



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

**Regular Meeting:**  
**Friday, October 24, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.**

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>OCEMS / HDM STAFF</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Huan Vu Nguyen, MD	- Board of Supervisors, First District	Greg Boswell, RN	- EMS Program Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Green, RN, JDCG	- Board of Supervisors, Second District	Sam Stratton, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Winder	- Board of Supervisors, Third District	Ken Miller, MD	- EMS Assistant Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harvinder Sahota, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Jane Elder, RN	- EMS ALS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> John Schuetz, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Eileen Endo	- EMS Office Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Fielder	- American Red Cross, OC Chapter		
<input type="checkbox"/> Jody Haynes, RN	- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Zehntner	- Hospital Association of So. Calif.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Kahn, MD	- Society of OC Emergency Physicians	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Pate	- Ambulance Association of OC	Kathy Moran, EA	- Board of Supervisors Dist. 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denis Bilodeau	- League of California Cities	Steve Katanich	- Medix Ambulance
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Bastone	- OC Business Council	Julie Puentes	- HASC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas Reilly	- OC City Managers Association	BC Jim Bailey	- OCFA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Duane Olson	- OC Fire Chiefs Association	Ruth Grubb, EMS Coord.	- OCFA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Ritter, MD	- OC Medical Association		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Paul Henisey	- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.		
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council		

I. **EMCC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ritter, Chairman at 9:08 a.m.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 25, 2008 and June 27, 2008 minutes were approved as written.

IV. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**

**Closure of Irvine Regional Hospital** - *Greg Boswell reported*

Tenet Health will not renew the lease for Irvine Regional Hospital and will be closing January 15, 2009. There are concerns regarding the closing of a cardiac receiving center and OCEMS will be holding a public hearing on November 17, 2008 in the Hall of Administration Planning Commission Room regarding the closure of Irvine Regional Hospital.

**Hospital Diversion** – *Greg Boswell reported*

The diversion numbers have no significant increases and no reports from any of the hospitals on saturation of services or overcrowding.

**Disaster Preparations** – *Greg Boswell reported*

We are continuing to work on grants. On November 13 there will be the Golden Guardian drill of a large earthquake scenario, involving the state, LA, Riverside, and Orange County effecting cities, businesses, hospitals and emergency departments. The state is bringing down one of their mobile hospitals and will be setting it up at March Air Force Base in Riverside. Loma Ridge and Health Care Agency Emergency Operations Centers will be activated.

**Stroke Care Treatment** – *Dr. Samuel Stratton reported*

The final policy 650.00 Stroke-Neurology Receiving Center Criteria provided to members. It was presented last night at the Orange County Stroke Society meeting. The policy and system are based on comprehensive stroke centers that are defined by the American Stroke Association National Standard and will be similar to the Trauma system model and will provide high quality stroke care when it is in place. There is a similar regionalized stroke system in Washington D.C. but few others in the United States. The policy will be put on next meeting's agenda for final approval.

**MCI Plan** – *Greg Boswell reported*

In the final stages of revision of the MCI Plan policy, working with fire and their training officers which has begun with trainings

**Resuscitation Outcome Consortium** – *Dr. Sam Stratton reported*

This is a jurisdictional multi-center study supported by the National Institute of Health where researchers from UCI have teamed with researches from San Diego. The protocol has been revised to focus on hypertonic saline solution and high concentrations of salt solution replacing blood loss and looking at brain injuries in trauma patients. Because of the lack of ability to obtain informed consent during an acute stroke, the researchers have developed a community informed consent process that has been approved by the three Trauma Center human subject committee groups and the Health Care Agency human committee group.

**EMCC FY 2007-2008 Annual Report**

Annual report was provided to members.

V. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Chief Jim Bailey provided an update of the RFP for emergency ambulance transport. The bidders conference meeting was on October 21, 2008 with seven interested bidders. Proposal are due back December 11<sup>th</sup> and hope to get contract execution in April or May for implementation in September.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Paramedic Receiving Center Designations** – *Greg Boswell reported*

MSC: **EMCC recommended that OCEMS designate the following PRCs:**

For three years: #616.10 (March 2008 – February 2011), #617.10 (April 2008 – March 2011) #639.10 (March 2008 – March 2009), #601.10 (February 2007 – February 2010), #636.10 (September 2008 – August 2011), #612.10 (October 2008-September 2011); and #620.10 for one year (August 2008 – August 2009).

B. **Orange County Fire Authority – New Fire Station #20** - *Ruth Grubb reported*

Information packet provided to members regarding adding an additional ALS Unit to Station 20.

MSC: **Add a paramedic ALS van to Station #20.**

IX. **EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**

A. **Facilities Advisory Committee** – *Greg Boswell reported*

Dr. Stratton will be participating in the California Regional Trauma Program design. The Regional Trauma Program for Orange County includes Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. The first meeting will be January 23, 2009. Newport Beach Fire

Department has been approved to begin a field trial study on the EZ-IO (intraosseous needle) that is placed in the lower leg to administer fluids to critically ill patients. Anaheim Memorial is back on the market to sale.

B. **County Paramedic Advisory Committee** – no report meeting cancelled

C. **Education & Training Advisory Committee** – *Greg Boswell reported*

Have revised this group during the last six months and they are working on improving BLS treatment guidelines procedures and adding new protocols for the EMTs, which in turn will help out the paramedics in the field.

D. **Transportation Advisory Committee** – No report

E. **Disaster Advisory Group** – No report

F. **Trauma Operations Committee** – No report

X. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

There was a brief discussion on problems with psychiatric patients in the ER and will look at the flow of psychiatric beds during the flu and holiday season. There was a flyer “Eye on Influenza” provided to members.

**Appointment of Nominating Committee for EMCC CY 2009 Slate of Officers**

MSC: **Nomination Dr. Michael Ritter to Chair and Dr. Chris Kahn as Vice Chair for the December meeting election on CY 2009 officers.**

XI. **NEXT MEETING** – Friday, December 12, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting ended at 11:03 a.m.