



## REGIONAL PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes- January 18, 2007

#### I. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 0840 by Carerie Kozak, RN

#### II. INDIVIDUAL / COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. Base Hospital Physician Report and CPAC and EMS- Dr. Sam Stratton

Sam Stratton announced he has accepted the EMS Medical Directors position at Orange County Emergency Medical Services. Currently Dr. Stratton is transitioning between the Base Director position at UCI Medical Center and EMS Medical Director. We'll miss you Dr. Stratton!!

**Increased in Diversion County wide.** It is believed that holding patients in the emergency department and staffing issues are the cause of increased diversions.

**CPI Students-** California paramedic institute is looking for paramedic preceptor placement during for their internships

**CVRC** – There are now 12 centers. In the event that an LA County STEMI Receiving Center or CVRC's is the closest, we can send our Orange County STEMI patients to those facilities. LA County will not be sending their STEMI patients to Orange County CVRC's.

**EMS week-** No Fear Conference will be held May 17, 2007 at Mission Hospital conference center. EMS is currently accepting outstanding performance nominations for incidents that occurred in 2006.

**HERSA Grant** - money has been approved for disaster management. County Drills- will be held in March and two in April 2007.

**Huntington Beach Fire Dept-** has made a decision on their 12 lead monitors and will acquiring them in the near future.

##### B. Base Hospital Coordinators Carerie Kozak, RN

**Prehospital 12 Lead EKG-** Remember, the 12-lead must read **Acute MI, or Acute MI Suspected** or one of the following:

- ♥ ST Elevation, Probable Anterior Injury
- ♥ ST Elevation, Probable Lateral Injury
- ♥ ST Elevation, Probable Inferior Injury
- ♥ ST Elevation, Probable Anterolateral Injury

for the patients to be triaged to a Cardiovascular Receiving Center. Also, you **cannot bypass** the nearest receiving center and transport to a CVRC **without a 12-lead**. Any patient that meets the above criteria should get a 12-lead, **including all females** with presenting signs and symptoms. The field 12-lead gives those hospitals valuable early warning to ready a cath lab for the incoming patient. EKG's by MD's offices are acceptable also to triage a pt. to a CRC.

**MICN Class** – The next MICN Authorization Course will be held at UCI Medical Center starting in February. Each Base Coordinator will participate in teaching the curriculum. UCI will be sending 10 new candidates to the MICN class that will begin February 26<sup>th</sup> and run for 7 consecutive Mondays.

**Continuing Education** - We have added 15 new educational modules to our EMS web site. Paramedics can obtain 50% of their continuing education through media based sources. MICN's can obtain up to 6 hours of media based education.

**Paramedic Follow Up Forms** –Just a reminder UCI has Paramedic follow up forms. These forms are for follow up on any patient the medics bring in and would like follow up on. Please fill out the information on the form and give it to the MICN. These forms are in the paramedic lounge and in the radio room.

**Sequence Numbers**- Reminder that sequence numbers are the only way we have of tracking down patient calls now. When the paramedic gives the MICN the sequence number, we are asking that the MICN repeat the sequence number back to the paramedic; this double check system will help decrease the rate of error. Regarding MCI's, it is extremely important to get the "fire incident number" from the Med Com paramedic. This is sometimes the only way of tracking the call.

**Equipment left at UCI** – There continues to be an ongoing overflow of backboards and prehospital equipment left at UCI. UCI. Please retrieve your agencies equipment in a timely manner. **Equipment left over 30 days will be donated.**

	ALS Non-contact calls:	Base Contacted Calls
<b>October</b>	140 or 29 %	343
<b>November</b>	143 or 28%	375
<b>December</b>	63 incomplete	398

### ***Airway Stats***

**October**

Attempted ALS airways	18	
Successful ETT	15	
Successful Combitube	2	
Misplaced airway	0	
Successful airways placed	15/18	83%
%ETT Successful		
On 1st attempt	14/15	93%

**November**

Attempted ALS airways	34	
Successful ETT	25	
Successful Combitube	4	
Misplaced airway	0	
Successful airways placed	29/34	85%
%ETT Successful		

On 1st attempt                      21/25                      84%

**December**

Attempted ALS airways	42	
Successful ETT	33	
Successful Combitube	6	
Misplaced airway	0	
Successful airways placed	39/42	93%
%ETT Successful		
On 1st attempt	29/33	88%

★ **See Paramedic Pause Newsletter for further information**

D.      Orange County Communications                      Pat Campobasso

OCC is resurrecting monthly tests of the “Med 10” radio. This radio is an alternative source of communications with OCC. This radio is installed in all the ambulance companies.

Reminder: failsafe radio testing will start Tuesday 1/11/07 9:00 AM

**Standing Ovation for Exceptional Performance**

Carerie presented 3 cases from Anaheim Fire.

OTHER REPORTS

- A.      OCEMSA                      Report given by Sam Stratton
- B.      Saddleback Paramedic Training – no representative
- C.      Receiving Centers
  - 1.      Chapman Medical Center- Dr. Korber stated they were successful in decreasing diversion hours for the month of December 2006. Increased staffing house wide was the cause of success and the decreased diversion hours.
  - 2.      Medical Center of Garden Grove – No Representative
  - 3.      St. Joseph’s Hospital– Gained Magnet Status 1/17/07- Congratulations!!!
- D.      Fire Departments
  - 1.      Garden Grove- Nothing to report
  - 2.      Orange City Fire- No representative- Are at a fire
  - 3.      Santa Ana Fire- Nothing to report
  - 4.      Anaheim Fire- Nothing to report
- E.      Mercy Air– No representative
- F.      Ambulance Agencies & Law Enforcement Agencies– No representative
- G.      Roundtable- No further comments
- H.      Education- “STEMI Recognition and Cardiac Great Saves” presented by Dr. Vera and Dr. Kern

I. Next RPAC April 19,2007- Building #3- room 101

Respectfully submitted



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Base Hospital Coordinator

**REGIONAL PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
UCI MEDICAL CENTER  
January 18, 2007  
ATTENDANCE**

**BASE DIRECTOR:**

Sam Stratton, MD

**BASE HOSPITAL COORDINATOR:**

Carerie Kozak, RN, BSN, CEN, MICN  
Kristin Thompson, RN, MICN  
Robin Houston, Administrative Assistant

**EMS**

Beverly Nighswonger, RN

**Santa Ana Fire Department**

Mark Fernberg, EMT-P  
James Larson, EMT-P  
Kevin Kron, EMT-P  
Harry Thaffner, EMT-P  
Erick, Raul, EMT-P

**ORANGE CITY FIRE**

Jorge Pena

**CHAPMAN HOSPITAL**

Tim Korber, MD

**MEDICAL CENTER of GG**

No Representative

**GARDEN GROVE FIRE**

John Herrera, EMT-P  
Brent Pardoen, EMT-P  
Mike Reith, EMT-P

**UCI MEDICAL CENTER**

Angel Rafael Long, RN, MICN  
Sherlene Step, RN, MICN  
Christina Jose, RN, MICN  
Ed Williams, RN, MICN  
Christina Bowles, RN, MICN  
Pinky Luna, RN, MICN  
Peggi Berge, RN, MICN  
Sanna Henzi, RN, MICN  
Susan Murray, RN, MICN  
Shandra Huddleston, RN, MICN  
Marla Gain, RN, MICN  
Jeff Lung, RN, MICN  
Michelle McAllister, MD  
Darlene Bradley, RN  
Carl Schultz, MD  
Kevin Daley, RN, MICN  
Leslie Demesmaeker, RN, MICN  
Kathleen Mooney, RN, MICN

**St. Joseph Hospital**

Yvette Boyle, RN  
Brenda Talley, RN

**Mission Hospital**

William Maley, RN

**OCC**

Pat Campobasso