



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
8300 Marine Way, Suite 200  
Irvine, CA 92618



## COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 9, 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 Gleed, 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, RN
- ☒ Fran Cohen, RN
- ☒ 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
- EMS Liaison
- HCA Program Supervisor II
- HCA Program Supervisor II
- Office Supervisor B
- HDP Staff Assistant

#### GUESTS PRESENT

##### NAME

Matt Armstrong  
Vicki Sweet  
Vismal Raj  
Patrick Powers  
Danielle Ogaz  
Anthony Espique  
Clayton Kazan

##### REPRESENTING

- Premiere Ambulance
- OCSD Air Support
- Falck Ambulance
- City of Placentia
- LA County Fire Department
- Mercy Air
- LA County Fire Department

##### NAME

Mildred Cureton  
Erick Quintanilla  
Amanda Collins  
Monica Layhee  
Danielle Boal  
Stephanie Scott  
Glenda Parish

##### REPRESENTING

- Foothill Regional
- Falck Ambulance
- Children's Hospital of Orange County
- OC Global Medical Center
- Brea Fire
- St. Joseph Hospital
- West Anaheim Medical Center

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by *Bryan Johnson at 1:08 p.m.*

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from the May 14, 2025, meeting was approved after correction noted. Api Weinert is representing Placentia Fire and not LA County Fire.

#### IV. OCEMS REPORT

- Medical Director's Report – *Dr. Carl Schultz*
  - Triage to Alternate Destination for psych patients was approved by the state. We now need to arrange for financing for the educator to certify the paramedics to Anaheim Fire, who volunteered

to spearhead this project. Once everyone is trained, we will be ready to go and hopefully that will only be a couple more months.

- AB40 is the state's attempt to improve APOT with an audit tool. This is a work in progress. EMSA is working with CHA, who will be working with local agencies to provide contact emails for the hospitals. There is a webinar on Thursday for provider agencies. Please review the EMSA website for more information.
- We added language to the procedure listing trauma patients as contraindications for receiving Tordal.
- Health Disaster Preparedness Report – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal*
  - EMSA released for comment the Chapter 6 regulations for specialty centers and specialty designations. Please review. Submissions for comments are due on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Go to EMSA's webpage for the submission instructions.
  - ACEP will be having a webinar on July 17<sup>th</sup> for hospitals to prepare to be a pediatric receiving center from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
  - The Behavioral Health Division with the Health Care Agency is currently working on rolling out SB43. They are going through HASC to contact hospitals within the area. They should be reaching out to you soon to coordinate what that will look like for you and what the requirements are.
  - There will be a HICS training on August 7<sup>th</sup> here at the AOC from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be a two-day Health Disaster Management Training (HDMT) training on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information on those contact Chad Cossey at [ccossey@ochca.com](mailto:ccossey@ochca.com).
- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Jason Azuma*
  - The California SB 1061 regarding medical debt contracts has gone into effect as of July 1. OC-MEDS changed the default patient signature statement to reflect that requirement on June 24.
  - The state of California (EMSA) has issued a position on gender/sex documentation, and we will be continuing to document this patient demographic the same way we have been. There will be no changes. We will be sending out further guidance to provider agencies, particularly those that manage their own patient care reporting systems.
  - APOT in April was good at 25 minutes. May was at 24. June is in draft at 23. We had a little of a reprieve in volume at around 530 patients per day. Even though our system aggregate is below our benchmark of 30 minutes, the AB40 rules will impact any hospital that has a monthly 90<sup>th</sup> %tile > 30 minutes. Based on the performance of your hospital you will communications directly from the state regarding required actions.
  - Diversion continues to run a little high. April and May we are at or above our 6% threshold, which is roughly 1000 hours for the system. We are at about 900 hours for June.

#### V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- TAD for Behavioral Health - *Dr. Carl Schultz*  
See above OCEMS report out.

#### VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Possible Updates for SO-C-40, SO-P35, and SO-M-35 – *Dr. Carl Schultz*
  - SO-C-40: Add that cardioversion should be synchronized.
  - SO-P-35 & SO-M-35: Add verbiage under the **Wheezes, suspect asthma** section that states, "...consider BH contact for IM epinephrine".
  - For BH-P-35, use language from BH-M-35 that can authorize the use of IM epinephrine.
  - There are no pediatric epi contraindications.

#### VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Base Hospital Coordinators  
Nothing to report.
- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership  
Nothing to report.
- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee  
Meet in August. Continue to work on the 900 MCI calls. Will also be discussing about advanced airway changes.
- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee  
Met yesterday and discussed motions for upcoming designations.
- Pediatric Collaborative  
Met on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Each representative present gave a general report out of what they are doing to help promote pediatric readiness. Still figuring out how they want things to go.
- 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](mailto:stking@ochca.com).

VIII. **ROUND TABLE**

- Patrick Powers announced there was an ALS provider change in Placentia. Emergency Ambulance now has a contract for one year.
- Stephanie King stated that there are new units in the county out for conditional approval. OCFA is making nine changes.
- Dr. Schultz mentioned it would be nice to have agency representation at EMCC to help explain the various new units being added

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. – 8300 Marine Way, Irvine.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.