



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday, July 11, 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

MINUTES

Name		Representing	Health Care Agency Staff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael S. Ritter, MD	– Orange County Medical Assn. (SOCEP)	Almaas Shaikh, MD	– Deputy Health Officer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Van Vu, MD	– Board of Supervisors, First District	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Grihalva, MICP	– Board of Supervisors, Second District	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Timothy Munzing, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Third District	Mike Noone, NRP	– Assistant EMS Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blair Stewart (Excused)	– Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Genise Silva, RN	– EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theodore Heyming, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Stephanie King, RN	– EMS Prehospital/CQI Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matt Armstrong	– Ambulance Association of Orange County	Meng Chung, EMT-P	– EMS Personnel Chief
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Firey (Excused)	– American Red Cross	Maria Nava,	– EMS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alan Albright, LMFT	– Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	Ruth Clark, RN	– EMS Trauma Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Killebrew	– Orange County City Managers Association	Drew Bernard	– EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Adam Loeser	– Orange County Fire Chief Association	Irma Chavando	– Staff Assistant
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Gibbs, MD	– Orange County Medical Association	Erica Moojen	– EMS Office Supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief Stu Greenberg	– Orange County Police Chiefs’ & Sheriffs Assn.	Wayne Tolosa	– Health Disaster Preparedness Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Zaky, DNP	– Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Luke Schademan, RN	– Hospital Association of Southern California		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	– Orange County Business Council		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	– City Selection Committee		
Guests Present				
	Heather Hogelund	– LA County Fire EMS	Justin Horner	– Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue
	Amanda Collins, RN	– Children’s Hospital Orange County	Justin Fleming	– Huntington Beach Fire Department
	Jenael Rosenberg, RN	– HOAG Hospital	Donald Ruggles	– Lynch Ambulance
	Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Vishal Raj	– Falck Ambulance
	Heidi Ragas, RN	– St. Jude Hospital	Carolynn Carraway	– Falck Ambulance
	Ray McQueen	– Orange County Fire Authority	Monica Layhee, RN	– OC Global Medical Center
	Rob Capobianco	– Orange County Fire Authority	Keith Harter	– LAC
	Elizabeth Hartson	– SC Global Medical Center		

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 09:01am by Mike Ritter, MD.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcement of new members appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) by Carl Schultz, MD
 - Van Vu, MD representing Board of Supervisors – First District
 - Blair Stewart, Mayor of Brea, representing Board of Supervisors – 4th District
 - Kimberly Zaky, DNP, representing Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
 - Luke Schademan, RN representing Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC)
 - Charles Matthew Armstrong representing Southern California Ambulance Association (SCAA)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES *Recommended Action: Approval of Minutes*

Motion to approve April 11, 2025, EMCC Minutes by Mike Ritter, MD.

Approved: 1st Timothy Munzing, MD; 2nd Fire Chief Adam Loeser; none opposed.

4. OCEMS REPORT

- **Medical Director's Report** by Carl Schultz, MD

Spoke about AB 40 regulations around Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) of 30 minutes and system of reporting discrepancies to State in a Bi-Weekly meeting. This is a work in progress. None of the components to the State audit tool has been tested, and we don't know how it will play out. EMS has given a tool to view challenges by hospitals to reported APOTs (Audit Tool) entered into the system.

- **Health Disaster Preparedness Report** by Gagandeep Grewal, MD

The Health Care Coalition (HCC) meeting is being held July 24, 2025, from 0900 to 1200 at the new Marine Way Campus building.

Hospital HICS training is August 7, 2025, from 0800 to 1200. HDMT (health Disaster Management Training) course is a 2-day training August 20 & 21. Both will be done at the Marine Way Campus. Reach out to Chad Cossey for more information.

NDMS will be doing a tabletop exercise tentatively scheduled for September 12th. More information to follow if they want facility involvement.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report and Hospital Diversion Report** by Gagandeep Grewal, MD

APOT improving since wintertime. 90th %tile APOT is below the 30-minute standard for the past 3 months and was under 24 minutes in June. This despite the persistently high transport volume in county. Diversion remains high for this time of year but is now under the 6% standard.

5. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

- **Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC)** by Genise Silva, RN
The Facilities Advisory Committee met on July 8, 2025.

- **County Prehospital Advisory Committee (CPAC)** by Stephanie King, RN
The County Prehospital Advisory Committee met on July 9, 2025. The city of Placentia has changed ALS ambulance contracts from Lynch to Emergency Ambulance with a one-year contract. OCFA will be trialing for a 90-day period where they will be using company cell phones for ALS no-contact to the Emergency Receiving centers. They will still have their 800-megahertz radios as a backup if the phone lines are busy. Mike Ritter, MD asked if it was for coverage issues, for example in the canyon? Stephanie replied, yes, that's one of the reasons. Carl Schultz, MD mentioned that the system is saturated. We have a frequency difficulty without support.

- **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** by Matt Armstrong, SCAA
The Transportation Advisory Committee met on July 2, 2025. Carl Schultz, MD spoke about Triage alternate destination, AB 40, gave rules and clarification. Gagandeep Grewal, MD spoke regarding AB 40 again. SB 43 definition of gravely disabled. Laurent Repass, NRP spoke about APOT. Drew Bernard mentioned 428 ambulances, districts upgraded.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *Recommended Action: Approve Triage to Alternate Destination Project*

- Carl Schultz, MD, presented revisions approved by EMSA authority to proceed with finality. First, we must get these items approved by EMCC, policy 360.00. Old 360.00 is in packet. New modified policy 360.00 is posted on website. Request 5-year waiver for electronic data. Will apply for waiver if EMCC, is comfortable with approving.

Motion to approve Triage to Alternate Destination Project by Mike Ritter, MD.

Approved: 1st Timothy Munzing, MD; 2nd Fire Chief Adam Loeser; Vote: Ayes, all approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS – Recommended Action: Approvals

- **South Coast Global Medical Center ERC Designation** by Genise Silva, RN
South Coast Attachment #4 There were four deficiencies found as noted on attachment #4. Corrective action plans have been submitted and approved for all.
Endorsement Consideration: One-year 1/2025-1/2026 – Conditional
 - **UCI Medical Center Trauma Center Redesignation** by Ruth Clark, RN
The American College of Surgeons conducted their site visit on February 4th of this year and found one non-compliance to Standard 4.31 due to insufficient registry staff per reported trauma patients seen. This is also a deficiency with OCEMS policy. Corrective action to be completed by February 4, 2026.
Endorsement consideration: Three years 6/1/2025 to 6/1/2028 - conditional redesignation, then when the non-compliance is resolved status will be changed to unconditional.
 - **UCI Medical Center Pediatric Trauma Center Redesignation** by Ruth Clark, RN
During the same site visit of February 4th, the American College of Surgeons found one non-compliance to Standard 7.3 for their documented effectiveness of the PIPS Program. They felt it could be more compulsive in identifying and addressing variations of pediatric care. Correction action to be complete with a return site visit by February 4, 2026.
Endorsement consideration: One-year 6/1/2025-6/1/2026 – conditional redesignation.
- Mike Ritter, MD will make motions for approvals all at once, unless opposed.*
- **E192 Upgrade Request 2nd Draft** by Stephanie King, RN
Attachment #6
Endorsement consideration: Upgrade Engine 192 from a Paramedic Assessment Unit to a Paramedic Engine.
 - **FS_192 Jurisdiction Map** by Stephanie King, RN
Attachment #7
 - **HBFD Request for ALS Unit Upgrade 2025** by Stephanie King, RN
Attachment #8
Endorsement consideration: Activation of BLS Truck Companies to ALS Units
 - **OCFA ALS July 1, 2025**, by Stephanie King, RN
Attachment #9
Endorsement consideration: ALS Unit Changes
 - **Policy #705 ALS PAU Activation Reactivation** by Stephanie King, RN
Will go to all 4 agencies that submitted approval. They were given conditional approval until EMCC committee approves.

LACoFD- Documentation submitted is in attachment #6 and #7

- 1) Upgrade Engine 192 from a PAU to ALS Engine 192 at La Habra Fire Station 192 (La Habra)

HBFD-Documents submitted is in attachment #8

- 1) Implement ALS Engine 42 at Huntington Beach Fire Station-Murdy
- 2) Implement ALS Engine 45 at Huntington Beach Fire Station-Lake

OCFA- Documentation submitted is in attachment #9

- 1) Upgrade engine 7 to an ALS engine from a BLS engine at OCFA Station 7 (SJC)
- 2) Add ALS engine 12 at OCFA station 12 (temporary station in laguna woods while new station is being built)
- 3) Upgrade engine 18 from a PAU to ALS engine 18 at OCFA station 18 (Trabuco canyon)
- 4) Relocate ALS truck 9 from OCFA Station 9 to OCFA Station 24 (MV) and become ALS truck 24
- 5) Upgrade Engine 45 from a BLS engine to ALS engine 45 at OCFA Station 45 (RSM)
- 6) Additionally, Upgrade truck 45 from BLS to ALS truck 45 at OCFA Station 45 (RSM)
- 7) Upgrade engine 46 to ALS engine 46 from a PAU engine at OCFA Station 46 (Stanton)
- 8) Upgrade engine 57 from a BLS engine to ALS engine 57 at OCFA Station 57 (Aliso Viejo)
- 9) Relocate Engine 25 personnel to OCFA station 64 which will become ALS truck 64 at OCFA Station 64 (Westminster)

Endorsement consideration: ALS Unit Changes

- **Policy 714.00 Annual Ambulance Rates** Adjustment for 2025–Scheduled Rate Adjustment by Drew Bernard. The Board of Supervisors allows EMS Ambulance Rates. Every year on July 1st ambulance rates can be increased based on the Board approved methodology by multiplying the rates by the percentage change in the transportation portion of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, Western Region as compiled and reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending with the last day of the prior month, February. Reference OCEMS Policy #715.00.
- **Orange County Global Medical Center Trauma Center** Redesignation by Ruth Clark, RN
Back in January it was reported their trauma center had two non-compliant standards which have been resolved with the American College of Surgeons now verifying.
Endorsement consideration: Two years 7/1/2025-7/1/2027 – unconditional redesignation.
- **Mission Laguna Beach Hospital ERC** Designation by Genise Silva, RN
Attachment #13 No deficiencies found.
Endorsement Consideration: Three-years 03/2025-03/2026 – Unconditional designation
- **Saddleback Memorial Medical Center ERC, CVRC & SNRC** Designation by Genise Silva, RN
Attachment #14 Saddleback Memorial 2 ERC deficiencies, one for non-compliance with hospital discharge data and the other for ReddiNet responses compliance. No deficiencies found recommendation CVRC & SNRC found 1 deficiency for lack of participation in stroke patient research project. Corrective action plans have been received and approved for all deficiencies found.
Endorsement Consideration: Three-years 04/2022-04/2025 – unconditional designation
- **Anaheim Global Medical Center ERC** Designation by Genise Silva, RN
Attachment #15 3 deficiencies found for APOT >30 minutes, noncompliance with ReddiNet response, and lack of pediatrician on their call panel. Corrective action plans for these deficiencies have been requested.
Endorsement Consideration: Three-years 05/2025-05-2028 – conditional designation
- **St. Jude Medical Center ERC, BH, CVRC & SNRC** Designation by Genise Silva, RN
Attachment 16. Attachment #16. 2 deficiencies found for their ERC, one for APOT>30 minutes. A corrective action plan is needed. And the other for noncompliance with ReddiNet response for which they already have a corrective action plan in place and will need to continue. ERC Endorsement of 3-year conditional. CVRC 1 deficiency found for lack of community education and outreach CAP due by October 1, 2025. CVRC endorsement for 3 year conditional designation. SNRC and Base Hospital had no deficiencies and the endorsement. *for those specialties is Three-years 06/3035-06/2028 – unconditional designations*

- **Costa Mesa Truck 86-PAU** by Carl Schultz, MD
Attachment # 17. Costa Mesa submission request acceptable.
Endorsement Consideration: Add a Paramedic to MT86 which increases its status from a BLS unit to a PAU

Motion to approve all endorsement considerations above by Mike Ritter, MD

All Endorsement Considerations approved: 1st Timothy Munzing, MD; 2nd David Gibbs, MD; Vote: Ayes, all approved.

8. MEMBER COMMENTS – no member comments

9. PUBLIC FORUM –public comment from Elizabeth Hartson, SCGMC ED/ICU Director

South Coast Global will no longer be providing obstetric services, effective on July 31, 2025. After that, they will transfer out OB patients for care.

10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2025, 09:00 at the CAN MPR.

11. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 09:33.