



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Theodore Heyming, MD(excused) - BHPD – Children’s Hospital of Orange County
- Jon Cline MD - BHPD – Mission Hospital
- Robert Granata, MD - BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
- Matthew Hunt, MD (excused) - BHPD – Hoag Hospital
- Iksoo Kang, MD - BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center
- Eric McCoy, MD (excused) - BHPD – UCI Medical Center
- David Ngo, MD - BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- Kelly Unger, MD (excused) - BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- Robert Katzer, MD - Anaheim Fire & Rescue
- Claus Hecht MD - Orange County Fire Authority
- Shira Schlesinger, MD - Newport Beach Fire Department
- Julia Afrasiabi, RN - BHC – UCI Medical Center
- Ruth Clark, RN (excused) - BHC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
- Laura Cross, RN - BHC – Mission Hospital
- Cyndie Strader, RN - BHC – Hoag Hospital
- Christine Waddell, RN - BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital
- Heidi Yttri, RN - BHC – St. Jude Medical Center
- Kim Zaky, RN - BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange County

REPRESENTING

MEMBERS

- Capt. Brandon Grinstead - Orange County Fire Authority
- Jeff Lopez, EMT-P - Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
- Dave Barry, EMT-P - Anaheim Fire & Rescue
- Patrick Dibb - EMT Training Programs
- Patty Glead, RN (excused) - Paramedic Training
- Justin Horner, EMT-P - Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee
- Kim Nichols, RN - ED Nursing Leadership

REPRESENTING

OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

- Carl Schultz, MD - EMS Medical Director
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD - Associate EMS Medical Director
- Danielle Ogaz - EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- Laurent Repass, NRP - EMS Information Systems Chief
- Jason Azuma, EMT-P - OC-MEDS Coordinator
- Meng Chung, EMT-P - EMS BLS Coordinator
- Erica Moojen - EMS Office Supervisor
- Eileen Endo - Office Specialist
- Lisa Wilson - Information Processing Technician
- Irma Chavando - EMS Staff Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME

- Drew Bernard - Emergency Ambulance Service
- Chad Drueten - Emergency Ambulance Service
- David Gorin - OC Heart
- Daniel Graham - Liberty Ambulance
- Bryan Johnson, RN - Orange City Fire Dept.
- Julie Mackie, RN - Mission Hospital
- Nicole Plouffe, RN - Children’s Hospital of Orange County

REPRESENTING

MEMBERS

- Patrick Clark, EMT-P
- Phil Robinson
- Rhonda Rosati, RN
- Robert Viera
- Jacob Wagoner

REPRESENTING

- City of Placentia
- City of Laguna Niguel
- Brea/Fullerton Fire
- Care Ambulance
- Lynch Ambulance Service

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Iksoo Kang, MD, Acting Chair.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Johnson has retired, and he will be available in the next few months to help with consultation and a new hire transition to his position. Danielle Ogaz will temporarily be his backup.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 9, 2022 meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

• Medical Director’s Report

Dr. Schultz we have four vacancies. Hopefully, we will get some newly hired help by the end of summer. We have formed a Stroke CQI Committee; this was mandated by the State when they redid the Regs for Stroke and STEMI centers. It is an 1157 waiver protected group; a lot of PHI that gets shared so detailed reports can be vetted publicly. We listed in the upcoming section the new policies & procedures. As requested, the current and upcoming are listed side by side on the website. We posted policy #300.30 for

data reporting. We have had a robust discussion, and we have reached a resolution; and there will be update in the next few weeks.

- **Health Emergency Management (Disaster Report):**

Dr. Grewal COVID-19 positivity case rates are up 11% per 100k. There is a significant increase in hospitalizations above 100. The main variant is Omicron BA2, and there is a sub variant BA.2.12.1. It is difficult to know where we will peak during this small surge. Influenza is sporadic, with a slight increase. CDC and CDPH ask people who see young children with unexplained hepatitis after acute gastroenteritis caused by Adenovirus to report it to the Health Department. The AOC is still activated, supporting logistics Mobile POD vaccinations at a moderate level. Large mission of distributing testing kits; we have BinaxNOW professional use kits for staff, visitors, and ED. Please reach out to us if you need kits. BinaxNOW over the counter kits, we have prioritized for unemployed, vulnerable, and high-risk areas. Health Care Coalition finalized an agreement for trainings opportunities. Next week, we will send the training calendar with Situational Awareness, Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, and basic ICS topics. EMSA will have their Stroke & STEMI virtual conference on June 27-28. See the website link: emsa.ca.gov to sign up. We had the Southwest Regional Trauma Committee Grand Rounds at the end of March. It was very successful. It is free, and CMEs are available. The next meeting is on September 7th from 9-11 am. One of the topics is the new gray book that came out for ACS for trauma.

- **OCEMS Report:**

Danielle Ogaz reported that the scope verification for EMT certification is waived until June 30, 2022. EMTs with the provisional certification have until June 30, 2022 to meet the requirement for full EMT certification. Likewise, EMTs recertifying their EMT certification are not required to do the skills verification sheet before June 30, 2022. We are back in the field doing audits.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time:**

Jason Azuma reported that the APOT report for January through March is attached to the meeting notes. We are working on the April report. We monitor APOT daily.

- **The Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project**

Jason Azuma reported that the project is moving forward well. We are working to take the contracts to the Board of Supervisors for their approval in mid-July 2022. In the meantime, we are meeting all facilities. Please get in touch with Jason or Laurent Repass for any hospital that has questions.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- *None discussed.*

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **New Policies/Procedures Posted:**

The new policies are posted as a refresher. Anything in the upcoming section is optional through October 1 to provide opportunities for training purposes and individuals to review, suggestions, criticism, or edits; they can send those comments to Dr. Schultz.

- **IFT/ALS Base Hospital Contact**

We are working on combining the IFT/ALS Paramedics and 911 Paramedics policies, procedures and standing orders effective October 2022.

VII. **Advisory Committee Reports**

- **Base Hospital Coordinators** - *Julia Afrasiabi reported:*

We are training new MICNs and working on our competencies this summer to ensure all stay updated with the policy changes. Hospitals have some challenges with masking for the prehospital; Fire and Police come into the ER forgetting their mask and encouraging that the State still mandates us to wear masks.

- **Orange County Fire Chief EMS** – *Justin Horner reporting*

This committee met on May 5; OCEMS covered most information. The annual CFED-West Conference is taking place May 22 -26. We appreciate the policy blend between the occurring and upcoming and how that helps field users to ensure they follow what they have trained. We were advised of medic schools having interns at various stages, so influx and the need for internships and interns in the field.

- **Orange County Nursing Leadership** – *Kim Nichols reporting:*

We met as a group and talked about the current volume; COVID was very low at that time. In addition, all hospitals are struggling with nursing shortages using a lot of travel registries.

- **Facilities Advisory Subcommittee**

This Committee met on May 10, 2022, and besides the items discussed here at CPAC, we also discussed the protracted diversion hours at facilities.

- IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.