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

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	REPRESENTING
☒ Megan Dickson, MD	Base Hospital Physician Directors
☐ Michael Lekawa, MD	Trauma Center Directors
☒ Stephen Gassner, MD	Managed Care Emergency Physicians
☒ Alaine Schauer, RN	Base Hospital Administration
☒ Janel Rosenberg, RN	Base Hospital Coordinators
☐ Augustus Ynares, RN	OC Nursing Leadership
☐ Mary Slattery, RN	Trauma Program Coordinators
☒ Bryan Johnson, RN	Fire EMS Coordinators
☒ Mayra Osuna, RN	ERC Hospital Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Laura Cross, RN	Mission Hospital
Whitney Patnode, RN	Rady Children's Hospital Orange County
Stephanie Scott	St. Joseph Orange
Patrick Powers	Lynch Ambulance
Arlene Lim	OC Global Medical Center
Sara May	HASC
Kim Nichols, MD	UCI Health – Placentia Linda
Frederica Yarborough	Foothill Regional Medical Center
Tammi McConnell	ReddiNet
Theresa Berton	KPC
Daniel Knell	KPC
Sarah Stratton	Hoag Irvine
Araceli Longergan	Foothill Regional Medical Center
Manuel Andrade	South Coast Global Medical Center
Janette Biffna	Foothill Regional Medical Center

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF PRESENT	
☒ Almaas Shaikh, MD	EMS Medical Director
☒ Gagandeep Grewal, MD	EMS Associate Medical Director
☒ Daniel McDonnell	EMS Director
☒ Genise Silva, RN	EMS Facilities Coordinator
☒ Kristen Karpow, RN	EMS Clinical Standards Chief
☒ Ruth Clark, RN	EMS Trauma Coordinator
☒ Jason Azuma, NRP	EMS OC-MEDS Coordinator
☐ Laurent Repass, NRP	EMS Analytics Chief
☒ Anjan Purohit	EMS Analytics Coordinator
☒ Fran Cohen, RN	EMS Liaison
☒ Chad Cossey	HDP Program Supervisor II
☐ Kelly Asch	HDP Staff Assistant
☒ Lisa Wilson	EMS Information Processing Tech

OTHERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Heidi Ragas, RN	St. Jude
Andrew Tran	OCFA
Todd Costa	UCI Health - Orange
Jill Patt, RN	Huntington Beach BHC
Erick Quintanilla	FALCK Ambulance
Luis Lopez	Foothill Regional Medical Center
Julie Mackie, RN	Mission Hospital
Steven Chen	Foothill Regional Medical Center
Nick Kwan, MD	Foothill Regional Medical Center

- **CALL TO ORDER**
  - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. *by Megan Dickson, MD*.
- **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - Dr. Megan Dixon was formally introduced as the new Chairperson of the Facilities Advisory Committee.
  - Committee members, hospital representatives, EMS agency staff, and stakeholders introduced themselves.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - ***Action Item: Approval of July 14, 2026, Approved*** (No objections or amendments noted).
- **OCEMS REPORT**
  - OCEMS Report *by Almaas Shaikh, MD, Gagandeep Grewal, MD and Daniel McDonnell, NRP*
    - OCEMS is now a Narcan distribution center. We are waiting for our updated Policy and Procedures to roll it out to the first responder organizations that want to participate.
    - We should be expecting an announcement this week regarding our permanent medical director.

- A major October release of updated standing orders, policies and procedures is underway. Over two dozen documents will be released.
- AB 1607 (Maddy Fund Supplemental portion extension) passed pending governor signature.
- Chapter 6 specialty regulations will go into effect, and we are looking at how they align with local policies.
- The Triage to Alternate Destination Behavioral Health Pilot with Anaheim Fire and County CSU is progressing well with minimal transfers.
- Epidemiology is monitoring Ebola activity internationally and CDC has protocols in place.
- COVID cases are experiencing an uptick, but levels are lower than in prior years.

- EMSA Registry Update *by Gagandeep Grewal, MD*
  - State registry transitioning to a new platform; hospitals need new login credentials.
  - This only applies to hospitals that were submitting data directly to the State. Most hospitals are not doing this.

- California Hospital Bed and EMS Data Systems (HBEDS) *by Gagandeep Grewal, MD*
  - Item tabled pending preparation.

- ReddiNet Update regarding ED Diversion by *Genise Silva, RN*
  - ED diversion max 200 hours/month now auto-enforced. Specialty diversions remain available.

- **SPECIALTY REPORTS**
  - CVRC *by CVRC and SNRC by Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*
    - Quarterly CQI meetings continue. Both groups are currently reviewing standing orders and specialty center criteria as they relate to their expertise and giving feedback to OCEMS.

  - Trauma by TPM Representative or Ruth Clark, RN
    - Chapter 6 trauma updates to be reviewed in Trauma OPS. Trauma Grand Rounds scheduled for October 14.

  - Pediatrics by CCERC Representative or Ruth Clark, RN
    - Gap Summary Reports show the top #2 gaps within O.C. are the lack of Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators and limited pediatric disaster preparedness.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - Meeting Schedule and Format by *Almaas Shaikh, MD*
    - FAC, TAC, CPAC merging into single meetings starting January 2027. Tentative time: Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - *Recommended Action: Approvals for Facility Designations*
    - Hoag Irvine ERC and CVRC Designation *by Genise Silva, RN*
      - No deficiencies noted in either program. ERC: Recommended 3-year unconditional. CVRC: Recommended 3-year unconditional.

    - Chapman Global Medical Center Initial ERC Designation *by Genise Silva, RN*
      - 3 deficiencies noted that will require corrective action plans.be submitted. Recommended 1-year conditional designation.

    - Foothill Regional Medical Center ERC Designation *by Genise Silva, RN*
      - 4 deficiencies noted that will require corrective action plans be submitted. Recommended 1-year conditional designation.

  - EMTALA Presentation by William Ninh, OC Deputy County Counsel
    - Postponed; will be rescheduled.

- **SAVE THE DATE**
  - CHEMPACK Training – September 17
  - CHA Disaster Conference – September 22–23
  - Trauma Grand Rounds – October 14
  - Healthcare Disaster Management – October 28–29
  - Pediatric Disaster Response – October 15–16
  - Bombing Incident Preparedness – December 8–9
  - CBRNE Training – March 10–11
  - Pediatric Readiness Series – Monthly

- **ROUNDTABLE**
  - Critical Care Paramedic Program proposal presented by Lynch EMS.
  - Newport Hospital helipad temporarily closed.
  - Clarifications provided regarding diversion protocols.
  - Chapman Global to receive 911 traffic only after EMCC approval.
  - LA28 preparedness discussed.

- **NEXT MEETING**
  - Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

- **ADJOURNMENT**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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