

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting:

Friday, February 27, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.

**Location: Health Emergency Operations Center
2228 Ritchey Street
Santa Ana, CA 92705**

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** - 12-12-08 meeting (Attachment 1)

IV. **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)
- 2008-2009 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.
- Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium

V. **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.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

VII. **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 24, 2009 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 24, 2009 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting.

Action: B. EMS Fee Adjustments

VIII. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

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| A. Facilities Advisory Committee | - 1/13/09 meeting minutes | (Attachment 3) |
| B. County Paramedic Advisory Committee | - 1/14/09 meeting minutes | (Attachment 4) |
| C. Education & Training Advisory Committee | - 12/3/08 meeting minutes | (Attachment 5) |
| D. Transportation Advisory Committee | - No report (meetings scheduled on ad hoc basis) | |
| E. Disaster Advisory Group | - 1/21/09 meeting minutes | (Attachment 6) |
| F. Trauma Operations Committee | - No report | |

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

X. NEXT MEETING - Friday, April 24, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT