



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday, October 11, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: County Administration North (CAN) Multipurpose Room
400 West Civic Center Drive, First Floor, Room 101, Santa Ana, CA 92701

M I N U T E S

Name	Representing	Health Care Agency Staff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael S. Ritter, MD	– Orange County Medical Assn. (SOCEP)	Regina Chinsio-Kwong, MD	– County Health Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Cichon, MD (exc)	– Board of Supervisors, First District	Mindy Winterswyk, DPT, PCS	– Director, Specialized Med. Serv.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Grihalva, MICP	– Board of Supervisors, Second District	Almaas Shaikh, MD	– Deputy Health Officer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Munzing, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Third District	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis Estevez	– Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Heyming, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN	– EMS Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Armstrong	– Ambulance Association of Orange County	Mike Noone, NRP	– Assistant EMS Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Firey	– American Red Cross	Adrian Rodriguez	– Ambulance Performance Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Kalmick	– City Selection Committee	Meng Chung, EMT-P	– EMS Personnel Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Killebrew	– Orange County City Managers Association	Genise Silva, RN	– EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Mark Terrill <i>for</i> <i>Chief Adam Loeser</i>	– Orange County Fire Chief Association	Justin Newton	– Program Supervisor II
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Gibbs, MD	– Orange County Medical Association	Erica Moojen	– EMS Office Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Stu Greenberg	– Orange County Police Chiefs' & Sheriffs Assn.	Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
Guests Present			
Julia Afrasiabi, RN	– UCI Medical Center	Jillian Patt, RN	– Huntington Beach Hospital
Danielle Boal, RN	– Brea Fire Department	Rhonda Rosati, RN	– Fullerton Fire Department
Ryan Creager	– Mercy Air Service	Vicki Sweet, RN	– Orange County Sheriff's Dept.
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Raj Vishal	– Falck Medical Health
Chad Druten	– Emergency Ambulance Service	Jacob Wagoner	– Lynch Ambulance Service

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Michael Ritter.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduction of two incoming members: Matt Armstrong who is representing the Southern California Ambulance Association after the resignation of Jim Karras who retired at the beginning of June, 2024 and Mike Killebrew who is representing the Orange County City Managers Association. Jill Ingram, the City Manager from the City of Seal Beach is retiring and has resigned her position.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 12, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

4. OCEMS REPORT

- **Medical Director's Report** by Dr. Carl Schultz

Dr. Schultz reported on the transport of behavioral health patients to alternate destinations; and the shortage of IV fluids. This shortage occurred due to hurricanes in the southeastern United States. At this time, one facility has reported an IV fluid shortage.

- **Health Disaster Preparedness Report**

Dr. Grewal reported on the air quality impacted by the Airport fires. Grants are distributed every five years and the Health Preparedness program will be submitting applications for grant funding with an emphasis on cybersecurity and plans in place when network systems are down.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report and Hospital Diversion Report**

Attached to the packet are the APOT and hospital diversion reports since the July meeting (July, August, and September). Despite an increase in 9-1-1 transports hospitals are maintaining their APOT times. Dr. Grewal reported that each facility is required to have a plan in place to mitigate high APOT times to ensure they meet the statewide standard APOT time of 30 minutes.

- **Memo #5164 Public Comments for Ambulance Policies, Procedures, and Standing Orders Updates**

Adrian Rodriguez reported that the ambulance policies, procedures, and standing orders were updated and have been released for a 50-day public comment period. review. pertaining to ground ambulances were released for public comment rules.

5. **EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**

- **Facilities Advisory Committee** met on September 10, 2024: Discussion included Stroke and STEMI CQI meetings; development of policies under AB 40 that requires hospitals to develop policies to ensure that APOT is maintained at 30 minutes as required by OCEMS and the State.
- **County Prehospital Advisory Committee (CPAC)** met on September 11, 2024 and Committee members discussed pain control on multi-system trauma patients with the base hospitals encouraging MICNS to take more control of the situation. Hoag Memorial Newport Beach will host the next “NO FEAR” conference on November 15, 2024.
- **Transportation Advisory Committee** met on October 2, 2024 and discussed the policies that released for public comment. In addition, Mr. Rodriguez reported that 20 ambulance service providers are in the middle of inspections with a new ambulance provider to be reviewed.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – *Reported by Dr. Schultz*

- **Memorandum #5184: Interest in Trauma Center Designation Letter**

Dr. Schultz reported that Orange County EMS distributed a memorandum to determine if there is any interest by other facilities to be designated as a trauma center in the event that it becomes necessary to designate an additional trauma center.

- **Memorandum #5188: October 1, 2024 Updates to the Policies, Procedures, and Standing Orders**

Dr. Schultz reported that Orange County EMS distributed a memorandum on changes to Orange County EMS Policies, Procedures, and Standing Orders allowing service providers to begin training staff for final implementation on April 1, 2025.

- **Redesignation of Mission Hospital’s Adult and Pediatric Trauma Centers for Redesignation:** Ms. Silva reported that a site visit was held on May 22-23, 2024 by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) for the period of January, 2023 through January 2024 with recommendations made by the ACS and no deficiencies were found.

On September 10, 2024, Orange County EMS Staff requested that the Facilities Advisory Committee approve the hospital's redesignation without conditions for a period of three years. The Facilities Advisory Committee approved and forwarded this recommendation to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended to the EMS Medical Director that Mission Hospital (Mission Viejo) be re-designated as an Adult Trauma Center and as a Pediatric Trauma Center for a period of three years as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Committee and the American College of Surgeons as outlined in the report.

- **Redesignation of Children's Hospital of Orange County's Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center and Base Hospital:** Ms. Silva reported that a site visit was conducted by Orange County EMS staff on August 15, 2024 for its redesignation as a Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center and as a Base Hospital. Orange County EMS requested that the Facilities Advisory Committee approve the hospital's redesignations without conditions at the September 10, 2024 meeting for three years. The Facilities Advisory Committee approved and forwarded this recommendation to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended to the EMS Medical Director that Children's Hospital of Orange County be redesignated as a Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center; and as a Base Hospital for three years unconditionally as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Committee as outlined in this report.

8. MEMBER COMMENT

9. PUBLIC FORUM

10. **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, meeting was adjourned.