



# TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

*Held via Zoom Videoconferencing*

## MINUTES

MEMBERS			
NAME	CATEGORY REPRESENTED	ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Viera, Chair	– Ambulance Association of Orange County	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	– Base Hospital Coordinators	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Wagoner	– Ambulance Service Provider non-9-1-1	Laurent Repass, NRP	– EMS Information Systems Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Titus Ynares, RN (exc)	– Orange County Nursing Leadership	Danielle Ogaz	– EMS Systems & Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Druten	– Ambulance Service Provider 9-1-1	Jason Azuma, NRP	– OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vanessa Hayflich	– Air Transport Provider	Meng Chung	– BLS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Johnson, RN	– Fire Service Provider (with transport)	Juan Alvarez	– EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Barry	– Fire Service Provider (non- transport)	Justin Newton	– EMS Specialist
		Erica Moojen	– Office Supervisor
		Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist

  

GUESTS PRESENT			
NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Drew Bernard	– Emergency Ambulance Service	Teressa Polinski, RN	– UCI Medical Center
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Patrick Powers	– City of Placentia
Jesus Gaona	– BOS, Fourth District	Jacob Wagoner	– Lynch Ambulance Service
Claus Hecht, MD	– Orange County Fire Authority	Paul Whitaker	
Elvira Lopez	– Premier Ambulance	Kim Zaky, RN	– Children's Hospital of Orange County

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Robert Viera.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meng Chung announced that Orange County EMS has approved two new ambulance service providers; AmWest Ambulance and LifeWest Southern California.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***The minutes from April 7, 2021 were approved as submitted. Due to a lack of quorum there was no need to approve the minutes from July 7, 2021.***

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- **OCEMS Report:** The Health Care Agency Operations Center is currently staffed at a Level 2 staffing. There was a policy memo that was released on changes made to the policies and procedures for ALS and BLS standing orders. Those policies and procedures are not mandatory until April 1, 2022. The EMS website has now been updated (url: [www.ochealthinfo.com/ems](http://www.ochealthinfo.com/ems)). New security measures have been put in place for Zoom meetings. Everyone participating in meetings via phone must contact Eileen Endo to provide their phone number **(Please note this only needs to be done once)**.
- **APOT Report:** Laurent Repass reported that the August 2021 APOT report is currently posted to the OCEMS website. In addition, you may review the APOT dashboard to view individual hospital APOT data. A software update to the APOT dashboard caused errors in reporting of APOT data From January to July 2021. This error has been corrected and the monthly APOT reports have been updated.

- **Proposed EMS Fees:** Dr. Schultz reported that Orange County EMS staff are required to conduct a fee study every three years to measure the number of hours it takes to perform certain tasks to meet the demand of the services provided. Dr. Schultz reported that the Board of Supervisors mandates agencies not to use taxpayer funds for services that can be recovered. Orange County EMS will ask that the Emergency Medical Care Committee to approve the methodology used to calculate the rates that will be charged. Committee members expressed concerns for the ambulance driver/ambulance attendant fee charged to EMTs wishing to work on an ambulance. The increase in the fee is significant as few counties require a separate license to work on an ambulance in the State. Dr. Schultz reported that other local EMS agencies have special taxes charged to its residents as a means of cost recovery. The EMT certification fee is not increasing and those EMTs who apply to Orange County for their state EMT certification does have the fee for an ambulance driver/ambulance attendant license waived.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Orange County EMS Expanded Scope of Practice Update**
  - **Regarding EMTs Continuing to Administer COVID Vaccinations:** In December 2020, to ensure sufficient personnel to administered vaccinations, a local optional scope of practice to allow paramedics and EMTs to administer vaccinations. Any agency or entity who wishes to continue for their staff (EMTs and paramedics) to administer vaccinations to the general public may do so through September 2024.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **PUBLIC FORUM**

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.