



**FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: 405 W. Fifth Street, Conference Room 433  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS**

- Peter Anderson, MD
- Michael Lekawa, MD
- Chien Sun, MD
- Laura Cross, RN
- Jill Patt, RN
- Augustus Ynares, RN
- Mary Slattery, RN
- Bryan Johnson, RN

**REPRESENTING**

- OCMA ED Physician Directors
- Trauma Center Directors
- Managed Care Emergency Physicians
- Base Hospital Administration
- Base Hospital Coordinators
- OC Nursing Leadership
- Trauma Program Coordinators
- Fire EMS Coordinators

**HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

- Mindy Winterswyk
- Regina Chinsio-Kwong, MD
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD
- Kristen Karpow, RN
- Laurent Repass, NRP
- Genise Silva, RN
- Erica Moojen
- Kelly Starr
- HCA Assistant Agency Director
- HCA County Health Officer
- EMS Associate Medical Director
- EMS Systems/Standards Chief
- EMS Information Systems Chief
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- EMS Office Supervisor B
- HDP Staff Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT**

- Abigail Baur
- Stephanie Scott
- Nicole Miller, RN
- Amanda Ramos
- Diane Takahashi, RN
- Elizabeth Hartson

**REPRESENTING**

- OC Global Medical Center
- St. Joseph Hospital
- Mission Hospital
- Lynch Ambulance
- Anaheim Global Medical Center
- South Coast Global Medical Center

**OTHERS PRESENT**

- Kelly Petka
- Julia Afrasiabi, RN
- Whitney Patnode, RN
- Julie Mackie, RN
- Jenael Rosenberg, RN
- Stefano Gaitan

**REPRESENTING**

- Mission Hospitals
- UCI Medical Center
- CHOC
- Mission Hospital
- Hoag Hospital
- UCI / Los Alamitos

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by Peter Anderson, MD at 9:03 a.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Meng Chung has been promoted to EMS Chief of Personnel overseeing licensing.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes from the July 9, 2024, meeting was approved as submitted.

**IV. OCEMS REPORT**

- OCEMS Report by *Gagandeep Grewal, MD*

The updated Policy #650.00 was sent out for comment and is now approved as policy. As for Trauma Center’s the policy states that board certified specialists are necessary to be on-call, but after reaching out to the state, we are allowing board eligible specialists to be on-call as well. A few policies are going to be coming out in October. One is for the push dose epinephrine, and there are a couple of policies on reporting abuse. We are working on a long-term project for triage to alternate destinations. We are also working on trying to get temperatures taken in the field. This will aid in our triage to alternate destinations project, as well as help in sepsis detection. 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 (APOT) and Diversion Report by *Laurent Repass*

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 by *Laurent Repass*

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

#### V. **SPECIALTY REPORTS**

- CVRC – We have our CVRC quarterly meeting next month. Genise is sending out our monthly reports. Our goal is to get the STEMI CQI Committee up and running by February 2025. If you are interested in being a part of that committee, reach out to Genise.
- SNRC – We continue to meet for the Stroke CQI committee. The next meeting is next month. We will be reviewing more cases. The next Stroke Society meeting is on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at our AOC. It will be hosted by UCI Health Los Alamitos. Please let Genise know if you need information and she will forward the invite.
- Trauma – UCI and CHOC are currently doing their surveys. There is no meeting this month. We are still working on our county wide image sharing project.
- Pediatrics – Nothing to report.

#### VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

#### VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mission Hospital Trauma Center and Pediatric Trauma Center Redesignation by *Genise Silva, RN* – There were no deficiencies but two recommendations. The Endorsement Consideration would be three-years unconditional. Motions were voted on for approval. Motions were approved.
- CHOC CCERC and Base Redesignation by *Genise Silva, RN* – There were no deficiencies in either designation. There were seven recommendations for the CCERC and one recommendation for the Base Hospital. The Endorsement Consideration would be three-years unconditional. Motions were voted on for approval. Motions were approved.
- AB40 APOT Protocol Submissions by *Kristen Karpow, RN* – There was a due date of September 1<sup>st</sup> to the State EMSA for APOT protocol submissions. They are still accepting them after the due date. Please send submissions directly to EMSA at [APOT@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:APOT@emsa.ca.gov) and copy Orange County EMS agency. Double check the email address because a lot of submissions are getting bounced back.

- Public Crisis Stabilization Units Bed Board *by Kristen Karpow, RN* – There is a new Orange County CSU live bed board that can be accessed that shows live bed availability, the number of referrals under review and it provides direct facility contact numbers for each CSU location. You can post the flyer in your ED for reference.

#### VIII. **ROUNDTABLE**

- Dr. CK asked the committee what she could do better to get messages out. She mentioned the air quality index with all of the fires that are going on right now is being tested twice a day. She also asked if emergency physicians are receiving the newsletters sent out by HCA.
- Genise stated that when a patient arrives by ambulance and then decides not to be seen by the ED, legally it is up to the facility to get the AMA signed. The patient should still be registered since they are on the property and there should be a paper trail of what decisions were made. The best thing would be for both parties to sign the AMA.
- It was asked what the definition of APOT mean. Laurent stated it is from the time the wheels stop to the time that they physically transfer and report the patient to the ED gurney.

#### IX. **NEXT MEETING**

- November 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 433

#### X. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.