

Regular Meeting

Friday, January 6, 2017 – 9:00 am

*Location: Hall of Administration: Board Hearing Room
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, California 92701*

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Ron Blaul (excused)
- Jinha M. Park, MD, Ph.D.
- Nick Anas, MD
- Timothy Greco, MD
- Michael Ritter, MD
- James Karras
- Virg Narbutas
- Trez Gutierrez, RN
- Lindley Garcia, RN
- Chief Wolfgang Knabe
- Rebecca Gomez (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
- Ambulance Association of OC
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.
- Orange County Business Council
- Orange County Fire Chiefs Association
- Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council
- American Red Cross, OC Chapter
- City Selection Committee
- OC City Managers Association
- Orange County Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.
- Orange County Medical Association
- Orange County Medical Association (ED Physician)

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Sam Stratton, MD
- Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN
- Richard Sanchez
- Steve Thronson
- Denise Fennessy
- Laurent Repass, NRP
- Rey Montoya
- Vicki Sweet, RN
- Jason Azuma, EMT-P
- Juan Alvarez
- Andrew Roberts
- Kirsten Wong
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Administrator
- Health Care Agency Assistant Director
- Deputy Agency Director, Regulatory/MS
- Chief of Operations, Regulatory/MS
- EMS Information Systems Chief
- EMS Performance Chief
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Office Supervisor
- Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 7, 2016 Emergency Medical Care Committee were approved as submitted.
(Motion made by: J. Karras/Seconded by Dr. Ritter)

IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

• **Medical Director's Report:**

– *Dr. Stratton reporting:*

- **Orange County EMS Website:** Individuals can subscribe to system announcements, updates and bulletins for this Committee and its subcommittees.
- **Increased Security:** Security has expanded in the Health Care Agency building. As a result, individuals attending meetings with either HCA staff or in conference rooms are required to check in with the security guard on the first floor of the building.
- **Naloxone Use by Law Enforcement:** This pilot study has been completed and the use of naloxone by law enforcement personnel has been proven to be effective. Law enforcement personnel trained in its use are allowed to do so. Currently, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Fullerton Police Department have been authorized to administer naloxone when responding to incidents meeting criteria. The program is being expanded to other law enforcement departments as well.

- **Hospital Diversion Report (January 1 to December 31, 2016):** Dr. Stratton reported that an increase in volume of diversion hours is being noted at the present time. The 2016 report is an informational item so that facilities may review their data. (Note: the Hospital Diversion Report has been posted to the OCEMS website under System Reports).
- **9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report: First Quarter Report (July 1 to September 30, 2016):** Attached to the agenda packet (Attachment #3) is the first quarter report for the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract performance for the first Quarter (July 1 to September 30, 2016). This ambulance activity report has also been posted to the OCEMS Website under the EMS Ambulance Performance Section.
- **OC-MEDS Report:** *See the Data Compliance Report.*
- **EMCC Correspondence:** Included in the agenda packet are a list of EMS Policy Updates; the revision to policy #310.30; the approval of the 2016 EMS Plan. On July 12, 2016, Orange County EMS distributed an announcement regarding prehospital EMS Air Rescue (Attachment #4). Dr. Stratton provided a brief outline on the different types of EMS air rescue approved in Orange County.

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

Dr. Stratton reported on items discussed at the Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee meeting held earlier in the week. Both the Facilities Advisory and County Paramedic Advisory Subcommittees meet next week. An *ad hoc* committee is planning to meet to discuss reforming the committee and changing the bylaws. Jim Karras provided a report on the items discussed at the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee.

Dr. Ritter asked about items that EMTs may be able to do in the expanded basic scope. Dr. Stratton outlined some of the items that are being added to the basic scope.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Data System Compliance**

Laurent Repass presented the report which indicates that data is being received by all BLS and ALS providers operating in Orange County. Orange County is the first county in the State of California to meet nearly 100% NEMSIS 3.4 compliance. Mr. Repass thanked all the providers (managers, EMTs, and paramedics) for their assistance.

Jim Karras: Have some of the providers met compliance since this report was published. He congratulated Mr. Repass and Orange County EMS on the success of the conversion to NEMSIS 3.4

Chief Knabe: Also congratulated Mr. Repass on the hard work that has been accomplished in the conversion to NEMSIS 3.4 and the development of the electronic data collection.

B. **EMS Fee Study**

Attached to the agenda packet is a list of the fees that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2017. At the last meeting, EMCC supported the recommendation of the proposed fees regarding ambulance company/vehicle licensure; ambulance driver/attendant licensure and the EMT lost card replacement. They also recommended continuing discussions with the stakeholders regarding the other fees. These discussions have taken place over the past two months with the Ambulance Association of Orange County (AAOC) and the Hospital Association of Southern California. Ms. McConnell outlined the changes that were made after discussion with the AAOC. Ms. McConnell reported that an additional notice for public comment was sent out in late December to obtain public comment prior to the January 24, 2017 continued public hearing. At the present time, the Hospital Association maintains their nonsupport of the specialty designation fees. Ms. McConnell reported that without the approval of the specialty designation fees for cardiac, stroke, and pediatrics and the development of new regulations regarding stroke and cardiac receiving centers, Orange County EMS will need to adjust the means of how these programs will be designated. Dr. Stratton reported that while state regulations do not require maintaining stroke, cardiac, pediatric, and trauma centers, Orange County EMS has no intention of discontinuing or dissolving these programs, Orange County EMS will do everything it is capable of to maintain the quality of these programs.

Virg Narbutas: Hospital Association members still remain opposed as it believes that there are a) duplicative costs in the survey processes and that the base hospitals already provide a subsidy to the Health Care Agency (HCA). He urged that HCA continue to meet with the Hospital Association to determine where the process can be streamlined to lower costs.

Dr. Ritter: Also encouraged that Orange County EMS also continue to meet with HASC and encouraged further analysis.

Ms. McConnell: Addressed the duplicity regarding the duplication with the accrediting bodies. There are a number of areas that the third party accrediting bodies do not review, such as the prehospital components of the Orange County designation process.

Dr. Stratton: Orange County EMS does not have access to third party accreditation requirements. In addition, third party accreditations are not required to be designated as a specialty receiving center (exception: trauma receiving centers are verified by the American College of Surgeons which is a standard throughout the State).

Jim Karras: Thanked Orange County EMS staff to address the concerns expressed by the Ambulance Association. He suggested that Committee support be given to some of the fees.

MSC: *Recommend support of the proposed EMS Provider Fees for ambulance company licensure; ambulance company unit licensure; Ambulance Driver/Attendant Licensure (Biennial); EMT OC Certification; Card Replacement; Paramedic OC Accreditation; Continuing Education Provider Application; EMT Training Program Application; Paramedic Training Program Application; and Interfacility Transport Service Provider Application be approved as submitted to the Board of Supervisors: (Motion made: Lindley Garcia/ Seconded: Trez Gutierrez)*

Recommend support of the proposed EMS Provider Fees for Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Application; Trauma Receiving Center Designation; Customized Data Reports be approved as submitted to the Board of Supervisors: (Motion made: Jim Karras/ Seconded: Virg Narbutas)

Recommend that Orange County EMS and the Hospital Association of Southern California continue dialogue with regard to the proposed fees for Emergency Receiving Center designation; Pediatric Receiving Center Designation; Cardiac Receiving Center Designation and Stroke Neurology Receiving Center Designation. (Motion made: Jim Karras; Seconded: Dr. Park)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Orange County Stroke Neurology Program: Interim 2016 System Report**

Dr. Stratton presented an overview of the Orange County Stroke Neurology System and data received by the stroke neurology receiving centers through December 1, 2016. The system is a single tiered comprehensive center program using an integrated spoke-hub system. Currently, Orange County's process performance exceeds national performance standards.

Dr. Park: Asked about the high concentration of stroke patients from one specific part of the County. Dr. Stratton reported that outreach programs and the development of stroke prevention programs.

B. **Appointment of Nomination Committee**

The EMCC Bylaws state: "The Chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee as provided in these Bylaws to prepare and submit to the EMCC for election the names of officers for each succeeding year."

Committee members selected Lindley Garcia, James Karras, and Dr. Jinha Park to serve on the Nomination Committee.

VIII. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Dr. Ritter: Asked if there was any additional information regarding the status of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center-San Clemente.

IX. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Stephen Wontrobski: Expressed concerns about his inability to download documents to determine whether correspondence he sends is included in agenda packets. Provided comments on his correspondence found in attachment #4.

X. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.