



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting:

Friday, June 26, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

Location: Health Emergency Operations Center
Santa Ana, CA 92705

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>OCEMS / HDM STAFF</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Chang, MD	- Board of Supervisors, First District	Holly Veale	- HDM Division Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Green, RN, JD	- Board of Supervisors, Second District	Sam Stratton, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input 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	Greg Boswell	- EMS Program Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Schuetz, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Kathy Hiller	- EMS Officer Supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Fielder	- American Red Cross, OC Chapter	Jane Elder	- ALS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Jody Haynes, RN	- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.		
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- Hospital Association of So. Calif.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Kahn, MD	- Society of OC Emergency Physicians	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- Ambulance Association of OC	Bill Weston	- Care Ambulance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denis Bilodeau	- League of California Cities	Phil Robinson	- Doctor's Ambulance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Bastone	- OC Business Council	Steve Katanich	- Medix Ambulance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas Reilly	- OC City Managers Association	Jim Ruane	- Orange County Fire Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Duane Olson	- OC Fire Chiefs Association	Scott Smith	- Kaiser Permanente
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Ritter, MD	- OC Medical Association	Julie Puentes	- Hospital Association of S. Calif.
<input 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, Chair.

II. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes meeting were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

Hospital Diversion & Influenza Season

Diversion has gone up a little during the month of June. The diversion policy is being reviewed and will be looked at the next Base Hospital Physician meeting on July 8, and then it will be brought to the Facilities Committee and sent out to the public for 50-day review for discussion.

Disaster Preparations

During the H1N1 response the Health Care Disaster warehouse received anti-viral medications. Majority of them have been returned to the state but retained a cache, unable to storage large amounts due to climate control during the summer at the warehouse, can received them back within 24 hours from the state if needed. Have been monitoring the swine flu throughout the world and due to the fact that it was spread through health care workers in Mexico will be looking into how we can prevent that from happening here and if there is an outbreak during the flu season will approach those problems. They're in the process of developing a vaccine that will be administered during the flu season this fall.

Because of the H1N1 real event the June 18 statewide Health & Medical exercise became a statewide after action report. There were 85 people at Loma Ridge representing cities, districts, hospitals, fire, and police. The main focus was on communication and how it can be improved. There was a small exercise

with some of the hospitals in which the EMS DOC was activated. In the first week of July there will be a Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan sponsored by FEMA at the Operations Center and will send representatives from both EMS and Health Disaster Management to develop a region wide plan. Health Disaster Management is planning on PODS for October 30, in Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Rancho Santa Margarita in the Cox parking lot. The Hospital Disaster Support Communications System will be hosting a 24-hour field day at the Huntington Beach Hospital Saturday 11 a.m. to Sunday 11 a.m.

Stroke / Neuro Treatment

The system is in place, will have a data system in place and will be getting valid data to present to EMCC in about 6 months. Are in the final phase of setting up a regional system and have sent out notices of assignment of the spoke hospitals that were designated by location, will make adjustments after feedback from the hospitals. Have been approached by researchers at UCLA that they are interested in moving into trials in Orange County.

EMS Week

The Hoech award went to Ann Stratton of Huntington Beach Fire, Dr. Kramer was recognized for coordination in the stroke centers, Chip Prather for his leadership at OCFA and Jane Elder for System Advocacy.

EMS Fees

Due to the economic conditions the fees are not being increased at this time.

V. **PUBLIC FORUM**

No remarks

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

Ground Ambulance Services Basic Life Support (BLS) Rates Adjustment and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Rate

Because of the economic conditions at this time there will not be any rate adjustments at this time.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

OCFA Ambulance Contract

The OCFA RFP process has been completed and the ambulance contracts have been awarded to Care Ambulance for the cities of Stanton, Seal Beach, Cypress, Los Alamitos and La Palma. Americare for Villa Park and the cities of Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Rancho Santa Margarita and San Juan Capistrano have selected Doctors Ambulance.

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

A. **Facilities Advisory Committee** – No report

B. **County Paramedic Advisory Committee** – No report

C. **Education & Training Advisory Committee** – No report

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

E. **Disaster Advisory Group**

The GAP analysis that will give guidance on what is needed will be out soon for the grant money.

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

IX. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Dr. Ritter would like to recognize Dr. Stratton and Greg Boswell for the good job they have done in support of the EMS system. Jim Ruane would like to thank Greg Boswell and his staff for the help in the RFP process.

- X. **NEXT MEETING** – August 28, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.