



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.
Location: The Marine Way Campus – AOC-103B

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- ☐ Theodore Heyming, MD
- ☐ James Price, MD
- ☒ Jon Cline, MD
- ☒ Robert Granata, MD
- ☒ Joshua Bobko, MD
- ☐ Kelly Dodge, MD
- ☒ Iksoo Kang, MD
- ☒ Eric McCoy, MD
- ☒ David Ngo, MD
- ☒ Kelly Unger, MD
- ☐ Robert Katzer, MD
- ☒ Shira Schlesinger, MD
- ☒ Julia Afrasiabi, RN
- ☒ Laura Cross, RN
- ☒ Whitney Patnode, RN
- ☒ Jill Patt, RN
- ☒ Heidi Ragas, RN
- ☒ Jenael Rosenberg, RN
- ☒ Abigail Baur, RN
- ☒ Cyndie Strader, RN

REPRESENTING

- BHPD – Children's Hospital of Orange County
- BHPD – Mission Hospital
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- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
- Medical Director– Orange County Fire Authority
- BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital
- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center
- BHPD – UCI Medical Center
- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- Medical Director - Anaheim Fire & Rescue
- Medical Director - Newport Beach Fire Dept
- BHC – UCI Medical Center
- BHC – Mission Hospital
- BHC – Children's Hospital of Orange County
- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital
- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center
- BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital
- BHC – OC Global Medical Center
- BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital

MEMBERS

- ☐ Jeff Lopez, EMT-P
- ☒ Patrick Dibb
- ☐ Patty Glead, RN
- ☐ Justin Horner, EMT-P
- ☐ Colin Wood
- ☒ Bryan Johnson, RN

REPRESENTING

- Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
- EMT Training Programs
- Paramedic Training
- Fire Chiefs EMS Committee
- Anaheim Fire & Rescue
- Orange City Fire Dept.

HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

- ☐ Mindy Winterswyk
- ☐ Regina Chinsio-Kwong, MD
- ☒ Carl Schultz, MD
- ☒ Gagandeep Grewal, MD
- ☐ Kristen Karpow, RN
- ☐ Meng Chung, EMT-P
- ☒ Genise Silva, RN
- ☒ Ruth Clark, RN
- ☒ Jason Azuma, NRP
- ☒ Stephanie King
- ☒ Chad Cossey
- ☒ Justin Newton
- ☐ Erica Moojen
- ☒ Kelly Asch
- HCA Assistant Agency Director
- HCA Health Officer
- EMS Medical Director
- Associate EMS Medical Director
- EMS Systems/Standards Chief
- EMS Personnel Chief
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- EMS Trauma Coordinator
- OC MEDS Coordinator
- EMS Prehospital/CQI Coordinator
- HCA Program Supervisor II
- HCA Program Supervisor II
- Office Supervisor B
- HDP Staff Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME

Matt Armstrong
Rhonda Rosati
Vismal Raj
Api Weinert
Keith Harter
Danielle Ogaz
Bill Westin

REPRESENTING

- Premiere Ambulance
- Fullerton Fire
- Falck Medical Health
- LA County Fire Department
- LA County Fire Department
- LA County Fire Department
- Emergency Ambulance

NAME

Mildred Cureton
Heather Hogelund
Amanda Collins
David Christian
Shane Ryan
Stephanie Scott
Pattee Tenorio, RN

REPRESENTING

- Foothill Regional
- LA County Fire Department
- Children's Hospital of Orange County
- LA County Fire Department
- Falck Medical Health
- St. Joseph Hospital
- West Anaheim Medical Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by *Bryan Johnson at 1:06 p.m.*

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New attendees from LA County Fire introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from the March 12, 2025, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- Medical Director's Report – *Dr. Carl Schultz*
 - There are some issues with Toradol procedure even though Dr. Schultz thought the contraindications were clear. Toradol is still being given to patients that clearly could have uncontrolled bleeding. The contraindications have been extended to include any patient that will be designated as a trauma patient going to a trauma center.

- The Triage to Alternate Destination for psych went to the state and they reviewed it and have given a formal response. There are 11 items that are deficient that need addressing. We should have a designation by the end of June as a Triage to Alternate Destination provider in Orange County. The ER that will feel the biggest impact will be UCI. The CSU designated for the project is off Warner.
- Atropine has been moved higher on the list on the Pacemaker Policy due to recommendations from The American Heart Association. No change in dose, only where you are supposed to give it. It is now done and posted.
- Health Disaster Preparedness Report – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal*
 - The Statewide Health and Medical Exercise was on April 24th. The AAR meeting will be on May 15th at Environmental Health.
 - The NDMS exercise in July has been cancelled.
 - The Southwest Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee will be holding grand rounds on September 3rd.
 - Dr. Chinsio-Kwong is holding a webinar on May 28th at 11:30 a.m. on health trends in Orange County. CMEs will be offered.

- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Jason Azuma*

February APOT was just over benchmark with the 90th percentile at 30:41. March was under benchmark at 25:44. April APOT, which is not in the packet, was at 25:43, flat with March. The volume for 911 the system was also down from February and flat with March at 535 patients per day. For diversion we had 2,000 hours in February. March and April were both just over 1000 hours.

- #5434 OC-MEDS PCRS Updates – *Jason Azuma*

The national standard regarding patient gender/sex documentation is changing. We are working to comply with the new standard while making as few operational changes as possible. The tentative go-live date for that is October – December.

California Senate Bill 1061 regarding medical debt may have implications for signature text in EMS patient care reports. To meet the legislated July 1, 2025, deadline, changes will be implemented in mid-June. If any provider has an issue with adding the proscribed text to the patient signature language, comment is required immediately.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- TAD for Behavioral Health - *Dr. Carl Schultz*

Policy 360 is now in effect. In it is the triage algorithm that the paramedic will use to identify the individuals that are eligible for transport to a CSU. Dr. Schultz would like you all to look at that section and make sure nothing will be problematic.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- New 5150 Rules – *Dr. Carl Schultz*

The state has passed an extension of the definition of gravely disabled. Previously you had to be gravely disabled due to a psychiatric condition. Now, gravely disabled means even if you don't have a psychiatric condition at all, have problems with drugs or alcohol, are eligible to be placed on a 5150 hold. Getting them placed could be a challenge. There are not a lot of facilities in Orange County that can handle a psych patient with serious drug or alcohol complications. Several counties have already implemented this process and have seen minimal effects. Orange County will start implementing this rule on January 1, 2026. The expanded definition specifies drug and alcohol abuse.

- Ambulance RFP – *Dr. Carl Schultz*

We have received bids, and the bidding is now closed. We did receive an extension from the state so the process will come to an end at the end of August.

- Move to Marine Way Campus – *Dr. Carl Schultz*

Please be patient with any delays we may have. The move has not been perfect and not everything has been working, however, we are slowly getting all the bugs worked out.

VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Base Hospital Coordinators
Nothing to report.
- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership
First meeting with new chair. Discussed disaster drill and needing contingency plans. SP43 was also discussed. Looking to have someone from MDAC come and discuss what they are doing.
- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee
OCIAC brought up the Online Extortion Group. The CQI plans are due on June 30th.
- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee
Discussed motions for upcoming designations.
- Pediatric Collaborative
The next meeting is June 1st.
- Agenda Topics: If you have any agenda topics you would like to discuss at upcoming meetings, please email them to Stephanie King at stking@ochca.com.

VIII. **ROUND TABLE**

- Stephanie King mentioned upcoming webinars. The first one Dr. Grewal mentioned earlier. The second is an EMS webinar on supporting pediatric care on May 21st. She also mentioned that the 911 ALS provider distribution list needs updating.
- Dr. Shira Schlesinger mentioned there will be a lecture on pediatric arrest at LA County EMS Agency on Tuesday, June 3rd at 11:45 a.m. One hour of CEs will be given.

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. – 8300 Marine Way, Irvine.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.