



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Location: HCA Conference Room 433

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>REPRESENTING</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>REPRESENTING</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theodore Heyming, MD (exc)	-	BHPD – Children’s Hospital of Orange County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Lopez, EMT-P	-	Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jon Cline, MD	-	BHPD – Mission Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Barry, EMT-P	-	Representing Anaheim Fire & Rescue
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Granata, MD	-	BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Dibb (exc)	-	EMT Training Programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Bobko, MD (exc)	-	Medical Director – Orange County Fire Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patty Gleed, RN	-	Paramedic Training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Dodge, MD	-	BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	Justin Horner, EMT-P	-	Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Iksoo Kang, MD	-	BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Weirbach, RN	-	Orange County Fire Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric McCoy, MD	-	BHPD – UCI Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bryan Johnson, RN	-	Orange City Fire Dept.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Ngo, MD	-	BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<u>HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Unger, MD	-	BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carl Schultz, MD	-	EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Katzer, MD	-	Medical Director - Anaheim Fire & Rescue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	-	Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shira Schlesinger, MD	-	Medical Director - Newport Beach Fire Dept	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Karpow, RN	-	EMS Systems/Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julia Afrasiabi, RN	-	BHC – UCI Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Azuma, NRP	-	OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monica Layhee, RN	-	BHC - Orange County Global	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Genise Silva, RN	-	EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura Cross, RN (exc)	-	BHC – Mission Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruth Clark, RN	-	EMS Trauma Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Whitney Patnode, RN	-	BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adrian Rodriguez	-	EMS Performance Chief
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jill Patt, RN (exc)	-	BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fran Cohn, RN	-	EMS Liaison
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heidi Ragas, RN	-	BHC – St. Jude Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chad Cossey	-	EMS Program Supervisor II
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenael Rosenberg, RN	-	BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eileen Endo	-	Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abigail Baur, RN	-	BHC – OC Global Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erica Moojen	-	Office Supervisor B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cyndie Strader, RN	-	BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Wilson	-	Information Processing Technician
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Starr (exc)	-	HDP Staff Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Julie Lisbin	- St. Joseph Hospital	Jamie Abbott, RN	- Orange County Fire Authority
Jeff Santella	- Orange County Fire Authority	Mildred Cureton, RN	- Foothill Regional Medical Center
Christine Greninger	- Orange County Fire Authority	Erick Quintanilla	- FALCK
Kristen Thompson	- Newport Beach Fire Department	Rhonda Rosati, RN	- Fullerton Fire Department
Jordan Brafman	- UCI Medical Center	Danielle Ogaz	- Los Angeles County Fire

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Abigail Baur was introduced as the Base Hospital Coordinator of OC Global. Wendy Weirbach announced she is leaving OCFA.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the May 8, 2024, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- Medical Director’s Report – *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*

Dr. Schultz issued a policy change to allow the scope of practice by paramedics while they are on the wall in the emergency department. He sent it to EMSA and EMSA’s interpretation was that until the hospitals have formally assumed care of the patient, the patient is still in transport, and as such paramedics are authorized to continue their scope of practice. Effective immediately, paramedics may use their scope of practice on the wall if attempts to get support from medical personnel within the emergency department are unsuccessful. There may be more discussion about this.

- Health Disaster Preparedness Report – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:*

We are transitioning into a new grant year cycle. There is a California Hospital Association disaster conference coming up in September. You can go to their website to sign up. Chad Cossey mentioned: ILO training course 7/23/24 at the Environmental Health location, and that in 2025 we will be combining the Statewide exercise (SWMHE) with the Surge exercise (MRSE).

- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Jason Azuma reported:*

We are under benchmark for April and May. June report is still in review, but it looks like we are going to meet the benchmark of 30 minutes. We are seeing continued elevated volume of over 15,000 transports for April and over 16,000 for May. For diversion for April and May we came down under 1,000 hours and made our 6% benchmark. It looks like for June we also be down under 1,000 hours.

- Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project – *Jason Azuma reported:*

We are wrapping up the first phase of this project, which is onboarding all of our hospitals and EMS agencies. We had a big go-live today where we added the Anaheim Global, OC Global, South Coast Global, Fountain Valley, Los Alamitos, and Placentia Linda. We connected them with Costa Mesa, Newport Beach Huntington Beach, Anaheim, CARE and Emergency Ambulance. We have another big go-live planned for June 30th when we will add the remaining EMS providers. We will have a third go-live which will include hospitals that operating outside the OC MEDS system. OCFA also still needs to be onboarded. As far as hospitals go, we are at 21 of 24 ERCs onboarded.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Review of draft Procedure on Push Dose Epi for Peds - *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*

We felt this was an appropriate addition to our materials. We started to see kids that would benefit from this. The protocol is in the packet. If you do not want to comment publicly, you can send an email. This is not going into effect for a while.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Obtaining temperatures on field patients – *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*

This is a paramedic intervention that we have never required in Orange County. We are considering taking temps in the field because we are trying to create a triage to alternate destinations pilot project for psych patients and screening them requires taking their temperature. We would like to send them directly to a psych facility, bypassing the emergency department. To do so, they can't have a fever. We are also considering this intervention for patients that might be septic. OCEMS is not considering implementing temperature screening in any other patient group.

VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Base Hospital Coordinators
- Janael from Hoag has officially accepted a position as their Base Hospital Coordinator. We have an MICN class starting next month. We have a QR code on a magnet that we are passing out to fire agencies for our outcome requests.
- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership
We haven't met since March but we will be meeting in a couple of weeks.
- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee
No update.
- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee

Met yesterday. Huntington Beach Hospital had their ERC, and Base Hospital Redesignation. There were three deficiencies for the ERC. They have been requested to have correction action plans for each. There are six recommendations. For the ERC the Endorsement Consideration would be three-years conditional, pending the correction action plans. For their Base, we found no deficiencies. The Endorsement Consideration would be three-year unconditional.

- Pediatric Collaborative

We have not met since CPAC last met. There is an ad hoc portion that met a couple of times to see what trends are out there for education and pediatric readiness. The National Pre-hospital Pediatric Readiness Assessment launched on May 1st. As of the last week of June, the agencies that respond to 911 calls have completed their assessment.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

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