



County of Orange / Health Care Agency
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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Emergency Medical Care Committee

Regular Meeting:

Friday, February 22, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

**Location: EMS Office - 405 W. Fifth Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
4th Floor, Conference Room 433**

Mission Statement: *"To act in an advisory capacity to the County Board of Supervisors and to Orange County Emergency Medical Services on all matters relating to emergency medical services in Orange County."*

THE COMMITTEE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE OR DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM, AND ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST WHICH ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA, BUT WHICH ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

A G E N D A

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - 12-14-07 meeting (Attachment 1)

IV. **ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS MANDATED ANNUAL TRAINING** Enclosure

All members of boards, committees, and commissions are required to have annual mandated training which covers the following topics: Brown Act, Gift Ban Ordinance, Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and sexual harassment prevention.

V. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**

- Hospital Diversion: Ongoing report on hospital diversion statistics for paramedic receiving centers going on bypass when they are unable to receive patients. (Attachment 2)
- 2007-2008 Influenza Season: Report on the current flu season.
- Disaster Preparations: Report on the County's disaster preparations.
- Stroke / Neuro Treatment: Update on stroke care treatment.

VI. **PUBLIC FORUM** (non-agendized)

At this time, members of the public may address the Chairman regarding any items within the subject matter of this advisory committee's authority provided by law. Comments are limited to 3-5 minutes per person and 20 minutes for all comments unless different time limits are set by the Chairman; subject to the approval of the committee.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

Info: A. **Ground Ambulance Service Basic Life Support (BLS) Rates Adjustment and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Rate**

- **BLS Rate:** At the 9/11/07 Board of Supervisors meeting the Board approved a new methodology for an annual review of the maximum allowable ground emergency ambulance rates where OCEMS will review the all items Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County and multiply this factor by 150%.

- In accordance with Orange County Emergency Medical Services Policy 720.00, Section 314, *Orange County Ambulance Rules and Regulations Related to Ground Service Rates Adjustment*, the City Managers and Fire Chiefs (of cities that adopted the Orange County Ambulance Ordinance) will be notified of the proposed basic life support (BLS) rates and invited to provide written or verbal comments for consideration at the April 25, 2008 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting.
- **ALS Rate:** On 5/11/04, the Orange County Health Care Agency was directed to return to the Board of Supervisors annually to adjust the Orange County Fire Authority's maximum advanced life support (ALS) fee by the same percentage change as the maximum emergency BLS rate for the same period, but not to exceed the OCFA's actual costs for providing ALS services. The City Managers and Fire Chiefs (of member cities of OCFA) will be notified of the proposed ALS rate and invited to provide written or verbal comments for consideration at the April 25, 2008 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting.

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B. **EMCC Member Terms Expiring June 30, 2008**

OCEMS will notify the organizations represented on EMCC of the representative's whose term expires June 30, 2008 and if the member is going to serve another term their reappointments will be sent to the Board of Supervisor for approval.

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

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| A. Facilities Advisory Committee | - 1/8/08 meeting minutes | (Attachment 3) |
| B. County Paramedic Advisory Committee | - 1/9/08 meeting minutes | (Attachment 4) |
| C. Education & Training Advisory Committee | - 2/5/08 meeting minutes | (Attachment 5) |
| D. Transportation Advisory Committee | - No report (meetings scheduled on ad hoc basis) | |
| E. Disaster Advisory Group | - 1/23/08 meeting minutes | (Attachment 6) |
| F. Trauma Operations Committee | - No report (meeting to be scheduled) | |

X. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

XI. **NEXT MEETING** - Friday, April 25, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**