



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 11, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Lopez, EMT-P	-	Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jon Cline, MD	-	BHPD – Mission Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Dibb	-	EMT Training Programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Granata, MD (exc)	-	BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patty Gleed, RN	-	Paramedic Training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Bobko, MD (exc)	-	Medical Director – Orange County Fire Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Justin Horner, EMT-P	-	Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Dodge, MD	-	BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Weirbach, RN	-	Orange County Fire Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Iksoo Kang, MD	-	BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bryan Johnson, RN	-	Orange City Fire Dept.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric McCoy, MD	-	BHPD – UCI Medical Center	<u>HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Ngo, MD	-	BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mindy Winterswyk	-	HCA Assistant Agency Director
<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 type="checkbox"/>	Laurent Repass	-	OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Cross, RN (exc)	-	BHC – Mission Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Genise Silva, RN	-	EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Whitney Patnode, RN	-	BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth Clark, RN	-	EMS Trauma Coordinator
<input checked="" 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"/>	Eileen Endo	-	Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenael Rosenberg, RN	-	BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	Erica Moojen	-	Office Supervisor B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abigail Baur, RN	-	BHC – OC Global Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Wilson	-	Information Processing Technician
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cyndie Strader, RN	-	BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Starr	-	HDP Staff Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Matt Armstrong	- Premier Ambulance	Angie Arteaga	- Mission Hospital
Ryan Creager	- Mercy Air Service	Lauren Lee	- Fountain Valley Fire Department
Stephanie Scott, RN	- St. Joseph Hospital	Erick Quintanilla	- FALCK
Sean Stokes, RN, EMT-P	- Beverly Hills Fire	Patrick Powers	- City of Placentia

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by *Dr. Robert Katzer* at 1:00 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 10, 2024, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

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

The Triage to Alternate Destination Plan policy is still moving forward. Most of the policies are in draft form but they need further refinement. The next step is to reach out to two individual entities that might be willing participant. One would be the CSU and the other would be a paramedic 911 provider. We would pick a single entity both on the receiving end and on the provider end to try and work this through before expanding it out to the entire county.

We have been monitoring the heat and the fires and looking at the 911 calls that are heat related. We had a substantial spike in 911 calls for heat related emergencies. We passed that information on to Public Health and the Heat Annex was activated. We are monitoring the air quality twice a day through our Health Disaster Preparedness program and they are reporting to Public Health.

- Health Disaster Preparedness Report – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal*
- We have a few personnel at the CHA disaster conference. We are able to sponsor people through the grants to go that conference, for future reference. We are awaiting final word on grant requirements for the next grant cycle, but we understand there is a plan to emphasize cyber security in disaster. We are working on making various trainings available.
- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal*

Over the last several months, APOT and Diversion have essentially been flat. Times have been lower than they were over the last previous year and a half or two. For the month of August, our total APOT was 28 minutes and four seconds, which is below our 30-minute benchmark. It is notable that ambulance transports are up. APOTs are down, but ambulance transports are higher than they have been. Yesterday was the highest number of 911 transports we have ever seen at 607. Our diversion times are fairly flat and stable. There were only six hospitals that exceeded the 6% benchmark. As a whole, we are under that benchmark at 5%.
- Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal*

We have 21 of 24 ERCs onboarded. We are actively working with Anaheim Regional to make them our 22nd hospital. We have 12 EMS providers participating and will be adding Orange City and Orange County Sheriff Air Rescue on October 1st. 80% of 911 transports are going through this exchange on a daily basis. We are the first in the state to do this.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Follow-up on Obtaining Patient Temperatures in the Field - *Dr. Carl Schultz*

This was triggered by the alternate destination process. The CSUs require the patients being sent to them be afebrile. That is one of their exclusions. If the patient has a fever they will not accept them. Their facility is one large room and you cannot isolate somebody. We thought it would be a good idea for the paramedics to take the temps before transporting them to the CSUs. This will also work on sepsis appearing patients. The EMS Advisory Group was supportive. This will only apply to Anaheim in the beginning if they agree to participate.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Base Hospital Coordinators

The MICN class just finished and we will be reaching out to our local agencies to scheduling ride alongs. We have noticed there has been a trend in not medicating multi-system trauma patients. We are asking MICNs to initiate that the Base Hospital contact is made to give that initial first dose before returning paramedics back to standing orders. There is a No Fear conference that Hoag will be hosting on November 15th. We are asking any EMS agency to donate baskets for the raffle.
- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership

Next meeting is on October 25th.
- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee

Met last week. Still working on Skilled Nursing Facility education expectations.
- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee

Met yesterday. Discussed motions for CHOC CCERC and Base Hospital and Mission Hospital Trauma Center and Pediatric Trauma Center redesignations. 3-year unconditional redesignation was the endorsement consideration. Motions were approved.

- Pediatric Collaborative
Nothing to report.

VIII, **ROUND TABLE**

Mindy Winterswyk noted that the County terminated the contract with Be Well and Behavioral Health will now be assuming that role.

Patrick Powers mentioned that Wayne Tolosa from Health Disaster Preparedness is trying to get the Cities engaged in POD Planning but isn't receiving a lot of buy-in. He encouraged everyone to find a solution that works for their location.

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.