



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
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## FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

New Location: The Marine Way Campus  
8300 Marine Way, Irvine, CA 92618  
EMS Conference Room: AOC-103B

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

##### MEMBERS

- ☒ Peter Anderson, MD
- ☒ Michael Lekawa, MD
- ☒ Chien Sun, MD
- ☒ Alaine Schauer, 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

- Carl Schultz, MD
- Mike Noone, NRP
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD
- Almaas Shaikh, MD
- Erica Moojen
- Genise Silva, RN
- Ruth Clark, RN
- Stephanie King, RN
- Jason Azuma, NRP
- Justin Newton, EMT
- Chad Cossey
- Rommel Navarro
- Wayne Tolosa
- Anjan Purohit
- Kirstin Wong
- Maria Nava
- Lisa Wilson
- EMS Medical Director
- Assistant EMS Administrator
- EMS Associate Medical Director
- Deputy Health Officer
- EMS Office Supervisor
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- EMS Trauma Coordinator
- EMS Prehospital/CQI Coordinator
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- HEM Program Supervisor II
- Program Supervisor II
- Chief Pharmacist
- HDP Chief
- EMS Analytics Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Coordinator
- EMS Information Processing Tech

##### OTHERS PRESENT

- Danielle Boal
- Shane Ryan
- Amanda Ramos
- Jenael Rosenberg, RN
- Laura Cross, RN
- Heidi Ragas, RN
- Jillian Patt, RN
- Augustus Ynares
- Kelly Petke, RN
- Keith Bohn
- Julie Mackie, RN
- Jennifer Brady, RN
- Amanda Collins, RN
- Abigail Baur, RN
- Joshua Bobko

##### REPRESENTING

- Brea Fire Department
- FALCK
- Lynch Ambulance
- Hoag Hospital
- Mission Hospital
- St. Jude
- HBH
- OC Nursing Leadership
- Mission Hospital
- West Anaheim Medical Center
- Mission Hospital
- OCGMC
- CHOC
- OCGMC
- OCFA

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER by *Peter Anderson, MD*

- The meeting was called to order by *Peter Anderson, MD* at 9:07 a.m.

#### 2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS by *Carl Schultz, MD*

- No introductions/announcements.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from the March 11, 2025, meeting was approved as submitted.

#### 4. OCEMS REPORT

- OCEMS Report by *Carl Schultz, MD* and *Gagandeep Grewal, MD*

Two items: Toradol procedure went active 4/1/25. There is some confusion we are trying to correct. It inhibits platelet function. If there is active bleeding, it could make it worse. We don't want to give it to anyone who could have a potential hemorrhage. The second issue is the triage to alternate destination. That was submitted to the state almost a month ago. The state wanted us to address eleven points. Most pertained to the fact that we're not opening it up to the entire county all at once. Lots of little things need to be referenced & put back in policy. Policy 360 will be reissued with the added language. It will be updated & once the state gives it back & everything is fine, it will be published.

*Gagan Grewal, MD:* Senate Bill 43 passed last year. It went into effect & adds to the definition of gravely disabled to include being gravely disabled due to substance abuse alone, apart from mental illness. There has been variable response in other counties. The implementation in Orange County has been held until January. Our Behavioral Health division will be reaching out to different partners including EMS, first responders, facilities & HASC to teach everyone what to expect. The load on the system has not been too great in areas that have already implemented it.

On the Disaster side, the Statewide Medical Health Exercise was April 24, 2025. It was successful. There is an after-action report meeting from 9:00am to 12:00pm this Thursday, 5/15/25 at Environmental Health. The NDMS exercise in July has been cancelled. Half of our facilities have renewed their agreements with the FCC. The agreements are that you agree to accept patients if you have bed availability. You will get compensation for it. Most hospitals signed the agreements in the past. They need to be renewed every five years. They expired in 2022.

- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) and Diversion Report *by Jason Azuma, NRP*

APOT was a little over the 30-minute benchmark in February. By March, we were under benchmark at 25 minutes. April had the exact same number of patients per day as March did – 535 patients per day. We are struggling a little with our divergent hours. April had over 1,000 divergent hours. Patient load has leveled off.

## **5. SPECIALTY REPORTS**

- CVRC *by CVRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*

Mission is getting ready for EMS Week. The STEMI CQI meeting is next week. It will be their first time to discuss cases.

- SNRC *by SNRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*

They are continuing to meet quarterly as a group to do CQI & review cases. CVRC is officially getting off the ground a week from today.

- Trauma *by TPM Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*

*Alaine Schauer, RN Mission:* For pediatric trauma, they are wrapping up a non-accidental tool kit project for the ERCs.

*Gagan Grewal, MD:* Dr. Shaikh has been organizing image sharing meetings. Image sharing to trauma is very important. It's a responsibility of the transferring facility.

- Pediatrics *by CCERC Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*

*Whitney Patnode, RN CHOC:* CHOC is working on the shield study which is recognizing child abuse in EMS. They met with child abuse specialists at CHOC.

*Genise Silva, RN:* Sent out to all the leaders some education opportunities regarding pediatrics. L.A. County EMS will be doing a talk that is virtual & free.

*Stephanie King, RN:* – If hospitals are having difficulty sending staff to ENPC due to financial constraints, there are education grants available. Please let CCERC Julie Mackie know.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- South Coast Global Medical Center ERC Designation *by Genise Silva, RN*

ERC designation-They have been failing in notification to EMS & leadership changes for quite a few years. Issues with ED staffing which they have completed. They had issues with their ReddiNet compliance rates & they have submitted their corrective action plan. There were issues with their policies regarding stroke patients which they have revised & submitted. The endorsement is for a one-year conditional. We plan to revisit them in January of 2026.

- Mission Laguna Beach Hospital ERC Designation *by Genise Silva, RN*

For their ERC, there were no deficiencies identified. Some minor recommendations regarding disaster drills & continuing their APOT diversion process. The endorsement is for three years unconditional.

- Saddleback Memorial Medical Center ERC, CVRC & SNRC Designations *by Genise Silva, RN*

ERC – They had two deficiencies. The first one was regarding hospital discharge data. They are not part of the Bi-Directional Data project. Submitting hospital discharge data is a must. They were behind so they need to submit a Corrective Action Plan. The second deficiency was the compliance to ReddiNet & the HEAR response. A Corrective Action Plan will be needed. For their ERC, it is a three-year conditional recommendation. For their CVRC, there was no deficiency. Just a recommendation to continue to do their outreach with education to paramedics. For their CVRC, it is a three-year unconditional recommendation. Their stroke center had one deficiency. They do not participate in a stroke patient research program as required by policy. They will need to submit a Corrective Action Plan. The endorsement for their SNRC is three years conditional.

Motion approved to accept the recommendations for these designations as stated. No opposition to the three recommendations.

8. **ROUNDTABLE**

- All Facility report-outs

*Genise Silva, RN:* ReddiNet is a product of HASC. It is not something EMS owns or developed. You buy into ReddiNet as part of your ERC designation. They are making changes to the HAvBED categories. This will take effect May 19, 2025. They want to avoid double counting of beds. They are removing “Trauma & Isolation” categories. They are removing the “Other” category. They have renamed “Tele” to “Tele/Stepdown”. They added “Ped Tele/Stepdown”. They also added Emergency Department for bed numbers. They moved “OR, Isolation, Ventilators” & the “Decontamination Area” to an additional category. These will take place May 19, 2025. Genise will send this out with all the changes.

Our County Health Office, Dr. Chinsio-Kwong wanted to make sure you are all aware of a state of public health address that she is doing on May 28, 2025. There are flyers with the agenda. This is to go over & educate community providers on health trends in Orange County. You must register for it. There are CME credits being offered.

*Alaine Schauer, RN:* The changes so far this year in Medicare & medical reimbursements have been significant. Hospitals are undergoing some significant looking at cost reductions. The three county Providence hospitals are set to lose five hundred million dollars this year. Projected cuts would be another billion dollars.

*Michael Lekawa, MD:* The Southwest Region Trauma Care Committee does a twice a year Grand Rounds. The next one is September 3, 2025, from 9:00am to 11:00am. It will be on disaster management. There will be a couple of speakers including the CMO of the CA EMSA. On September 18, 2025, there will be an in-person State Trauma Summit in San Diego.

*Genise Silva, RN:* The Stroke Society meeting is May 22, 2025, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the OCFA headquarters in Irvine.

*Michael Lekawa, MD:* The other speaker is going to be a trauma surgeon who was on call for the Las Vegas shooting. He is going to give a Grand Rounds on September 3, 2025. CE's & CME's will be offered. It will be virtual.

*Chad Cossey:* From the disaster side, what are the challenges as to why we don't see a policy on CHEMPACK?

*Genise Silva, RN:* A CHEMPACK policy has never been asked before. It is something that we've brought awareness to since I have been the EMS Facilities Coordinator. There is a disconnect between Emergency Management & the Emergency Department.

*Michael Noone, NRP:* June 4, 2025, is the Statewide 2024 EMS awards.

9. **NEXT MEETING** – July 8, 2025, 09:00am.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** – Peter Anderson, MD adjourned the meeting at 9:41am.

Contact EMS Facilities Coordinator, Genise Silva, for any questions, meeting topics, or comments at 714-834-8961 or [gsilva@ochca.com](mailto:gsilva@ochca.com).