



**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rocky Allen	– Air Transport Provider	Samuel Stratton, MD, MPH – EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Ayman Alnems, RN	– Orange County Nursing Leadership	Michael Delaby, RN – EMS Systems and Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	– Base Hospital Coordinators	Laurent Repass, NRP – EMS Information Systems Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Puhek	– Fire Service Provider (with transport)	Vicki Sweet, RN – ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Karras, Chair	– Ambulance Service Provider non-9-1-1	Meng Chung, EMT-P – BLS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Viera	– Ambulance Service Provider 9-1-1	David Johnson – Facilities Coordinator
		Jason Azuma – OC-MEDS Coordinator
		Maria Nava – EMS Specialist
		Andrew Roberts – EMS Specialist
		Adrian Rodriguez – EMS Specialist
		Kirstin Wong – EMS Specialist
		Eileen Endo – Office Specialist
<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	
Ernesto Barajas	– American Professional Ambulance	
Ryan Creager	– Mercy Air Service	
Chad Druten	– Emergency Ambulance Service	
Emilio Gaona	– First Med Ambulance	
Patrick Hernandez	– Cal-Med Ambulance	
Steve Katanich	– Schaefer Ambulance	
Jordan Speck	– Horizon Ambulance Service	
Ron Taggart	– Doctor's Ambulance Service	
Kyle Vanderheide	– Lifeline Ambulance Service	
Ian Wilson	– PRN Ambulance Service	

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

II. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vicki Sweet introduced David Johnson, RN, the new Facilities Coordinator. David previously served as EMS' Quality Assurance Coordinator and has worked in the Orange County EMS System for many years.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MSC: Minutes from the July 27, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.**

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- **OCEMS Report:** Vicki Sweet outlined the number of changes that have been made to the OCEMS website which include the number of system reports, such as ambulance performance by 9-1-1 ambulance providers serving cities contracted by the Orange County Fire Authority and hospital diversion data. Orange County Sheriff deputies and Fullerton Police Department personnel have been approved to administer naloxone (Narcan) provided that 9-1-1 personnel are enroute. The Community Paramedicine Pilot project has been extended for an additional year.
- **Potential Changes to the EMT Regulations:** Committee members asked whether proposed changes to the EMT regulations would affect service providers. Dr. Stratton stated that OCEMS may consider inclusion of additional inventory items as allowed in the proposed changes to the regulations, however, before any additions to the BLS inventory take place, all factors (such as cost, data on its use by BLS personnel) will be considered.
- **OCEMS EOA Contract Update:** Andrew Roberts presented the 2015-16 annual report for all five regions (attachment #2) which had also been reported to the Emergency Medical Care Committee earlier this month. He reported that EMS staff have conducted site visits and ride-alongs to ensure contract compliance.

- **Data System Compliance Update:** Dr. Stratton reported on the compliance of both ALS and BLS providers to NEMSIS 3.4. ALS and BLS data must be submitted to OCEMS under State law effective January 1, 2017. If a private provider is not NEMSIS 3.4 compliant, they will not be able to bill either CMS or Covered California.
- **OCEMS Fee Study:** Dr. Stratton reported that the Emergency Medical Care Committee did not support the changes to the proposed fees. Due to the decline in fines collected, EMS will be required to collect fees with regard to net cost recovery. Programs mandated under state law are not affected, however optional programs (such as IFT-ALS) are at risk.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **2017 Company Licensing and Vehicle Permitting Update:** Meng Chung reported that Orange County EMS is currently completing site and vehicle inspections at all ambulance providers for 2017. Mike Delaby presented the outline of how Orange County EMS intends to complete the licensing process. Jim Karras asked about the appeal process as outlined in the Orange County Ambulance ordinance.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Transfer of Patient Belongings by Provider Agencies:** Ruth Clark asked that this be agendaized for today's meeting. She expressed concerns on methods used to itemize patient belongings. At times, patients may ask about their belongings that are not with the patient when admitted to the hospital. Committee members discussed issues that may occur. These issues include items that may have been taken home by a family member, something not documented as a patient belonging but removed to render patient care, such as a watch. Although NEMSIS 3.4 does not require a field, the program used by ALS providers does have a field for patient belongings.

**VIII. PUBLIC FORUM**

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. . The list of meeting dates for 2017 (attached) will be revised and re-released.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.