

COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 405 W. Fifth Street, Suite 301A Santa Ana, CA 92701



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. Location: HCA Conference Room 433

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE				
MEMBERS REPRESENTING		MEMBERS	REPRESENTING	
	Jon Cline, MD (exc) Robert Granata, MD Joshua Bobko, MD Kelly Dodge, MD Iksoo Kang, MD (exc) Eric McCoy, MD David Ngo, MD Kelly Unger, MD Robert Katzer, MD Shira Schlesinger, MD Julia Afrasiabi, RN Monica Layhee, RN Laura Cross, RN Whitney Patnode, RN Jill Patt, RN Heidi Ragas, RN (exc) Jenael Rosenberg, RN Abigail Baur, RN	(exc)-BHPD – Children's Hospital of Orange County BHPD – Mission Hospital BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr. Medical Director – Orange County Fire Authority BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center BHPD – UCI Medical Center BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital Medical Director - Anaheim Fire & Rescue Medical Director - Newport Beach Fire Dept BHC – UCI Medical Center BHC – Orange County Global BHC – Mission Hospital BHC – Children's Hospital of Orange County BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital BHC – St. Jude Medical Center BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital BHC – OC Global Medical Center	□ Dave Barry, EMT-P □ Patrick Dibb □ Patty Gleed, RN □ Justin Horner, EMT-P □ Wendy Weirbach, RN □ Bryan Johnson, RN □ HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESEN □ Carl Schultz, MD □ Gagandeep Grewal, MD □ Kristen Karpow, RN □ Jason Azuma, NRP □ Philip Grieve, EMT-P	Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept. Representing Anaheim Fire & Rescue EMT Training Programs Paramedic Training Fire Chiefs' EMS Committee Orange County Fire Authority Orange City Fire Dept. EMS Medical Director Associate EMS Medical Director EMS Systems/Standards Chief OC-MEDS Coordinator EMS Facilities Coordinator EMS Trauma Coordinator EMS Trauma Coordinator EMS Liaison Office Specialist Office Supervisor B Information Processing Technician
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GUESTS PRESENT				
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Shelley Brukman, RN Ryan Kinney Terri Dart Sonam Wangyal Wade Munson Scott Nestor Rhonda Rosati, RN Vicki Sweet, RN		 CHOC Orange County Fire Authority UCI Medical Center Lynch Ambulance Service Orange County Fire Authority Fullerton Fire Department Orange County Sheriff's Dept 	Danielle Ogaz Jamie Abbott, RN Mildred Cureton, RN Pam Decker Erick Quintanilla Stephanie Scott Api Weinert	 LA County Fire Department Orange County Fire Authority Foothill Regional Medical Center UCI Medical Center FALCK St. Joseph Hospital Placentia Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robert Katzer at 1:02 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wendy Weirbach was introduced as the new EMS Coordinator for the Orange County Fire Authority. Abigail Baur was introduced as the new interim Base Hospital Coordinator for Orange County Global Medical Center and interim CCERC Coordinator Makenzie Ferguson.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 20, 2024, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

• Medical Director's Report – Dr. Carl Schultz reported:

We are working on a protocol for a push dose epi in peds patients. That will be released in October. No action right now.

Transports from the jail have become an issue. If you get called to transport someone from the jail and there is an issue, do not take it out on that person. Bring the issue to Dr. Schultz.

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Ruth Clark mentioned the pre-hospital pediatric readiness assessment officially launched on May 1st to the agencies that respond to 911 calls. She will be following up in approximately one month with the agencies that have not completed it yet. It takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Health Disaster Preparedness Report – Genise Silva reported:

On May 21st there is a Chempack 101 training from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This training is for anyone who touches a Chempack. The MRSE surge capacity drill is on June 11th at 8:00 a.m.

Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – Jason Azuma reported:

We are under benchmark for March and April. Under 500 transports per day. We have also come down in diversion in April. We have set a benchmark of 6% of all available hours as a general standard. We were at 5.2% for the month of April.

Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project – Jason Azuma reported:

We have 14 hospitals now live on the Bi-Directional Data Exchange. 65% of 911 transports are going through the exchange. We are receiving outcomes back from the hospitals much faster than we anticipated. There are only eight hospitals that we are pushing to get done by May 31st, which is the formal end of the project.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

Standing Orders and Base Hospital Contact – Dr. Carl Schultz

There is no change in standing orders. There is a requirement for base hospital contact. There has been a misinterpretation on when contact needs to be made. Contact does not need to be the first thing you do, but it is required. It does, however, need to be made at an appropriate time.

Pain Management for Multiple Trauma Patients - Dr. Carl Schultz

Just the presence of multiple trauma, per se, is not a contraindication for pain medicine. Just because you have a multiple trauma patient, doesn't meant they can't be treated for pain.

Flank Pain as a Trauma Center Indicator - Dr. Carl Schultz

There was an oversight on the trauma triage guidelines. Flank pains was not listed but will be added to the line along with abdominal pains to be sent to a trauma center.

VII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Base Hospital Coordinators

There are 12 new MICNs throughout the county. They will be starting their training on the radio shortly. Horizon Ambulance was assigned to Hoaq Hospital as their base hospital.

Orange County ED Nursing Leadership

Looking for a new chair. We are in the process of looking at the charter and we are reviewing it.

Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee

There are some medication shortages still being tracked. We will be receiving some training at the end of the month related to assisted living and skilled nursing facilities with Orange County Council on Aging.

Facilities Advisory Subcommittee

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We will be meeting this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

• Pediatric Collaborative

We went over the Pediatric Readiness Survey. Wendy was nominated to coordinate with all of the fire agencies to make sure everyone gets it done. We will meet again in three months.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.