



- **OC-MEDS Report:** Assembly Bill 1227 requires that all ALS and BLS providers transition to an electronic prehospital care reporting system for the purpose of transmitting data by January 1, 2017.
- **End of Life Option:** Orange County EMS is revising OCEMS Policy/Procedure #330.51 to incorporate the new End of Life legislation that was recently signed by Governor Brown.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **EMS Fee Study**

Tammi McConnell reported that the Health Care Agency conducted a comprehensive fee study to determine if the current fee structure is sufficient to recover reasonable costs of administering current programs. Attached to the agenda packet are the letter and the proposed fees to be charged that was distributed to the EMS System on September 7, 2016. This item is expected to go before the Emergency Medical Care Committee on October 7, 2016 and go before the Board of Supervisors in November, 2016. Any comments may be submitted in writing before the EMCC meeting date.

- **Discontinuation of D50**

Dr. Stratton reported that D50 (50% Dextrose) has been commonly used in the treatment of hypoglycemic diabetic patients. Due to a shortage, field personnel were advised to use 10% dextrose which was found to be just as effective. Policies are being revised to incorporate the use of 10% dextrose and discontinue the use of D50.

- **Proposed Changes to Trauma Triage Guidelines for Elderly Fall Victims**

Dr. Stratton reported that the Regional Trauma Operations Committee discussed this topic at their last meeting held in August. Changes to the criteria have significantly impacted the trauma system due to the increase of the number of patients now being seen.

- **Revision of Stroke Neurology Receiving Center Criteria**

Dr. Miller reported that the Drug and Equipment Advisory Group supported the use of flats as an option, provided a cervical collar is in place. The flat may be used to transfer the patient as long as they are in good working order.

- **Recommended Nasal Naloxone (Narcan) Devices**

Dr. Stratton showed Committee members a sample of a device being used and has been included as an optional inventory item. This device does not require a Sharps container and may be placed in a regular trash can.

- **Standardization of EMT Accreditation**

Dr. Stratton requested feedback from Committee members on the standardization of EMT accreditation throughout the County. Currently, OCEMS is reviewing standardization of an online EMT accreditation and testing.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **Medical Advisory Committee**

– Dr. Kozak reported:

Committee members also discussed the closure of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center/San Clemente at the end of May 31, 2016. A public hearing is being conducted at the next Emergency Medical Care

Committee in Santa Ana. Orange County EMS will be holding a public hearing and submit an impact evaluation report to the California Department of Public Health.

**B. Base Hospital Coordinators** – *Sheryl Gradney reported:*

The next MICN class will start in February, 2017. The next NO FEAR conference will be held November 18, 2016 and focus on current MICN class has 19 students. In addition, the next NO FEAR Conference is being held at Orange County Global Medical Center.

**C. Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS**

This committee discussed updates on policy and standing order changes.

**D. Orange County Nursing Leadership** – *Rhonda Sausedo reported.*

This group has seen a significant change in emergency department managers including changes at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Los Alamitos Medical Center, and South Coast Global Medical Center.

**E. Facilities Advisory Committee** – *Dr. Stratton reported:*

The Facilities Advisory Committee discussed the development of a hospital evacuation plan for surge capacity in the event of a disaster (internal or countywide). This plan would allow hospitals to transfer patients to affiliated facilities (i.e., "sister hospitals") to allow for a smooth transfer of medical records.

**F. Drug and Equipment Advisory Group** – *No report given.*

**G. Education & Training Advisory Committee** – *Dr. Stratton reported:*

Committee members discussed EMT accreditation and the EMT regulations that are currently out for public comment through September 27, 2016.

**H. Transportation Advisory Committee** – *Mike Delaby reported:*

This committee met on July 27, 2016 and held a discussion on data requirements with a status report on how providers stand in their transition to NEMSIS 3.4 and also discussed ambulance policy revisions.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

This committee will next meet on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.