



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY
 Regulatory / Medical Health Services
 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Peter Anderson, MD (exc.)
- Michael Lekawa, MD
- Chien Sun, MD, MD
- Mary Birkle, RN
- Kenneth McFarland
- Cyndie Strader, RN
- Sheryl Riccardi, RN
- Anabella Anderson, RN
- Bryan Johnson, RN
- Mary Slattery, RN

REPRESENTING

- OCMA/ED Physicians
- Trauma Medical Directors
- Managed Health Care Physicians
- Base Hospital Administrators
- ERC Hospital Administrators
- Base Hospital Coordinators
- OC ED Nursing Leadership
- Trauma Program Coordinators
- Fire Chiefs EMS Committee
- Trauma Program Coordinators

OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

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| Sharon Richards | - Hospital Association of Southern California | Nicole Miller, RN | - Mission Hospital |
| Nicholas Berkuta | - OC Heart | Rhonda Rosati | - Brea/Fullerton Fire Department |
| Drew Bernard | - Emergency Ambulance Service | Robert Viera | - Care Ambulance Service |
| Ruth Clark, RN | - Orange County Global Medical Center | Augustus (Titus) Ynares, RN | - Los Alamitos Medical Center |
| Chris Waddell | - Huntington Beach Hospital | Heidi Yttri, RN | - St. Jude Medical Center |
| Karen Sharp, RN | - Saddleback Memorial Medical Center | Kim Zaky, RN | - Children's Hospital of Orange County |
| Christopher Leo | - UCI Medical Center | Julia Afrasiabi | - UCI Medical Center |
| David Gorin | - | Meghann Ord, RN | - Hoag Memorial Hospital |
| Luke Schademan | - Saddleback Memorial Hospital | Juliann Larsen | - Saddleback Memorial Medical Center |

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Almaas Shaikh is hired as the County of Orange Deputy Health Officer. She is involved with ongoing aspects of the County and makes a substantial contribution to all facets of the County of Orange Health Care Agency.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from March 8, 2022, meeting was approved with noted corrections needed on page 2 first paragraph change Stroke Policy 300.30. That is not the stroke policy. It is the data entry policy. Page 3 contracted diversion hours should be 36 hours, not 36,000 hours.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

• **OCEMS Report:**

Dr. Gagandeep Grewal – COVID-19 positivity case rates are up 100 per 300K. Above 25, positivity is up to 18% higher with antigen tests only. There is a significant increase in hospitalization with 287 patients. It

is not a big spike but is still increasing. ICU is flat with COVID. A lot of hospitalizations are non-incidental. Transports increase for APOT diversion times. Monkey Pox increased 10,000 worldwide. There are over 100 cases in California. Vaccine is released to public health for lab workers.

AOC is looking to deactivate. Mobile pods are limited. Test kits supply of professional test kits are available. If facilities are interested, order them. Regular operations at Health Emergency Management (HEM) are getting Health Care Coalition (HCC) and other Facilities involved. A few members are on board. Training Exercises are going. There are HCC trainings in August and September. Various topics like ICS, Communications, Leadership, Situational Awareness. Training is in person. Sign up for these valuable, excellent courses.

Dr. Carl Shultz – July has a significant turnover of Base Physicians because residency is over. Welcome to ten new Base Hospital Physicians at UCI. EMS is continuing to move forward with standing orders and IFT-ALS into one standing order. It is working well. The requirement for 911 Base Hospital Contact once done is no longer required to make Base Hospital contact. 77,000 IFT-ALS runs in the past 5 years had no base hospital contact. It is voluntary on October 1st then mandated on April 1, 2023.

Danielle Ogaz – The waivers for state credentialing expired June 30, 2022. EMT is back to normal training. We are still in recruiting process for a Facilities Coordinator. Send anything that you normally sent to David to Danielle.

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

Anabella Anderson at Mission we are working with Trauma program managers collaborative working with Jason on getting on the same page for gap analysis.

Dr. Carl Schultz mentioned the UCI group stroke society meeting is next week. We are looking at suggestions from the stroke society.

Kim Zaky online CCERC Bi-yearly looking at I-20 to adjust.

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

Laurent Repass reported on the APOT reports for January through May. June APOT report is completed. The county wide ambulance transport is increasing, which causes an increase in APOT times. Month of June 50,643. APOT time in June is 38% of the 90th percentile. APOT continues to increase gradually. 10-15 hospitals APOT is over 30 minutes on any given day.

- **Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project**

Laurent Repass - The Bi-Directional Data project is underway. Draft contracts going to Board of Supervisors for approval next week Tuesday. After that, signatures can be obtained from hospitals participating in the project. Kaiser was not planning to participate, but we received a letter that they are now interested. UCI is going to be the first customer. We will continue to provide updates.

Dr. Lekawa asked about how common it is EMS wide? Laurent replied that it is not common. It is pursued across the state LEMSAS. Orange County is not the first one. Test it to be a big benefit to EMS system. It provides record in real time. Data on patient outcomes and closes the loop. It allows hospital regulatory requirements for outcome data.

Dr. Schultz asked input on Diversion hours. Volume cut out APOT time. Impaction backing up patients. A lot of sick calls and exhaustion. What can be done to the system regulatory changes? Not allowing people to go down. Once center ramp up. Number of combinations of burn out, situation general employees group staff emergency departments. A lot of people are out sick with COVID and cannot work. The people who were previously vaccinated and boosted are getting COVID now. We don't know the level of protection. Facilities knows best at what they're doing. They might be able to suggest what can be done. Diversion goes away then APOT goes through the roof. It is not going to get fixed soon. When speaking with other directors, any suggestions? It once worked for the moment to cancel surgery to free up beds. It is not the solution unless it is a mandate from the state. Seems to be gradually getting worse. Hoping for solutions.

UCI decompresses. Psych hospital Anaheim hills no clue how they run their system. Issue we would like to try to fix. Need to get patients out of ER to another facility. We don't have facilities available now.

Augustus Ynares reviewed flow throughput. Concerns about staffing nurse burnout. Consider leaders in SNF area taking patients from hospital. That might be something we can pay attention to.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None discussed.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None discussed.

VII. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38.