEMS. Committee members discussed lengthy standby times, standards of care and the necessary collaboration between hospitals, fire service and ambulance service providers to improve quality of patient care.

**OC-MEDS Update:** Ms. McConnell provided a status report on the OC-MEDS program update. This status report included the receipt of a federal block grant to purchase additional devices, the upgrade to the hospital dashboard, and the future ability to exchange data.

**EMCC Correspondence:** *None Received.*

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

Received reports on the Transportation Advisory, Education and Training Advisory Subcommittees.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Election of EMCC Slate of Officers:** The Nominating Committee has recommended that Chief Wolfgang Knabe be elected Chair and Nick Anas, MD, be elected as Vice Chair.

**MSC: Recommend Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe to serve as Chair and Nick Anas, MD, to serve as Vice Chair of the Emergency Medical Care Committee for calendar year 2015.**

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **City of Anaheim Upgrade to ALS Unit:** The City of Anaheim has requested approval to upgrade Anaheim Truck 3 from a BLS unit to an ALS unit. This request was approved on a temporary basis pending its review by EMCC.

B. **City of Brea Upgrade to ALS Unit:** The City of Brea has requested approval to upgrade BRE-T02 from a 4 person Paramedic Assessment Unit to a 4 person ALS unit effective July 1, 2015.

C. **Orange County Fire Authority Request to Add Paramedic Engine 56:** The Orange County Fire Authority has requested for the implementation of Paramedic Engine 56 for the purpose of enhancing regional advanced life support to serve a growing area in Rancho Mission Viejo.

*Chief Knabe suggested that any requests fire service providers to reduce service be presented to EMCC for approval because it may negatively impact on the system.*

D. **Ground Ambulance Service Rates:** Ms. McConnell presented information on the ground ambulance service rates to be recommended for approval at the June meeting. Presentations by the Orange County Fire Authority and the Ambulance Association of Orange County may be made at that time.

VIII. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Chief Knabe: Thanked all Administrative Professionals working for EMS System providers throughout the County for their contributions to the EMS system.*

*Patrick Powers: This will be his final EMCC serving as a representative from the Second District as he was asked to resign by the Board Office.*

*Committee members thanked Mr. Powers for his contributions and lending his expertise while serving on EMCC.*

*Monica Ruzich: Suggested that measurements be examined by future Committee members to enhance the quality of services provided to its residents. Tammi McConnell indicated that this is a topic that will be raised at the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee with a report submitted back to Committee members.*

**IX. PUBLIC FORUM**

*Stephen Wontrobski: Reported that discussion from the Orange County Fire Authority's Board of Directors meeting of April 23, 2015, indicated that response times in some areas of South County were as low as 50%.*

*Brian Jacobs: Reported that language used by the County regarding 5150 holds that is not included in the Welfare and Institutions Code.*

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.