



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday, October 6, 2017 – 9:00 am

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

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arturo Pedroza	- Board of Supervisors, First District	Sam Stratton, MD, MPH	- EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jinha M. Park, MD, Ph.D.	- Board of Supervisors, Second District	Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN	- EMS Administrator
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- Board of Supervisors, Third District	Adrian Rodriguez	- EMS Performance Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Greco, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Vicki Sweet, RN	- ALS Program Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Ritter, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Jason Azuma	- OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Karras	- Ambulance Association of Orange County	Alison Kellman	- Program Supervisor, HDM
<input type="checkbox"/> Linda Voss (exc.)	- American Red Cross		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letitia Clark	- City Selection Committee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Sharp, RN	- Hospital Association of Southern California		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trez Gutierrez, RN	- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association	<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindley Garcia, RN	- Orange County Business Council	Tina Heinemann, RN	- Lynch Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Wolfgang Knabe (exc.)	- Orange County Fire Chiefs Association	Aaron Oshima	- Mercy Air Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Nick Anas, MD (exc.)	- Orange County Medical Association	Patrick Powers	- Horizon Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Gomez (exc.)	- Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- Orange County Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Association		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- Society of Orange County Emergency Physicians		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Michael Ritter. Dr. Ritter asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the recent shooting in Las Vegas. He thanked all of the public safety and hospital personnel in attendance at the concert or who arrived on scene to assist victims.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Introduction of new member:** On August 8, 2017 the Orange County Board of Supervisors appointed Arturo Pedroza, representing the Board of Supervisors, First District. Mr. Pedroza stated he has worked in occupational safety, serves on the community response team for the City of Santa Ana, and teaches CPR.
- **Reappointments made:** Dr. Michael Ritter (representing Fifth District) and Dr. Tim Greco (representing Fourth District) have been reappointed to the EMCC by the Board of Supervisors.
- **EMS Associate Medical Director:** Dr. Stratton announced that Dr. Carl Schultz, an emergency physician on faculty at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center, has accepted the EMS Associate Medical Director position effective October 14, 2017. Dr. Schultz with Dr. Kristi Koenig (San Diego County EMS Medical Director) is the co-author of the primary disaster medicine textbook that is used throughout the United States.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 7, 2017 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

- **Medical Director's Report:**

– *Dr. Stratton reporting:*

Standing Orders and Medical Procedures Update: A bi-annual update of all standing orders and medical procedures was implemented on October 1, 2017.

Hepatitis A Outbreak: An outbreak of Hepatitis A has occurred among the homeless population in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties. Vaccinations of health care providers and the homeless population in these two counties are underway. Currently, HCA/Epidemiology recommends Hepatitis A vaccinations for health care providers who have contacts with high risk groups.

- **Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report: Fiscal Year 16-17 Annual Report:** Adrian Rodriguez presented the FY 2016-17 Annual Report on the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation contract for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for the contractual response times for each of the five exclusive operating areas (Regions A – E) as seen in attachment #2.
- **Orange County Hospital Diversion Report: January 1 to September 30, 2017:** Mike Delaby provided a report on Orange County Hospital Diversion Data as seen in Attachment #3.
- **Orange County EMCC Annual Report:** Tammi McConnell provided a report on the EMCC Annual Report for fiscal year 2016-17. This annual report is submitted to the State EMS Authority as required under the Health and Safety Code.
- **EMCC Correspondence:** Dr. Ritter reported that there is one item of correspondence from Stephen Wontrobski included in the packet.

V. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

Dr. Stratton reported on items discussed at the Facilities Advisory, Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee; and County Paramedic Advisory Committees. Dr. Stratton reported that drug shortages were discussed at both the Facilities Advisory and County Paramedic Advisory Committee meetings. If a drug whose expiration date was extended because of an existing drug shortage is used, the provider must notify Orange County EMS so that the patient or their family members may be contacted to let them know that an expired drug was used and the reasons why the drug was administered. Orange County EMS is in discussion with Children's Hospital of Orange County to use them as a pediatric resource center and there are plans to include a pediatric representative to the Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee. While the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee met in late July, no reportable action had taken place.

Karen Sharp: In the hospital settings, often times drug expiration dates are extended by six months. However, patients are typically not notified of the use of expired drugs.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Ambulance Patient Off-load Time (APOT):** Attached to the agenda packet (Attachment 6) are the data for the second quarter of 2017 (April 1 to June 30, 2017). Jim Karras suggested that the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee should be asked to provide input for the established standard as well.
- **Orange County Drowning Prevention Report:** Dr. Stratton reported that the 2016 Orange County Drowning Prevention Report has been included in the packet as requested at the July meeting.

Letitia Clark: Asked about prior results of the prevention campaign. Dr. Stratton reported that this task force was implemented in 2016 and this is a report of the first year's campaign.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMS Plan Annual Update

Mrs. McConnell presented the annual update to the EMS Plan which is submitted to the State EMS Authority for 2016.

B. Orange County Point of Dispensing Introduction/Overview

Tammi McConnell introduced Alison Kellman, HCA Program Supervisor for Health Disaster Management to give a presentation on the Point of Dispensing process implemented in Orange County. The video provides an outline of what is expected to see during the October 26, 2017 Point of Dispensing Exercises being conducted in the Cities of Tustin and Westminster where 620 flu vaccinations will be administered. The City of Westminster will hold a walk through vaccinations and the City of Tustin will hold both drive-through and walk-through vaccinations. The planning effort for each exercise takes more than year.

Dr. Ritter: Asked if there any other POD exercises held other those for flu vaccinations. Ms. Kellman replied that POD exercises for businesses are held throughout the year.

Letitia Clark: Asked about the Health Care Agency's outreach efforts in letting the public know about the availability of flu vaccine. Ms. Kellman reported that notifications have been made in the use of flyers posted at various sites, via social media, etc. She thanked Ms. Clark and the City of Tustin for their contributions in hosting an exercise site.

Trez Gutierrez: Asked how volunteers were recruited for the exercises. Ms. Kellman replied that there are six Orange County nursing schools in helping to vaccinate the public; volunteers are also used as members of the public to check the flow.

Dr. Greco: Could the POD process be used for dispensing other vaccinations or medications? Ms. Kellman replied that the POD process may be used for the dispensing of any type of vaccination or medication in large quantities. The process may be widened or constricted depending on what is being distributed.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Ritter asked about the number of incidents that have taken place such as the Mexico City earthquake, recent hurricanes in the southwest, and the Las Vegas shooting. Dr. Stratton reported that the Orange County DMAT team (CA-1) was deployed to assist in Hurricane Harvey and are being deployed to Puerto Rico to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. He also reported on the wildfires and fire personnel being deployed. Paramedics in the wildfire locations are working under Orange County protocols. Any individuals who were in Las Vegas and a victim of the shooting are asked to contact the Las Vegas Police Department.

Trez Gutierrez asked, in the event of a mass casualty, how should adult patients be treated if they arrive at their facility. Dr. Stratton reported that an adult trauma patient could be transported to CHOC but immediately be transferred to St. Joseph Hospital's emergency room. Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County is working on a surge plan for hospitals; for pediatric patients; home bound patients; and nonspeaking English patients. Ms. McConnell reported that Orange County EMS may use the Los Angeles County Medic Alert Center and Los Angeles County hospitals may be used in the event of a major disaster.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

X. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.