



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

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

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
- Janel Rosenberg, 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

- Almaas Shaikh, MD
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD
- Genise Silva, RN
- Kristen Karpow, RN
- Jason Azuma, NRP
- Laurent Repass, NRP
- Lisa Wilson
- Fran Cohen, RN
- Chad Cossey
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Associate Medical Dir
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- EMS Clinical Standards Chief
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- EMS Analytics Chief
- Information Processing Tech
- EMS Liaison
- HDP Program Supervisor II

OTHERS PRESENT

- Laura Cross, RN
- Amanda Collins, RN
- Whitney Patnode
- Abigail Baur, RN
- Stephanie Scott
- Julia Afrasiabi
- Patrick Powers
- Arlene Lim
- Mayra Osuna
- Stephan Gassner

REPRESENTING

- Mission Hospital
- Rady
- Rady
- OCGMC
- St. Joseph Orange
- UCI Health- Orange
- Lynch Ambulance
- OC Global Medical Center
- South Coast & Chapman MC
- Kaiser Orange County

OTHERS PRESENT

- Julie Mackie
- Heidi Ragas
- Andrew Tran
- Erick Quintanilla
- Todd Costa
- Nicole Bryant
- Katrina Navarro
- Jennifer Ayala
- Cathy Villarreal

REPRESENTING

- Mission Hospital
- St. Jude
- OCFA
- FALCK
- UCI Health- Orange
- Hoag Irvine
- Kaiser Irvine
- Orange Coast Memorial
- Miller Children's & Woman's

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by *Peter Anderson, MD*
 •Meeting called to order

2. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** by *Almaas Shaikh, MD.*

- New EMS Director Daniel McDonnell
- Around the room introductions with name, title and facility represented

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Action Item: Approval of March 10, 2026, Approved** (No objections or amendments noted).

4. **OCEMS REPORT**

- OCEMS Report by *Almaas Shaikh, MD. and Gagandeep Grewal, MD*

Standing Orders Committee

An ad hoc Standing Orders Committee has been established and meets biweekly. Work is underway to standardize and update standing orders, policies, and associated procedures. Initial revisions were distributed April 1 (notably updates to 15 medications). An End User Workgroup has been formed to review documents for clarity and usability.

Policy Update Goals

Comprehensive updates are targeted for completion by December 31. Internal and external policy updates are ongoing.

Anaheim Global Medical Center

ERC designation suspended effective May 6. Suspension applies only to 911 system transports; does not affect non 911 ambulance transports. No formal end date; standard evaluation period is 30 days.

Statewide Medical Health Exercise

Exercise conducted on April 23.

General comments provided regarding communications and technological performance.

- APOT / Diversion Dashboard by *Kristen Karpow, RN*
 - Diversion and APOT dashboards are now available exclusively online, replacing printed copies. Dashboards offer customizable and historical data. APOT regulations (Chapter 1.2) reopened for public comment for a 15 day period.

5. SPECIALTY REPORTS

- CVRC by *CVRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*
CQI meetings ongoing; reviewing CVRC criteria and field STEMI orders.
- SNRC by *SNRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*
Review underway of stroke policy and standing orders.
Next Stroke Society Meeting: **Thursday, 6:00 p.m., St. Jude** (CEs and dinner provided).
- Trauma by *TPM Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*
No major updates; injury dashboard available on OCEMS website.
Overview provided of the Emergency Preparedness Interagency Collaborative and SHARE subcommittee. SHARE focuses on patient identification and reunification following school related disasters.
Next SHARE meeting scheduled for September 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Pediatrics by *CCERC Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*
Pediatric Collaborative meetings currently on hold.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- FAC Membership by *Genise Silva, RN*
Two vacancies remain: Hospital Administrative Representative and Base Hospital Representative
Dr. Gassner will assume Dr. Sun's role pending EMCC approval.
Mayra, CNO- South Coast/Chapman expressed interest in the administrative representative role.
- 2026 National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment reminder by *Genise Silva, RN*
Assessment window closes end of May.
County goal: 100% participation; current compliance approximately 65%.
Facilities reminded to submit assessments promptly.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- OCEMS Policy 777.00 (IFT-ALS) Update, 50 day comment by Almaas Shaikh, MD
Policy under public comment until May 20. No approval sought at this meeting.
- OCEMS Policy 310.00 (ALS Base Contact) Update by Almaas Shaikh, MD
Revisions include authorization of additional communication devices (e.g., cell phones), updated contact procedures, and clarified diversion language.
Policy approved.
- OCEMS Policy 240.30 (OC Specialty Services) Update by Almaas Shaikh, MD
Updates: Removal of UCI Health Fountain Valley from PICU list.

Addition of Chapman Global Medical Center to SART services.

Policy approved.

- Kaiser Anaheim ERC Designation *by Genise Silva, RN*
Survey performed March 19. One deficiency identified (APOD compliance); corrective action submitted.
Recommendation: Three year conditional designation.
Motion approved.

8. SAVE THE DATE

2026 APOT Mitigation Policy due to EMSA by June 30, 2026

9. ROUNDTABLE

UCI Health

- Gun Violence Awareness Event scheduled for June 5.
- Increase in significant e bike related injuries noted.

E Bike Collaborative Update

- Multi agency collaborative continues to expand (hospitals, law enforcement, DA, schools, OCMA).
- Multiple state legislative bills pending (age limits, speed restrictions, equipment standards, manufacturer transparency).
- Amazon has discontinued sale of certain high speed e motorcycles in California.

Operational Issues – Outpatient Facilities on Hospital Campuses

- Extensive discussion regarding EMS transport, diversion status, EMTALA requirements, and the classification of outpatient sites under hospital licensure.
- A need for clearer countywide guidance was expressed.
- OCEMS will review Policy 310.96 for potential revisions and return with clarification.

Education and Training

- No Fear training scheduled for June 26; free CEs available.
- Healthcare Coalition seeking presenters for virtual lecture series (injury patterns, drugs, disaster preparedness).

10. NEXT MEETING – July 14, 2026, 09:00am

11. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 0958

Contact EMS Facilities Coordinator, Genise Silva, for any questions or comments at 714-834-8961 or gsilva@ochca.com