



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday, July 13, 2018 – 9:00 am

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

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Arturo Pedroza
- Timothy Greco, MD
- Michael Ritter, MD
- James Karras
- Linda Voss
- Letitia Clark (*excused*)
- Karen Sharp, RN (*excused*)
- Trez Gutierrez, RN
- Margie Harrier
- Michael Killebrew
- Chief Tom Schultz (*excused*)
- Chief Charles Celano, Jr. (*exc.*)
- Rebecca Gomez

CATEGORY REPRESENTED

- Board of Supervisors, First District
- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District
- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District
- Ambulance Association of Orange County
- American Red Cross
- City Selection Committee
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association
- Orange County Business Council
- Orange County City Managers Association
- Orange County Fire Chiefs Association
- Orange County Police Chiefs & Sheriffs Assn.
- Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Sam Stratton, MD, MPH
- Carl Schultz, MD
- Michelle Cheung, MD
- Steve Thronson
- Mike De Laby, MSN, RN
- Adrian Rodriguez
- Vicki Sweet, MSN, RN
- Meng Chung, EMT-P
- David Johnson, RN
- Jason Azuma, EMT-P
- Maria Nava
- Justin Newton
- Andrew Roberts
- Kirstin Wong
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- EMS Medical Director
- Associate EMS Medical Director
- Deputy Medical Director, Epidemiology
- Deputy Agency Director, Regulatory/MHS
- Assistant EMS Administrator
- EMS Performance Chief
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- BLS Coordinator
- Facilities Coordinator
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Office Supervisor
- EMS Office Support

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME

Ann Abe
Annabelle Anderson
Peter Anderson, MD
Whitney Ayers
Kristin Christopherson
Ruth Clark, RN
Laura Cross, RN
Sheryl Gradney RN
Tim Korber, MD
Michael Lekawa, MD
Chris Leo
Stephanie Lush, RN

REPRESENTATIVES

- Orange County Global Medical Center
- Mission Hospital
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- Orange County Global Medical Center
- Mission Hospital
- St. Jude Medical Center
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- UCI Medical Center
- UCI Medical Center
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GUESTS PRESENT

Frank Maas, RN
Kenneth McFarland
Sandra Moreno, RN
Maryle Olivier, RN
Amanda Pringle, RN
Peggy Sale
Humberto Sauri, MD
Julia Schrofer, RN
Rochelle Silsbee
Jacob Wagoner
Stephen Wontrobski

REPRESENTATIVES

- Children's Hospital of Orange County
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- Orange County Global Medical Center
- UCI Medical Center
- Mission Hospital
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- Orange County Global Medical Center
- Orange County Global Medical Center
- Providence St. Joseph
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Private Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New members appointed effective July 1, 2018 include:
 - Margie Harrier representing the Orange County Business Council
 - Michael Killebrew representing the Orange County City Managers Association
 - Chief Tom Schultz representing the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association
 - Chief Charles Celano, Jr. representing the Orange County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association
- Members reappointed effective July 1, 2018 include:
 - Letitia Clark representing the City Selection Committee
 - Rebecca Gomez representing the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council
 - Jim Karras representing the Ambulance Association of Orange County

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 6, 2018 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting were approved as submitted.
(Abstentions from Rebecca Gomez, Jim Karras, and Michael Killebrew)

IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

• **Medical Director's Report:**

– Dr. Stratton reported:

The Medical Director's report included the results of Sidewalk CPR with over 3,000 participants; and the success of the program in which law enforcements administer naloxone prior to the arrival of paramedics.

- **Orange County Hospital Diversion Report: January 1 to June 30, 2018:** Hospital Diversion hours for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2018 are presented in the Orange County Hospital Diversion Data Report as seen in Attachment #2.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report:** Ambulance Patient Off-load times through May 31, 2018 are presented in the Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) report as seen in Attachment #3.

Stephen Wontrobski: Comments made previously on APOT times. Asked if a letter was distributed to hospitals regarding high off-load times and what responses were received. Dr. Stratton replied that Orange County EMS is planning a formal study and that a letter had not been distributed.

- **Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report: Fiscal Year 17-18 Third Quarter Report:** Adrian Rodriguez presented the FY 2017-18 Third Quarter Report on the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation contract for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2018. This report contains the contractual response times for each of the five exclusive operating areas (Regions A – E) as seen in attachment #4.

- **EMCC Correspondence:** Attached to the agenda packet is correspondence distributed by Orange County EMS since the last meeting and includes correspondence received by Stephen Wontrobski.

V. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

Dr. Stratton reported on the discussions held at the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee and County Paramedic Advisory Subcommittee meetings held earlier in the week. He reported that ALS providers in the field will be required to have an automated chest compression device by January 2020.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Children's Hospital of Orange County Pediatric Resource Center:** Dr. Stratton reported that the American College of Surgeons had recommended that Children's Hospital of Orange County request designation as a base hospital. He outlined the discussion that had taken place during the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee who recommended that a recommendation be deferred until concerns expressed by Committee members are addressed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Informational Items Only

A. **Orange County Grand Jury Report: "Competition or Collaboration Orange County's Public Agency Helicopters"**

Dr. Stratton reported this grand jury report has been included in today's agenda so that Committee members have an opportunity to review the report. He added that the grand jury did not interview Health Care Agency staff (including EMS) nor did they participate in any interrogatories in preparation of this report.

B. **Children's Hospital of Orange County Designation as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center**

Dr. Stratton reported the American College of Surgeons had recommended that Children's Hospital of Orange County seek designation as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center. He outlined the requirements that CHOC would have to meet for designation as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center. CHOC has notified Orange County EMS of its intention to become a Level I trauma center.

C. Orange County Trauma Center Application Request: Fountain Valley Regional Hospital

Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County EMS has received a letter of intent and application from Fountain Valley Regional Hospital as a Level II Adult Trauma Center. He indicated that an impact analysis will need to be performed on the potential addition of Fountain Valley Regional Hospital as a trauma center.

Ann Abe, CEO of Orange County Global Medical Center. Thanked EMS staff in providing the 2018 Trauma System Report. She indicated that the addition of another trauma center could jeopardize the existing trauma system. She urged for open discussion so that the existing trauma centers could address any concerns and needs not currently met.

Michael Lekawa, Chief of Trauma Services at UCI Medical Center, and is the Trauma Director representative serving on the Facilities Advisory Committee, and Chair of the Regional Trauma Operations Committee: Dr. Lekawa stated that the current trauma system has been giving Orange County optimal care. The current system is stable and an effect on part of the system will negatively impact the entire system. He spoke of the trauma volume, the need for trauma surgeons to maintain their skills, and the future of UCI Medical Center as a training program for trauma surgeons. He strongly opposes the addition of another trauma center.

Kenneth McFarland, CEO of Fountain Valley Regional Hospital. He thanked the existing trauma centers for the care provided to County residents. He reported that community members surrounding the hospitals are asking that Fountain Valley Regional Hospital consider seeking designation as a trauma receiving center.

D. 9-1-1 BLS Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services Request for Proposal Public Comment

Mr. Rodriguez reported that Orange County EMS is currently in the process of developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for provision of the 9-1-1 BLS Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services to begin on June 1, 2020 and is seeking feedback on the 2014 RFP. Public comments may be submitted via the OCEMS website at <http://www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems>. The deadline for public comments is July 31, 2018.

Stephen Wontrobowski: Comments on the overcharging of cities by the Orange County Fire Authority; and suggestions made on changes to the contract.

Action Items Only:

E. Facility Re-Designation for Huntington Beach Hospital and Children's Hospital of Orange County Designation as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center

Attached to packet is the Summary Report for the re-designation of Huntington Beach Hospital as an emergency receiving center and as a base hospital and for the designation of Children's Hospital of Orange County as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center. This report presented to the Facilities Advisory Committee on July 10, 2018. The Facilities Advisory Subcommittee recommended that Huntington Beach Hospital be re-designated as an Emergency Receiving Center and as a Base Hospital for three years as indicated in the report. In addition, Committee members recommended that Children's Hospital of Orange County be designated as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center in the report.

MSC: *The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that Orange County EMS re-designate Huntington Beach Hospital as an emergency receiving center and as a base hospital for a period of three years. (*

MSC: *The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that Orange County EMS designate Children's Hospital of Orange County as a Pediatric Trauma Receiving Center for a period of three years as indicated in the report.*

(Abstention: Art Pedroza regarding the designation of Children's Hospital of Orange County)

- **OCEMS Policy/Procedure #900.00: Multi-Casualty Incident Response Plan:** Attached to the agenda packet is OCEMS Policy/Procedure #900.00: Multi-Casualty Incident Response Plan. This policy was presented to the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee and the County Paramedic Advisory Subcommittee for approval. Both subcommittees support the changes made to this policy and recommend that this policy/procedure be approved as corrected at meetings held earlier in the week.

MSC: *The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that Orange County EMS approve OCEMS Policy/Procedure #900.00: Multi-Casualty Incident Response Plan with changes as recommended by subcommittees.*

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Stephen Wontrobski: Treatment of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center to the public regarding the closure of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center/San Clemente. Rebates charged by the Orange County Fire Authority for ALS and BLS ambulance transportation.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.