



**PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

| <b>MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE</b>                                 |   |  |                              |
|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| <b>MEMBERS</b>   | <b>REPRESENTING</b>                     | <b>MEMBERS</b>   | <b>REPRESENTING</b>          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amitabh Prakash, MD (exc.)            | - ERMD – Anaheim Regional Med. Ctr.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Grihalva, MICP          | - Saddleback College         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Hunt, MD (excused) | - BHPD – Hoag Hospital                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Roseanne Jankowski            | - Pharmacists                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Unger, MD            | - BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital      | <input type="checkbox"/> Patty Gleed, RN               | - Fire Chiefs' EMS Committee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Kozak MD           | - BHPD – Mission Hospital               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Saucedo, RN | - ED Nursing Leadership      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gagangdeep Grewal, MD      | - BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr. | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant                        | - Trauma Nurse Coordinators  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iksoo Kang, MD             | - BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center        |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Dinglasan, MD (exc)            | - BHP – St. Jude Medical Center         |  |                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric McCoy, MD             | - BHPD – UCI Medical Center             |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cyndie Strader, RN                    | - BHC – Hoag Hospital                   |  |                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Waddell, RN      | - BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital       |  |                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cross, RN            | - BHC – Mission Hospital                |  |                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN             | - BHC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.  |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheryl Gradney, RN                    | - BHC – St. Jude Medical Center         |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maryle Olivier, RN                    | - BHC – UCI Medical Center              |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Klytta, EMT-P                   | - Representing Anaheim Fire Department  |  |                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John LaPlaca, EMT-P        | - REAC – Hoag Hospital                  |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justin Fleming EMT-P                  | - REAC – Huntington Beach Hospital      |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Cass, EMT-P                       | - REAC – Mission Hospital               |  |                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Fairchild, EMT-P     | - REAC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr. |  |                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Fedak, EMT-P         | - REAC – St. Jude Medical Center        |  |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant                                | - REAC – UCI Medical Center             |  |                              |
|  |   | <b><u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u></b>                      |                              |
|  |   | Samuel J. Stratton, MD                                 | - Medical Director           |
|  |   | Vicki Sweet, RN  | - ALS/CQI Coordinator        |
|  |   | Fran Cohen, RN   | - EMS Nurse Liaison          |
|  |   | Eileen Endo  | - Office Specialist          |
|  |   | <b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>                           |                              |
|  |   | Tina Heinemann, RN                                     | - Lynch Ambulance Service    |
|  |   | Bill Jones   | - Symons Ambulance           |
|  |   | Patrick Powers, EMT-P                                  | - Powers Mobile Health       |
|  |   | Jonathan Soto  | - Liberty Ambulance Service  |
|  |   | Ian Wilson   | - PRN Ambulance Service      |

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Kozak.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Minutes from the meeting of January 13, 2016 were deferred until the next meeting.*

III. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Miller announced that he has accepted the position of medical director for Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services effective the beginning of April.

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- **Medical Director's Report:** Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County EMS will review all standing orders and all medical control policies (300 series) during this year. In addition, the State EMS Authority is developing a statewide plan to ensure compliance as required under AB1129.
- **Hospital Diversion Report:** Attached to today's agenda packet is a report on hospital diversion hours for the period of January 1 through February 29, 2016. Dr. Stratton reported that Metro Net, the primary dispatch center, has reported an 11% increase in call volume. Orange County EMS is aware that hospital emergency rooms have experienced an increase in call volume. This increase in call volume is related to the increase in wall time that is experienced by fire service and ambulance service providers.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Naloxone (Narcan) by Law Enforcement Personnel:** Vicki Sweet presented a report on the administration of naloxone by law enforcement personnel. A pilot began using Orange County Sheriff's Department personnel in the cities of Stanton, Laguna Niguel, and Alison Viejo. Other law enforcement agencies have expressed interest in having their personnel undergo training to deploy Narcan.

- **Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #310.10:** Dr. Stratton reported this policy was released for a 50-day public comment. Attached to today's agenda is a redlined version of the policy as well as comments received. This policy will be revised and re-released for an additional 15-day public comment period. Dr. Stratton provided background information on the changes incorporated with regard to 5150 patients and those under hospice care. Committee members discussed the problems experienced by hospital and prehospital care personnel in the care of both 5150 and hospice care patients. Comments were received from Committee members and will be taken into consideration when the policy is distributed for the 15-day public comment period.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Review of Standing Order Changes**

Drs. Stratton, Miller, and Froman have been meeting with the intent to review and/or revise all of the standing orders and medical control policies (300 series policies) on an annual basis to reflect changes in national standards. Dr. Stratton outlined the changes being made and includes the development of a standing order in the development of sepsis. BLS standing orders will be reviewed and/or revised upon approval of new state guidelines. These standing order changes may be implemented by fire service providers when prehospital care personnel have received training. Dr. Stratton reported that a difficulty may arise when the Food & Drug Administration issues a "black box" warning that would cause Orange County EMS to immediately pull a drug from the pharmacology.

- **Drug and Equipment Advisory Group Recommendations of Flats for Patient Transfers**

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.

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**

– *Ruth Clark reported:*

The 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:**

– *No report given.*

D. **Orange County Nursing Leadership**

– *No report given.*

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**

– *Dr. Miller reported:*

Committee members discussed the ketamine in excited delirium study; and the testing of video laryngoscopes.

G. **Education & Training Advisory Committee**

– *No report given.*

H. **Transportation Advisory Committee**

– *No report given.*

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

This committee will next meet on July 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. **(Please note: the meeting scheduled in May was cancelled due to conflicting meetings occurring)**

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.