



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, July 2, 2025 – 9:00am

MINUTES

MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Armstrong, Chair	- S. California Ambulance Association	Carl Schultz, MD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Creager	- Air Transport Provider	Gagandeep Grewal, MD
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Druten	- Ambulance Service Provider 9-1-1	Adrian Rodriguez
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Wagoner	- Ambulance Service Provider non- 9-1-1	Ruth Clark, RN
<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Johnson, RN	- Fire Service Provider (with transport)	Genise Silva, RN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cross, RN	- Mission Hospital	Laurent Repass, NREMT-P
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Childress, RN	- ED Nursing Leadership	Drew Bernard, EMT
		Justin Newton, EMT
		Sarkis Sarkisian, EMT
		Stephanie King, RN
		Chad Cossey
		Maria Nava, EMT
		- EMS Medical Director
		- Associate EMS Medical Director
		- Ambulance Performance Chief
		- EMS Trauma Coordinator
		- EMS Facilities Coordinator
		- EMS Information & Analytics Chief
		- EMS Specialist
		- HEM Program Supervisor II
		- EMS Coordinator
		- EMS Prehospital/CQI Coordinator
		- Program Supervisor II
		- EMS Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Patrick Powers	- City of Placentia	Kristin Thompson	- Newport Beach Fire Department
Nicholas Timm	- Ambulance Service Provider non- 9-1-1	Riley Munoz	- Intern
Andrew Tran	- OCFA	Danielle Boal	- Brea Fire Department
Jenael Rosenberg	- Hoag		
Lauren Lee	- Fountain Valley Fire Department		
Amanda Collins	- CHOC		
Erick Quintanilla	- Falck		
Shane Ryan	- Falck		
Alejandro Martinez	- Horizon OC		

I. CALL TO ORDER by Matt Armstrong (Chair) – Meeting was called to order at 9:05am.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – No introductions or announcements.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Action Item: Approval of April 2, 2024, Minutes* – Minutes approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- *Medical Director Report by Carl Schultz* – The triage to alternate destination project has been approved by the state. The policy that addresses this is Policy 360.00. Now that it has been approved, funding needs to be secured to cover the cost of the training. Dr. Schultz & Laurent Repass will enter Paramedic licensure information in the Paramedic lookup database.

AB40, which is the legislation for APOTs, has passed. There will be some involvement with ambulance transport agencies, providers, hospitals.

Several fire departments are upping their game because of the volume they are dealing with. Huntington Beach, OCFA & La Habra are expanding the number of ALS units & taking some BLS units & turning them into PAUs because of the demand for service. This will come up at the EMCC which is Friday, July 11th, 2025.

- EMS Report and Training Opportunities *by Gagandeep Grewal* – Regarding AB40 emergency regulations that were passed. That doesn't mean this is the final version of these regulations. There are still a lot of issues. They will still go through the process of public comment.

SB43 added to the 5150 psychiatric hold criteria for people with only substance abuse disorder. This adds for substance use disorder grave disability. The law was passed last year. A couple of counties have implemented it. Our county is delaying implementation until January 2026.

Chad Cossey: On the Disaster side, there are two trainings – August 7th, 2025 – Hospital Incident Command System.

HDMT – Healthcare Disaster Management Training. It is a two-day course on August 20th & 21st, 2025.

- APOT & Diversion *by Laurent Repass* – March, April & May APOT was flat. Transfer volume has stabilized significantly coming off of the flu season in December & January. In March, things leveled off quite a bit. APOT for these three months, respectively, was around 25 minutes. Transport volume was 16,500 plus for each of the three months. Working on June APOT & plan to have that done within the next few days.

Diversion has mostly been flat through the majority of the county with the exception of the Central Region where a few hospitals have had diversion hours that exceed our benchmark of 6%. Throughout the county, we are close to that. In some areas, diversion is a little higher than other areas. It is stable right now.

- #5434 OC-MEDS PCRS Updates *by Laurent Repass* – The letter went out in May. It was a forewarning that there were numerous changes that affected the patient care reporting system. A change came from a Presidential order in how we document gender & sex. The state has decided that we will continue to document gender & sex exactly the same way we have in the past. The state will map it when they send it to the Feds.

NEMSIS is being updated. It's a minor update. Anyone who is using OC-MEDS will be updated automatically. If you have a third-party system that is other than the County system, make sure to communicate it to your vendor & ensure that your vendor is compliant with NEMSIS.

As a result of SB1061, very specific language needed to be added to the signature text. That has been added to the system as of June 24, 2025. If you manage your own signature text or have a third-party system, you will need to make these changes yourself.

- Ambulance Inspection Updates & 2026 Ambulance Provider Renewals *by Drew Bernard* – Currently, there are 428 permitted ground ambulance vehicles. There are 3 permitted air ambulances. There are 20 licensed ground ambulance companies. 1 licensed air ambulance. One company is going through the licensure process. As a reminder to the providers, next week we will send out the 2026 renewal packets.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Action Item: OCEMS Policy 714.00 Annual Ambulance Rates Adjustment for 2025 – Proposed rate Adjustment Request for Approval by Adrian Rodriguez*

Matt Armstrong: 7.8% increase per line item. Make sure they are updated effective July 1, 2025.

VII. NEXT MEETING

- October 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Matt Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 9:35am.