

Agenda Item	Description	Date Reviewed	Date Finalized	Comments/Outcome
<b>August 7, 2015</b>				
<b>Meeting Cancelled</b>				
<b>October 2, 2015</b>				
<b>Introductions/Announcements/EMCC Membership</b>	Introduction of New Members	10/2/15	10/2/15	<u>New members welcomed:</u> Chief Kevin Baker, Lindley Garcia, RN, Rebecca Gomez, Timothy Greco, MD, Trez Gutierrez, RN, Jim Karras, Virg Narbutas, Jinha M. Park, MD, and Michael Ritter, MD
<b>Special Presentation</b>	Board Resolution to St. Jude Medical Center in recognition of the hospital's service to Orange County.	10/2/15	10/2/15	Accepting on behalf of the hospital were Dr. Timothy Greco, Troy Gideon, RN, and Sheryl Gradney, RN.
<b>OCEMS Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Director's Report</li> <li>• OCEMS Annual Report</li> <li>• 2014 EMS Plan Annual Update</li> <li>• Trauma Plan System Status Report 2015</li> <li>• EMCC Correspondence</li> </ul>	10/2/15	10/2/15	Hear and Receive Reports.
<b>EMCC Advisory Subcommittee and Advisory Group Reports</b>	Facilities Advisory, County Paramedic Advisory, and Transportation Advisory Subcommittees	10/2/15	10/2/15	Hear Subcommittee Reports
<b>Ground Ambulance Service Rates Adjustment</b>	Orange County EMS made a recommendation in July 2015 for a 2.4% increase. The Board directed HCA to return at a later date. The Ambulance Association of Orange County made a request to adjust the BLS emergency rate to cover the increase in California minimum wage laws. The Orange County Fire Authority made a request for a 2.4% increase subject to a discussion at the next OCFA Board of Directors meeting.	4/24/15 6/26/15	10/2/15	<p>Recommendation to go to the Board of Supervisors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve a BLS emergency rate adjustment of \$173.20.</li> <li>2) Approve an ALS emergency rate of 2.4% to \$9.30.</li> </ol> <p><i>Orange County Board of Supervisors approved an increase to the BLS emergency base rate of \$173.20 with no other rates increased.</i></p>
<b>Orange County EMS Trauma Policies and Public Comment</b>	Orange County EMS Policies/Procedures #620.00 (Trauma Center Criteria); #620.01 (Pediatric Trauma Center Criteria); #620.11 (Trauma System Marketing); #620.13 (Trauma System Public Information/Education); and #620.14	10/2/15	10/2/15	Recommend the approval of Orange County EMS Policies/Procedures #620.00 (Trauma Center Criteria); #620.01 (Pediatric Trauma Center Criteria); #620.11 (Trauma System Marketing); #620.13 (Trauma System Public Information/Education); and #620.14 as submitted.
<b>Member Comments</b>	St. Jude Medical Center Board Resolution	10/2/15	10/2/15	Dr. Hoynak congratulated St. Jude Medical Center on the recognition they received from the Board. He thanked Dr. Greco and the medical staff at St. Jude for the support they have provided to area hospital ensuring that stroke patients receive quality care.

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<b>January 29, 2016</b>				
<b>OCEMS Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Director's Report</li> <li>• Hospital Diversion Report (2015)</li> <li>• EMCC Correspondence</li> </ul>	1/29/16	1/29/16	Hear and Receive Reports.
<b>EMCC Advisory Subcommittee and Advisory Group Reports</b>	Education and Training Advisory; Facilities Advisory; County Paramedic Advisory and Transportation Advisory Subcommittees.	1/29/16	1/29/16	Hear subcommittee reports.
<b>OCEMS Policy/Procedure #355.00</b>	Approval to Use OCEMS EMT and Paramedic Scope of Practice During Scheduled and Special Event Standby:	1/29/16	1/29/16	<i>Informational Item Only:</i> Medical control policy released in November. Committee members recommended that policy be fine-tuned; asked how jurisdictional agencies and EMS are notified of special events; and stressed the importance of coordination between event providers and local agencies.
<b>New EMS Data System Requirements:</b>	New EMS data system requirements mandate that all providers use electronic health records compliant with the current NEMSIS standards effective January 1, 2017.	1/29/16	Ongoing	<i>Informational Item Only</i> Committee members asked how the issue of "wall-time" will be addressed.
<b>Regional EOA Activity Reports:</b>	Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Activity Report for period of June 1 to September 30, 2015 for the five regions covered by the Orange County Fire Authority.	1/29/16	Ongoing	<i>Informational Item Only</i> Committee members asked how penalties are assessed; and routing of 9-1-1 phone calls received by cell phones.
<b>Appointment of Nomination Committee for EMCC Calendar Year 2016 Slate of Officers</b>	Bylaws require a nominating committee be organized to make a recommendation for EMCC Chair and Vice Chair	1/29/16	4/29/16	The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended that James Karras, Dean Grose and Dr. Michael Ritter serve on the nominating committee.
<b>Re-designation of Specialty Receiving Centers</b>	Committee heard recommendation made by the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee on re-designation of Anaheim Global Medical Center, Anaheim Regional Medical Center, Garden Grove Medical Center, Huntington Beach Hospital, and South Coast Global Medical Center.	1/29/16	1/29/16	<b>Recommended these facilities to be re-designated as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee for a period of three years.</b>
<b>Member Comments</b>	Children's Hospital of Orange County at Mission Hospital	1/29/16	1/29/16	Dr. Ritter reported that Children's Hospital of Orange County receives more walk-in pediatric patients than it does via the 9-1-1 system. Therefore hospitals should have the necessary equipment to treat pediatric patients in the emergency department.

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<b>April 29, 2016</b>				
<b>OCEMS Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Director's Report</li> <li>• OC-MEDS Program Report</li> <li>• Hospital Diversion Report (January 1 to March 31, 2016)</li> <li>• Mid-Year Report: 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance</li> <li>• EMCC Correspondence.</li> </ul>			<p>Dr. Kenneth Miller, Orange County EMS Assistant Medical Director accepted the full-time position as medical director for Santa Clara County EMS.</p> <p>Hear and receive reports as presented.</p>
<b>EMCC Advisory Subcommittee and Advisory Group Reports</b>	Education and Training Advisory; Facilities Advisory; County Paramedic Advisory and Transportation Advisory Subcommittees.	4/29/16	4/29/16	Hear subcommittee reports.
<b>Appointment of Slate of Officers for CY 2016</b>	Nominating committee recommended that Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe serve as Chair and Dr. Michael Ritter serve as Vice Chair for the upcoming year.	4/29/16	4/29/16	<b>Voted unanimously to elect Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe serve as Chair and Dr. Michael Ritter serve as Vice Chair as recommended by the nominating committee. (Motion: Dr. Anas/Seconded by: R. Gomez)</b>
<b>Orange County EMS Policy Revisions and Public Comments</b>	Orange County EMS Policies/Procedures # 720.30 (Ground Ambulance Design/ Documentation/Equipment); #720.50 (Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection); #720.60 (Ground Ambulance Provider Policies, Procedures, and Documentation); #720.70 (Ground Ambulance Communication Equipment); #310.10 (Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility) and #330.70 (Paramedic Assessment Unit (PAU)).	11/19/15	4/29/16	<p>These policies were released on November 19, 2015 for a 50-day public comment period. On March 18, 2016, these policies were re-released for an additional 15-day public comment period. These policies were included on the April 27, 2016 Transportation Advisory Committee as an action item. However, this Committee did not have a sufficient number of voting members present to make a recommendation</p> <p>Committee members heard concerns expressed by the Ambulance Association of Orange County regarding the standards and how they are interpreted when inspections are conducted. The AAOC requests that the Emergency Medical Care Committee make the recommendation that these policies be referred back to the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee for revision and ask that OCEMS staff meet with providers so that any differences may be ironed out.</p> <p><i>Dean Grose felt that ambulance units that are found to be unacceptable should be pulled from service. He further added that the Transportation Advisory Committee should have an opportunity to further discuss these policies to reach a consensus with ambulance service providers.</i></p>

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<p><b>Orange County EMS Policy Revisions and Public Comments</b>  (continued)</p>	<p>Orange County EMS Policies/Procedures # 720.30 (Ground Ambulance Design/ Documentation/Equipment); #720.50 (Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection); #720.60 (Ground Ambulance Provider Policies, Procedures, and Documentation); #720.70 (Ground Ambulance Communication Equipment); #310.10 (Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility) and #330.70 (Paramedic Assessment Unit (PAU)).</p>	<p>11/19/15</p>	<p>4/29/16</p>	<p><i>Chad Druten, President of the Ambulance Association of Orange County (AAOC) expressed the concerns of the companies that are represented by the AAOC.</i></p> <p><b>Motion #1:</b>  <i>Recommend that a) Orange County EMS Policy/ Procedures #720.30 (Ground Ambulance Design/ Documentation/Equipment); #720.50 (Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection); #720.60 (Ground Ambulance Provider Policies, Procedures, and Documentation); and #720.70 (Ground Ambulance Communication Equipment) be referred back to the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee for discussion; and b) recommend that Orange County EMS Policies/Procedures #310.10 (Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility); #330.70 (Paramedic Assessment Unit (PAU)); and the new Pediatric Emergency Receiving Center (PERC) policy be approved by the Emergency Medical Care Committee (Motion: J. Karras/Seconded: D. Grose; Motion failed to pass: 2 ayes-9 noes)</i></p> <p><b>Motion #2:</b>  <i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended that Orange County EMS Policy/ Procedures #720.30 (Ground Ambulance Design/ Documentation/Equipment); #720.50 (Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection); #720.60 (Ground Ambulance Provider Policies, Procedures, and Documentation); #720.70 (Ground Ambulance Communication Equipment); #310.10 (Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility) #330.70 (Paramedic Assessment Unit (PAU))and the Pediatric Emergency Receiving Center policy be approved as submitted. (Motion: Dr. Ritter/Seconded by T. Gutierrez: Motion passed: 9 ayes-2 noes)</i></p>

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<p><b>Public Hearing</b></p>	<p>Hold a Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding the closure of the Emergency Department at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center – San Clemente</p>	<p>4/29/16</p>	<p>4/29/16</p>	<p>Dr. Stratton opened the public hearing for the purpose of soliciting any and all pertinent public comments (both written and verbal) with respect to the announced closure of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center – San Clemente. Purpose of this public hearing was to ensure that community members and healthcare providers impacted by the hospital closure are given an opportunity to comment to Orange County EMS on the hospital’s closure as required under State law and OCEMS Policy/Procedure EMS Policy/Procedure #615.00 All comments will be included in the final impact evaluation report that is submitted to the California Department of Public Health. Comments were limited to approximately two minutes per speaker.</p> <p>Approximately 40 individuals provided comment at the public hearing expressing concerns on the impact on the community’s access to emergency care due to the current lane widening project along a 10 mile stretch of the I-5 between San Clemente and Mission Viejo; the negative impact of the hospital closure on the community including longer transport times; the anticipated growth coming into the area; the loss of quality of services that have occurred; and the impact of an expected increase in population due to new residential housing, some of which will be restricted to senior citizens, will have on the community. Some individuals spoke on the excellent care received by patients and the many lives saved because of the prompt care received and urged the postponement of the hospital closure. Many residents indicated that they purchased homes due to the close proximity to the hospital and reported that many patients are driven to the hospital rather than call 9-1-1. A petition with more than 11,000 signatures opposing the closure was submitted by the Save San Clemente Hospital Foundation.</p> <p>Committee members recommended that the impact evaluation report reflect the needs and concerns expressed at the public hearing. Plans are underway to ensure that the impacted area has sufficient ambulance coverage.</p> <p><i>Hospital closed on May 31, 2016.</i></p>