



FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Peter Anderson, MD, Chair
- Laura Cross, RN,
- Anthony Cruz, RN
- Michael Lekawa, MD (excused)
- Stephanie Lush, RN,
- Vacant
- Phyllis Robby, RN
- Anu Singh, MD
- Vacant

CATEGORY REPRESENTED

- OCMA (ED Physician Directors)
- Base Hospital Coordinators
- OC ED Nursing Leadership
- Trauma Center Directors
- Trauma Nurse Coordinators
- Fire EMS Coordinators
- PRC Hospital Administrators
- Managed Care Emerg. Physicians
- Base Hospital Physician Directors

GUESTS PRESENT

- Norma Lopez
- Virg Narbutas
- Stephen Noriega
- Tim Ogata
- Patrick Powers, EMT-P
- Sharon Richards
- Cyndie Strader, RN
- Renee Tovar, RN

REPRESENTING

- HASC (ReddiNet)
- West Anaheim Medical Center
- West Anaheim Medical Center
- KPC Health
- PMT
- HASC
- Hoag Memorial Hospital
- Anaheim Regional Medical Center

GUESTS PRESENT

- Whitney Ayers
- Sheryl Gradney, RN
- Tina Heinemann, RN
- Janet Hewson, RN

REPRESENTING

- HASC
- St. Jude Medical Center
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Orange County Global Medical Ctr.

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Samuel J. Stratton, MD - EMS Medical Director
- Tammi McConnell, RN, MSN - EMS Administrator
- Mike Delaby, RN - EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- Vicki Sweet, RN - ALS/CQI Coordinator
- Eileen Endo - Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Cross announced that Dr. Richard Afable will be the interim CEO at Mission Hospital replacing Kenneth McFarland.

III. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

Medical Director's Report: Dr. Stratton announced that in addition to influenza, cases of rotavirus and norovirus have been reported as well.

Hospital Diversion Report: Attached to today's packet is Orange County's Hospital Diversion Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2015. In comparison to 2015, there are

HEAR/ReddiNet Report: Attached to today's packet are the test results for the HEAR Radio and ReddiNet MCI testing for the period of January 1, to December 31, 2015.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Policy Revisions/Public Comment Period – OCEMS Policy/Procedure #310.10: Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility:** Dr. Stratton reported that this policy, in addition to several others, was released for a 50-day public comment period. It is likely that this policy will be released for an additional 15 day public comment period once the public comments have been compiled.

B. **e-PCR Availability:** Orange County EMS has been tracking the timely manner that ePCRs have been posted to the hospital hub. Vicki Sweet reported the reasons that have transpired in the correct posting of ePCRs. Under Orange County EMS policy, the ePCR should be posted to the hospital hub before the ALS provider leaves the hospital. The Fire CQI group has provided a list of 24/7 contact names and numbers to request information from the provider.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Hospital Designations – Survey/Re-designations:** Orange County EMS has reviewed and recommends the re-designation of Garden Grove Medical Center for a period of three years without criteria deficiencies.

MSC: *Recommend the re-designation of Garden Grove Medical Center as an Emergency Receiving Center for three years (January 2016 through December 2018).*

- B. **Pediatric Ready Emergency Departments and Obstetrical/GYN:** Dr. Stratton reported that a number of hospital emergency department personnel have requested that pediatric patients be diverted from their facility due to lack of pediatric coverage. 10% of pediatric patients arrive via the 9-1-1 system with the remainder being walk-ins. Orange County EMS intends to survey hospitals to determine which facilities express an interest in accepting pediatric patients. This survey will allow OCEMS to generate a resource list. Dr. Stratton stated this would allow pediatric patients to be sent to the appropriate facility. In addition, Orange County EMS will compile a list of facilities capable of caring for complex obstetrical patients.

OCEMS intends to send a letter to the CEO, ED manager and ED Director to determine the facilities that are capable to care for pediatric patients and to also care for complex obstetrical patients. The purpose is not to develop an EDAP (emergency department approved for pediatrics) system since all facilities meet these standards

- C. **Hospital Evacuation Plans:** Dr. Stratton reported that a meeting will be scheduled to form a hospital evacuation plan for surge capacity to allow hospitals to evacuate to another hospital in the event of a disaster. Large urban areas are seeking to develop an evacuation plan to avoid the multiple transfers of patients and take into consideration facilities who share electronic medical records. The system will eventually need to expand regionally in the case of an earthquake over multiple counties. It was suggested that hospital disaster coordinators should be involved in providing input as part of the EOP.
- D. **Primary Stroke Centers:** Hospitals that are preparing to meet Joint Commission's requirements as a primary stroke center. After receiving this certification, they would like to be designated as a stroke neurology receiving center. Some systems have a two-tiered system, with both primary and comprehensive stroke centers. Dr. Stratton said discussions with two facilities in being designated as a primary stroke center.
- E. **Sepsis Standing Orders:** Dr. Stratton reported that the Medical Advisory Committee will be discussing sepsis standing orders. They will be identifying potential sepsis patients in the field. The intent is to discuss field sepsis standing orders and methods of taking temperature in the field.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **FAC 2016 Meeting Schedule:** Included in today's agenda packet is a list of meeting dates for 2016 (see attachment 4).
- **AB 1223:** Patrick Powers advised Committee members to provide input to Orange County EMS on this assembly bill regarding the data collection for ambulance patient offload time to provide interim guidance in collaboration with the State EMS Authority

VII. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.