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## FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 9, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

### M I N U T E S

<b>MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE</b>			
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>OCEMS STAFF</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Peter Anderson, MD, Chair	– OCMA/ED Physician Directors	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
Michael Lekawa, MD	– Trauma Center Medical Directors	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
Chien Sun, MD	– Managed Health Care Physicians	Laurent Repass, NRP	– EMS Information Systems Chief
Cyndie Strader, RN	– Base Hospital Coordinators	Danielle Ogaz	– EMS Systems and Standards Chief
<i>represented by Ruth Clark, RN</i>		David Johnson, RN	– Facilities Coordinator
Sheryl Riccardi, RN	– OC ED Nursing Leadership	Jason Azuma, NRP	– OC-MEDS Coordinator
Mary Slattery, RN	– Trauma Program Coordinators		
Greg Boswell, RN	– Fire Chiefs EMS Coordinators		

  

<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>			
<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Jordan Abushawish	– Providence St. Joseph	Kristen Karpow, RN	– Orange County Global Medical Center
Julia Afrasiabi, RN	– UCI Medical Center	Nicole Miller, RN	– Mission Hospital
Anabella Anderson, RN	– Mission Hospital	Nicole Plouffe	– Children’s Hospital of Orange County
Drew Bernard	– Emergency Ambulance Service	Sharon Richards	– Hospital Association of Southern California
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Amy Waunch, RN	– Children’s Hospital of Orange County
Josh Dean	– Premier Ambulance Service	Kim Zaky, RN	– Children’s Hospital of Orange County
Bryan Johnson, RN	– City of Orange Fire Department		

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*None made.*

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.*

**IV. OCEMS REPORT**

- **OCEMS Report**

David Johnson reported that all meetings will be held via Zoom Videoconferencing at least until the end of the year.

- **Health Emergency Management Report**

The Health Care Coalition groups have reorganized and are beginning to meet again. Meetings were not held due to the response to the pandemic. Currently the various groups are developing goals for 2022.

- **Public Health (COVID) Update**

Dr. Grewal provided an update on the case rate and the activities of the Health Care Agency Operations Center including the mobile PODS.

- **Specialty Centers (CCERC, SNRC, CVRC, Trauma)**

Both Sheryl Riccardi and Shelley Brukman reported on activities at Children's Hospital of Orange County regarding the facility's response to COVID and child abuse training performed at Central Net Training Center. Greg Boswell thanked CHOC staff on the training that was performed. Dr. Schultz reported that Orange County EMS is developing CQI groups on the for stroke and STEMI programs which is mandated by the State. The Trauma Program Collaborative is planning to meet after the Facilities Advisory Committee. Amy Waunch presented a report on the pediatric trauma collaborative.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times (APOT)**

Mr. Repass reported that October APOT data have been posted with 10-12 hospitals having exceeded the 30 minute standard. He stated that the month of October saw the second highest ambulance transports.

- **Facility Diversion Report**

Attached to the report is the Hospital Diversion Report for the third quarter of 2021. While COVID is still a factor in the increase of patients, hospitals are having staffing issues which has been prevalent throughout the United States causing longer diversion hours and an increase in longer wait times.

## V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Emergency Receiving Center/Specialty Receiving Center Designation(s)/Redesignations**

Due to the pandemic, facilities were given a one year extension on the designation/redesignation of their facilities. Some of the redesignations that were identified in September as "pending", are returning to this Committee for redesignation. The attached report indicates those facilities whose redesignations require approval. Under criteria, facilities are required to submit data to OCEMS on a monthly basis. It was noted that some of the facilities, whose designation were recommended, must meet the condition to submit a plan to OCEMS on how they intend to do so. Mr. Johnson outlined the issues that were identified.

**The Facilities Advisory Committee recommended that the Emergency Medical Care Committee approve the designations/redesignations as indicated in the report.**

- **Mandatory 2 Hour Diversion for APOT**

Dr. Schultz reported that the State has been discussing its desire to eliminate hospital diversion. OCEMS views hospital diversion as a tool and does not support the elimination of diversion. Hospital diversion is considered a tool and he is attempting to balance overuse and underuse of diversion. If a hospital's overall APOT time is greater than 60 minutes in comparison to its diversion hours

OCEMS may require the hospital to go on mandatory diversion for 2 hours. If its overall APOT is less than 60 minutes and it may be a single incident, the hospital will not be required to go on mandatory 2-hour diversion.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.