



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday, January 10, 2025 – 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Health Care Agency Staff</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael S. Ritter, MD	– Orange County Medical Assn. (SOCEP)	Mindy Winterswyk, DPT, PCS	– Director, Specialized Med. Serv.
<input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Cichon, MD (exc)	– Board of Supervisors, First District	Almaas Shaikh, MD	– Deputy Health Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Grihalva, MICP	– Board of Supervisors, Second District	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Munzing, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Third District	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Luis Estevez	– Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Mike Noone, NRP	– Assistant EMS Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Heyming, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Laurent Repass, NRP	– EMS Analytics Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Armstrong	– Ambulance Association of Orange County	Kristen Karpow, RN	– EMS Clinical Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Firey (Excused)	– American Red Cross	Adrian Rodriguez	– Ambulance Performance Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	– City Selection Committee	Drew Bernard, EMT	– EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Killebrew	– Orange County City Managers Association	Genise Silva, RN	– EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Adam Loeser	– Orange County Fire Chief Association	Erica Moojen	– EMS Office Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Gibbs, MD	– Orange County Medical Association	Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Stu Greenberg	– Orange County Police Chiefs' & Sheriffs Assn.	Ruth Clark, RN	– EMS Trauma Coordinator
		Lisa Wilson	– Information Processing Technician
		Elise Johnson	– Program Coordinator
<u>Guests Present</u>			
Julia Afrasiabi, RN	– UCI Medical Center	Kim Zaky, RN	– UCI, OCENA
Luke Schademan	– Memorial Care	Rhonda Rosati, RN	– Fullerton Fire Department
Amanda Collins	– CHOC	Jenael Rosenberg, RN	– HOAG
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Abigail Baur	– OC Global Medical Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 09:01am by the Chair, Dr. Michael Ritter.

There was a moment of silence and reflection for Kevin Skinner, a Southern California Orange County Fire Fighter who suffered a cardiac arrest while on the job fighting a house fire. He passed away and left his wife, family and colleagues.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement of New Appointed EMS Analytics Coordinator (Anjan Purohit) by Laurent Repass

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 11, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

4. OCEMS REPORT

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

Dr. Schultz reflected on the loss of Dr. Matt Hunt, who died suddenly. He was a UCI resident. Dr. Hunt's signification contribution was acknowledged.

Issue with patients who should go to Kaiser ED because they are not a Kaiser patient. ERC is like any other in Orange County. Any patient can go to Kaiser. They will provide the same care as anyone else.

Dr. Schultz will reach out for the next three months with the same thing.

Close out issue of all special policies regarding the IV fluid shortage to provide coverage for 30 days then cease to exist. We are back to standard procedures.

Triage moving forward. Psyche 911 direct to psyche facility wait on wall. ER is worst place in CSU. Anaheim Fire for train the trainer. Maybe by April first get this rolling, or close to that to provide active care for patients.

Fire EMS is aware no impact on OCEMS. Indirect impact reach in Orange County. Fire department to keep 911 staff running.

- **Health Disaster Preparedness Report**

Dr. Grewal reported on exercises this year.

SWMHE is in April with topic on water contamination/disruption. Planning to hire a contractor to help with that exercise.

NDMS (National Disaster Medical System) exercise planned to take place in the mid to late summer at Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base. This will be developed by the FCC (Federal Coordinating Center) from Camp Pendleton. Will use volunteers and involve multiple stakeholders.

Health Care Coalition of Orange County (HCCOC) meeting is coming up January 30th.

Dr. Ritter asked a question about the numbers for Flu and COVID.

Dr. Grewal replied that RSV and Flu increased over December. CDC peak around now and hope to go down. Models show RSV latest one is going down. This season was not as bad as prior season, yet still overwhelms the system.

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

APOT is up. September was unremarkable. Diversion is up as well 37 minutes over benchmark now. Hospitals have more traffic. December 30, 2024 was the biggest day with 550 transports. Diversion last month is at the 15.9% benchmark, which is typical for this time of year.

- **Bi-Directional Data Exchange – Final Report**

Laurent Repass did a power point presentation about the Bi-Directional Data Exchange Final Report.

It is remarkable to get the majority of hospitals on board with live data exchange happening at 83%. Average 911 transports 511 Now averaging 423 of those items successful exchange. Benefits streamlined data process and allowed to use meaningful data.

Although the Bi-Directional Data Exchange project is over, we're still trying to achieve OCFA. They would like to onboard next week. OCFA has a dynamic complicated system that requires ongoing management and support. We waited to make OCFA onboarded after all the kinks were effectively working. We are working with Anaheim Regional and Orange Coast Memorial to engage.

UCI has a new system have to go live on ePCR due to a change in system. Training staff takes time and effort. There is a QR code with training videos.

Upcoming Challenge Award 1 of 16 award recipients out of 400 + submissions. It's nice to be recognized for all the time and effort.

Dr. Almaas Shaik recognized the tremendous effort and gave accolades for the team who worked on this huge project.

Dr. Carl Schultz acknowledged that this could not have been done by anyone as smart as Laurent. Laurent

and his team pulled off an impossible feat.

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

- **Facilities Advisory Committee** met on November 12, 2024:
Genise Silva, RN Most items discussed at this meeting were discussed at the last FAC meeting. The Stroke CQI 2024 was successful. Implementing STEMI CQI meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.
- **County Prehospital Advisory Committee (CPAC)** met on January 8, 2025:
Kristen Karpow, RN commented on the agenda to update the incorrect last meeting date of November 13, 2024 to January 8, 2025. Los Angeles County disseminate message to Facilities APOT off load time can utilize policy 310.96.
- **Transportation Advisory Committee** met on January 7, 2025:
Matt Armstrong, SCAA reported that Drew provided information 20 ambulance provider units 403, 3 aircraft, 5 720 policies out for review for 50-day comment period. Next meeting is April 2, 2025.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – *Recommended Action: Approvals*

- **West Anaheim Center ERC and CVRC Redesignation by Genise Silva, RN**
Genise Silva motion for approval on Attachment #5 West Anaheim Medical Center 3 year conditional for ERC due to poor conditions back in September extended APOT – ReddiNet MCI Response. Non-compliant with specialties call handle. Corrected action plans were reviewed and will stay as conditional.
- **Orange County Global Medical Center ERC, CVRC, SNRC and Base Hospital Redesignation by Genise Silva, RN**
West Anaheim Medical Center CVRC conditional. Received corrective action plans and will keep as 3-year conditional. OCGMC site survey in October 2024. 3-year unconditional.
- **OC Global Medical Center Trauma Center Redesignation by Ruth Clark, RN**
8-month conditional redesignation 2 non-compliant have one year to turn in action plan to ACS. 24/7 ED coverage all the time so physician goes to code blue. Action plan EMS 5/1/25 revised remodel. OCEMS non-compliant. Diversion reduction plan and goals to decrease diversion. Will resume when they turn in action plan. After ACS accepts plan. Do not know if it will be a site visit or via email. We have not had anyone not turn in plans to EMS.

All three Motions approved by David Gibbs, MD OCMA and Chief Adam Loeser, OCFCA

8. **MEMBER COMMENTS** by Chief Adam Loeser

Impacts provided by this group of professionals, Agency, Family, number of transports by crews, transports, pre-hospital care speaks of relationship and partnership.

Fullerton airplane crash FAC 19 patients. MCI scenarios from boots on ground to hospital transportation. The whole system worked well. 300 people work in FAC. Professionalism and system itself worked as intended to work. The system works.

Fire director appreciates concern and acknowledgement. Resources available. Devastating winds were unbelievable. 60 mph winds fortunate no immediate deaths. Evacuated quickly. Response helped with that. Thanks for all work in jurisdictions Los Angeles County appreciates Orange County Support. Winds here were nothing like in Los Angeles surged north. As we move into recovery phase elongated keep them in thoughts as they work through this.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Eileen Endo thanked Chief Loeser and the Orange County Fire Chief Association for the plaque she received for her retirement of working at EMS for 38 years. She announced that EMSA is recognizing EMTs, Paramedics and MICNs on January 31, 2025.

Dr. Michael Ritter thanked Eileen Endo for a long and distinguished career here.

10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 09:42.