



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
 Location: HCA Conference Room 433

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Theodore Heyming, MD (exc) | - BHPD – Children’s Hospital of Orange County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jon Cline, MD | - BHPD – Mission Hospital |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Robert Granata, MD (exc) | - BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Joshua Bobko, MD (exc) | - Medical Director – Orange County Fire Authority |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Kelly Dodge, MD | - BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Iksoo Kang, MD | - BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Eric McCoy, MD | - BHPD – UCI Medical Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | David Ngo, MD | - BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kelly Unger, MD | - BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Robert Katzer, MD | - Medical Director - Anaheim Fire & Rescue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Shira Schlesinger, MD | - Medical Director - Newport Beach Fire Dept |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Julia Afrasiabi, RN | - BHC – UCI Medical Center |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Laura Cross, RN | - BHC – Mission Hospital |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Whitney Patnode, RN | - BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jill Patt, RN | - BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Heidi Ragas, RN | - BHC – St. Jude Medical Center |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jenael Rosenberg, RN | - BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Abigail Baur, RN | - BHC – OC Global Medical Center |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cyndie Strader, RN | - BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital |

MEMBERS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jeff Lopez, EMT-P | - Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Patrick Dibb | - EMT Training Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Patty Gleed, RN | - Paramedic Training |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Justin Horner, EMT-P | - Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wendy Weirbach, RN | - Orange County Fire Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bryan Johnson, RN | - Orange City Fire Dept. |

REPRESENTING

HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mindy Winterswyk | - HCA Assistant Agency Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Regina Chinsio-Kwong, MD | - HCA Health Officer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Carl Schultz, MD | - EMS Medical Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Gagandeep Grewal, MD | - Associate EMS Medical Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Kristen Karpow, RN | - EMS Systems/Standards Chief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Laurent Repass | - OC-MEDS Coordinator |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Genise Silva, RN | - EMS Facilities Coordinator |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ruth Clark, RN | - EMS Trauma Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fran Cohn, RN | - EMS Liaison |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Eileen Endo | - Office Specialist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Erica Moojen | - Office Supervisor B |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lisa Wilson | - Information Processing Technician |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Kelly Starr | - HDP Staff Assistant |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| Matt Armstrong | - Premier Ambulance |
| Kristen Gates | - Orange County Fire Authority |
| Stephanie Scott, RN | - St. Joseph Hospital |
| Glenda Parrish | - West Anaheim Medical Center |
| Kim Zaky, RN | - UCI Medical Center |
| Mildred Cureton | - Foothill Regional Hospital |

REPRESENTING

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| Deanna Lynch | - Orange County Fire Authority |
| Ashley Pineda | - Orange County Fire Authority |
| Danielle Boal | - City of Brea |
| Patrick Powers | - City of Placentia |
| Amanda Collins | - Children’s Hospital of Orange County |

REPRESENTING

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by *Dr. Eric McCoy* at 1:03 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Amanda Collins was introduced as the new CCERC coordinator at CHOC. Kristen Gates, Deanna Lynch, and Ashley Pineada were introduced as nurse educators for the Orange County Fire Authority. Alistair Stewart is new to West Anaheim Medical Center.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from the September 11, 2024, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- Medical Director’s Report – *Dr. Carl Schultz*
- The first draft of the triage to alternate destinations project has been compiled with all the policies and requirements into one document. It will be sent around to OCEMS and once they have signed off on it, it will be sent out to those who will be participating. Regarding IV fluids, Dr. Schultz issued a letter last week allowing paramedics to use their judgment on how they administer fluids. They still have them but they are below their par levels and they don’t know when replacements will come. The topic of masking when

entering fixed facilities has come up again. Dr. Schultz does not support this and is not mandating this. There is a possible strike at the UCI facilities on November 20th and the 21st. They are trying to find temporary replacements. There is no plan at this time to divert patients. This will probably increase APOTs and diversion times, as well as impact wall times. The first draft of the Triage to Alternate Destination project has been completed. It will now go to OCEMS staff for review. It will probably not come out as a policy until April.

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

The Health Disaster Preparedness team is continuing working on building the Coalition. We are trying to boost EMS participation. A lot of the plans the hospitals are doing involve EMS and one of the plans include hospital evacuations. There will be a State Wide Medical Health Exercise next year in April. The topic is water contamination due to a terrorist event. We visited some hospitals a couple of weeks ago that have Chempaks. If your site has a Chempak, make sure you have a plan on how to deploy them. If you would like a Chempak, we have a couple of extra that we are storing. We are winding down the Bi-Directional Exchange Project. We have gotten 21 out of the 24 ERCs on board. We are working on the 22nd and we are reaching out to the last two.

- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal*

The APOTs and diversion are trending downwards through September and October. The aggregate APOT through September was just under 27 minutes. Diversion hours are higher than previous years but they are lower than the 6% standard.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Ketamine Discussion - *Dr. Carl Schultz*

There was a brief discussion on ketamine and who uses and how it is used.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Questions regarding October update memo

There were no questions or comments.

VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Base Hospital Coordinators

Finishing up training. The No Fear conference on trauma is at Hoag later this month.

- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership

Nothing to report.

- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee

There will be some changes in roles in the near future.

- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee

Met yesterday. Discussed motions for OC Global Medical Center Trauma Center, OC Global Medical Center ERC, CVRC, SNRC, Base Hospital and West Anaheim Medical Center ERC and CVRC redesignations. 8-month condition was the endorsement for OC Global Medical Trauma center and 3-year unconditional redesignation was the endorsement consideration for OC Global Medical Center ERC, CVRC, SNRC, BH. West Anaheim Medical Center received a 3-year conditional designation for their ERC and CVRC. Motions were approved.

- Pediatric Collaborative

Met last Monday. OC Global, Fountain Valley and La Palma all have a recognized Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator at their facilities. We have added that to our collaborative. We will be drafting a flyer to explain what a PECC is. The role is not required at this time but it is encouraged. The EMS for Children's had their educational forum last Thursday and over 110 people attended. The next CFED will be May 18-22nd. The Water Safety Summit in Huntington Beach will be on March 4-5th.

VIII, **ROUND TABLE**

- OCFA EMS Chief has been promoted and will be moving over to Buena Park. We are in the process of hiring a new EMS Chief. We will also be having a new EMS Coordinator in approximately two weeks, Andrew Tran.
- There is a new infectious disease team at St. Joe's. Does EMS do any type of travel screening prior to dispatch of 911 paramedics? Dr. Schultz answered typically no, but it will depend on the level of the treat. During the Ebola crisis, travel screening was performed prior to dispatch and dispatchers were given the addresses of all patients in Orange County at risk.

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.