



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



## REGULAR MEETING

Friday, January 18, 2019 – 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 (excused)
- Michael Ritter, MD
- James Karras
- Linda Voss (excused)
- Letitia Clark (excused)
- Karen Sharp, RN
- Trez Gutierrez, RN
- Margie Harrier
- Michael Killebrew (excused)
- 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 Senior Citizens Advisory Council

#### HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Carl Schultz, MD
- Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN
- Steve Thronson
- Mike De Laby, MSN, RN
- Laurent Repass, NRP
- Vicki Sweet, MSN, RN
- Maria Nava
- Andrew Roberts
- Justin Newton
- Kirstin Wong
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- Lisa Wilson
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Administrator
- Deputy Agency Director, Regulatory/MHS
- Assistant EMS Administrator
- EMS Information Systems Chief
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Office Supervisor
- EMS Office Support
- EMS Office Support

### GUESTS PRESENT

#### NAME

Whitney Ayers  
Laura Cross, RN  
Michael Dimas  
Tim Korber, MD

#### REPRESENTATIVES

- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Mission Hospital
- Medix Ambulance Service
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital

#### GUESTS PRESENT

David Munoz  
Amanda Pringle, RN  
Jacob Wagoner  
Kim Zaky, RN

#### REPRESENTATIVES

- Lifeline Ambulance Service
- Mission Hospital
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Children's Hospital of Orange County

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Ritter announced that Dr. Sam Stratton has retired and will continue to serve the Orange County Health Care Agency and Orange County EMS on a voluntary basis.
- Dr. Ritter introduced Dr. Carl Schultz as the new EMS Medical Director.
- Dr. Carl Schultz announced that Dr. Gagandeep Grewal has accepted the position of Associate EMS Medical Director for the Orange County Health Care Agency.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 26, 2018 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

#### IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

- **Medical Director's Report:**

– *Dr. Schultz reported:*

The Medical Director's report included the impact of influenza in the County; the American College of Surgeons' evaluation of Orange County's trauma system scheduled later this year; and the Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center pilot project involving Children's Hospital of Orange County which is expected to begin in February.

- **Orange County Hospital Diversion Report (January 1 to December 31, 2018):** Hospital Diversion hours for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018 are presented in the Orange County Hospital Diversion Data Report as seen in Attachment #2.
- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report (January 1 to December 31, 2018):** Ambulance Patient Off-load times for calendar year 2018 are presented in the Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) report as seen in Attachment #3.
- **9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report: First Quarter for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (July 1 to September 30, 2018):** Tammi McConnell presented the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report for the first quarter of the 2018-19 fiscal year as presented as seen in Attachment #4.
- **EMS Correspondence:** Attached to the packet is correspondence distributed and received since the October 26, 2018 meeting. Included in this packet is the formal announcement sent by Dr. Sam Stratton on his retirement which became effective January 17, 2019.

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

Dr. Schultz reported on the discussions held at the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee and County Paramedic Advisory Committee meetings held earlier this month. The County Paramedic Advisory Committee discussed and supported limiting the use of Zofran in patients who are not pregnant and the video laryngoscopy pilot project has ended with video laryngoscopes becoming an optional scope item. The Education and Training Committee will be reviewing the EMT Scope of Practice at their next meeting in April.

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **EMS Fees Effective January 1, 2019:** Attached to the agenda packet (please see attachment #6) is a memo regarding the revision to EMS fees that became effective on January 1, 2019. These fees were approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors at its February 14, 2017 meeting.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- **Appointment of Nomination Committee for EMCC 2019 Slate of Officers**

Dr. Ritter asked for volunteers to serve as a nomination committee. Both Karen Sharp and Jim Karras offered to serve on the nominating committee.

- **Emergency Receiving Center/Specialty Receiving Center Designation/Re-designation**

Attached to the agenda is the report presented to the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 regarding Emergency Receiving Center and Specialty Receiving Center Re-designations for Anaheim Regional Medical Center and the conditional designation as a Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center for Mission Hospital. The Facilities Advisory Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations made in this report.

**MSC:**        **The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended the re-designation of Anaheim Regional Medical Center as an Emergency Receiving Center for a period of three years and conditionally as a Cardiovascular Receiving Center for a period of one year.**

**MSC:**        **The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended the conditional designation of Mission Hospital (Mission Viejo) as a Comprehensive Children’s Emergency Receiving Center for a period of one year. (Dr. Ritter recused himself from voting on this item)**

**VIII.    OTHER BUSINESS**

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**IX.      PUBLIC FORUM**

**X.      NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**XI.     ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.