



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting:
Friday, June 27, 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	Terre Duensing	- HDM Division Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Green, RN, JDCG	- Board of Supervisors, Second District	Greg Boswell, RN	- EMS Program Manager
<input type="checkbox"/> James Winder	- Board of Supervisors, Third District	Sam Stratton, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harvinder Sahota, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Ken Miller, MD	- EMS Assistant Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Schuetz, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Kathy Hiller	- EMS Office Supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Fielder	- American Red Cross, OC Chapter	Beverly Nighswonger, RN	- EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jody Haynes, RN	- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.	Patrick Powers	- EMS BLS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Zehntner	- Hospital Association of So. Calif.	Laurent Repass	- EMS Q.I. Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Kahn, MD	- Society of OC Emergency Physicians		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Pate	- Ambulance Association of OC		
<input type="checkbox"/> Jon Dumitru	- League of California Cities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Bastone	- OC Business Council		
<input type="checkbox"/> Douglas Reilly	- OC City Managers Association		
<input type="checkbox"/> Duane Olson	- OC Fire Chiefs Association		
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Ritter, MD	- OC Medical Association		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Henisey	- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.		
Representing John Schaefer			
<input type="checkbox"/> Anna T. Boyce, RN	- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council		
		<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	
		Steve Katanich	- Medix Ambulance
		Phil Robinson	- Doctors Ambulance
		Dr. Melvin Singer	- visitor

I. **EMCC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sahota, Vice-chair.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 24, 2008 minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

IV. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**

Hospital Diversion – *Greg Boswell reported*

The diversion numbers have dropped down to normal after February's surge as pointed in the attachment provided to members.

Disaster Preparations – *Greg Boswell reported*

Health Disaster Management (HDM), the fire departments, ambulances providers, and the hospitals are planning on participating in the Golden Guardian exercise scheduled for November with participation across the state, seeking participation from the public, private business and schools. The scenario of Golden Guardian exercise will be a huge earthquake in the Salton Sea area that will affect Orange County and surrounding areas. Terre Duensing passed around to members a shake map showing the effective areas. HDM will be activating both the health emergency operations center and the EMS department operations center for this exercise.

Stroke Care Treatment – *Dr. Samuel Stratton reported*

There is a current policy and triage mechanism in place and waiting for the opportunity to present the program to the representatives of the Board of Supervisors, will then open up the application process for hospital designation of a Stroke Neurology Center. Plan for the field paramedics and EMTs is to initiate training in January through mid-March 2009.

EMS Week – *Greg Boswell reported*

EMS Week was successful with an appreciation day out at Irvine Park on May 18 and awards ceremony at UCI on May 21. Terre Duensing wanted to acknowledge Patrick Powers for his dedication and hard work during the events.

Resuscitation Outcome Consortium – *Dr. Sam Stratton reported*

Health Care Agency is involved through U.C.I. in a multi-center national study being done in 20 different locations throughout the United States where they are looking at benefits that high trauma victims using high concentration of saline solution or salt water solution compared to normal saline solution. All three trauma centers and the Health Care Agency have approved the study, have developed a memo to alert the Board of Supervisors of the study in process and will meet with the Board Executive Assistants on July 17. The consortium is setting up meetings throughout the communities to get approval on informed consent to waive the consent on trauma victims.

V. **PUBLIC FORUM**

No comments were made.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

BLS/ALS Rate Adjustment – *Greg Boswell reported*

The rates were approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 17 and will go into effect July 1.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Data Standards Task Force Update** - *Laurent Repass reported*

The members were presented with a power point presentation on the mandated data demands from the state and federal, which included: Introduction to the EMS Data Task Force, future development of the countywide comprehensive EMS Data System, the National and Statewide Data Center Division Project, a snap shot where EMS is with the collection of data throughout the county currently, and discuss the goals and objectives of the Task Force where we are now and where we are going in the future.

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

The Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) recommended at their May 13, 2008 meeting that OCEMS designate the following Paramedic Receiving Centers for three years: #616.10 (March 2008 – February 2011), #617.10 (April 2008 – March 2011) #639.10 (March 2008 – March 2009).

No action at this time due to lack of a quorum, will be moved to next scheduled meeting or will send out by email as an adhoc meeting for member approval.

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

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

Dr. Steven Tharratt has been appointment by the governor as the new director for the Emergency Medical Services Authority. The sale of Anaheim Memorial is moving forward and there was a public hearing and should hear the results from the state attorney sometime in July.

Dr. Stratton is working on finalizing the MCI plan with Orange County Communication. OCEMS is working on the grants to purchase new HEAR radios for the hospitals.

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

C. **Education & Training Advisory Committee** – *Patrick Powers*

The Education and Training is working on the BLS Scope of Practice for EMTs, have formed a Task Force to work on treatment guidelines, as well as an accreditation class to transition from how we licensed the Ambulance Attendants to EMT accreditation, and therefore we can count the actual number of EMTs in the Orange County system and identify the scope of practice concurrent with the national EMS system guidelines.

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

E. **Disaster Advisory Group** – *Greg Boswell reported*

The Disaster Advisory Group is working on the Golden Guardian drill in November. Hospitals are interested in an incident command system.

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

X. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Greg Boswell would like to remind members the important of attendance at these meetings and may send out a letter regarding the participation in the EMCC meetings. Greg Pate reported that Lynch Ambulance has received the DMSU from the state.

XI. **NEXT MEETING** – August 22, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting ended at 10:15 a.m.