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COUNTY PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

| MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE | | | |
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| MEMBERS | REPRESENTING | MEMBERS | REPRESENTING |
| Theodore Heyming, MD | – Children’s Hospital of Orange County | Chris Waddell, RN | – Huntington Beach Hospital |
| Jon Cline, MD (excused) | – Mission Hospital | Kim Zaky, RN | – Children’s Hospital of Orange County |
| Robert Granata, MD | – Orange County Global Med. Center | Kim Nichols, RN | – OC ED Nursing Leadership |
| Matt Hunt, MD | – Hoag Memorial Hospital | Kristin Thompson, RN | – Fire Chiefs EMS |
| Iksoo Kang, MD | – St. Jude Medical Center | | |
| Eric McCoy, MD (excused) | – UCI Medical Center | ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF PRESENT | |
| David Ngo, MD | – Huntington Beach Hospital | Carl Schultz MD | – EMS Medical Director |
| Claus Hecht, MD | – Orange County Fire Authority | Gagandeep Grewal, MD | – Associate EMS Med. Director |
| Robert Katzer, MD | – Anaheim Fire Department | Laurent Repass, NRP | – EMS Information Systems Chief |
| Shira Schlesinger, MD, MPH | – Newport Beach Fire Dept. | Danielle Ogaz | – EMS Systems & Standards Chief |
| Ruth Clark, RN | – Orange County Global Med. Center | Adrian Rodriguez | – EMS Performance Chief |
| Laura Cross, RN | – Mission Hospital | David Johnson, RN | – Facilities Coordinator |
| Gloria Guerra, RN | – St. Jude Medical Center | Laura Wallin, RN | – ALS/CQI Coordinator |
| Maryle Olivier, RN | – UCI Medical Center | Jason Azuma, NRP | – OC-MEDS Coordinator |
| Cyndie Strader, RN | – Hoag Memorial Hospital | Fran Cohen, RN | – EMS Nurse Liaison |
| GUESTS PRESENT | | | |
| NAME | REPRESENTING | NAME | REPRESENTING |
| Julia Afrasiabi, RN | – Children’s Hospital of Orange County | Bryan Johnson, RN | – Orange City Fire Department |
| Dave Barry | – Anaheim Fire & Rescue | Julie Mackie, RN | – Mission Hospital |
| Shelley Brukman, RN | – Children’s Hospital of Orange County | Drew McMillan | – Orange County Sheriff’s Department |
| Larry Grihalva | – Costa Mesa Fire Departmen | Patrick Powers, EMT-P | – City of Placentia |
| Caroline Jack, RN | – Newport Beach Fire Department | Jacob Wagoner | – Lynch Ambulance Service |

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Ted Heyming.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Laura Wallin was introduced as the new ALS/CQI Coordinator who succeeds Vicki Sweet, RN who retired in November
- Ruth Clark introduced Julia Afrasiabi who will begin serving as the new base hospital coordinator for UCI Medical Center who is retiring from UCI Medical Center at the end of May. Julia begins here new position effective May 17, 2021 (**Note: On May 25, 2021 at the UCI REAC meeting, Dr. Grewal presented a Meritorious Service Award to Maryle Olivier in recognition of her contributions and dedication to the Orange County EMS System).**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the March 10, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Schultz reported a number of policies and procedures were released effective April 1, 2021 including those policies that will be discussed on the agenda. Dr. Schultz reported that OCEMS staff continue to operate a mobile vaccination clinic and staff the Agency Operations Center one day a week. Orange County EMS has combined all of the data reporting requirements into one policy.

- **OCEMS Report**

Dr. Grewal reported that the County is currently moving towards the yellow tier. He reported on the current case rates in comparison to the month of January. David Johnson reported that OCEMS received notification from Anaheim Global Medical Center regarding the closure of their OB Services. A memorandum will be sent to the System.

Health Emergency Management Report

Dr. Grewal reported that the Health Care Coalition of Orange County will be resuming meetings soon.

- **Orange County Hospital Diversion Report (January 1 to March 31, 2021)**

Mr. Johnson reported on the first quarter diversion report (Attachment #2). ReddiNet will have a separate category for stroke neurology receiving center diversion in the near future. Presently, stroke receiving centers use the ED Sat category when going on diversion.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times (APOT) Report (January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021)**

Laurent Repass reported that an APOT dashboard has been developed and added to the OCEMS website. The dashboard includes APOT gauges for each hospital. Monthly APOT reports will continue to be released. Currently APOT Data through the month of April is posted. Committee members find both the dashboard and the written reports to be very helpful in discussing APOT data with administrative staff at their facility.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Review Policy #330.51: Withholding CPR**

Dr. Schultz reported that changes to this policy to provide language that allows paramedics to contact the base hospital to withhold CPR of a patient where family members make the request that CPR be withheld in those cases where documentation cannot be presented indicating that the patient does not wish to have CPR administered.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **ALS Standing Order #SO-C-10: Cardiopulmonary Arrest – Adult/Adolescent Non-Traumatic**

The American Heart Association has recommended a range for lidocaine to be administered to a patient. Dr. Schultz reported that Orange County EMS is will use a fixed dosage for lidocaine administration instead of a range. A repeat dose may be given one time only.

- **ALS Standing Order #SO-C-20: Symptomatic Bradycardia – Adult/Adolescent**

Dr. Schultz outlined the changes to this standing order per the AHA guidelines. He asked for feedback from Committee members on the changes to this policy.

- **ALS Standing Order #SO-P-40: Cardiopulmonary Arrest – Pediatric**

Dr. Schultz outlined the recommendations made by the AHA including the recommendation for the administration of lidocaine. Orange County EMS will retain the changes for the administration of lidocaine as recommended. There is no follow-up dose for the administration of lidocaine.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Base Hospital Coordinators**

Ruth Clark reported that the Base Hospital Coordinators have completed their most recent MICN training class; held a successful NO FEAR conference virtually with a focus on pediatrics on May 4, 2021 with the next NO FEAR conference held in November (focused on trauma); and their current CQI projects. The Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators have revised their website.

- **Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS**

Fire departments have returned to normal call volumes. Clarification was requested on the need for two sets of vital signs for patients being released to BLS transport. It was determined that two sets of vital signs. The Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee has established an EMS Community Risk Reduction Committee with Jeff Lopez of Huntington Beach Fire Department serving as Chair.

- **Orange County ED Nursing Leadership**

Kim Nichols reported that the group discussed a survey regarding pediatric trauma training needs. Ruth Clark reported that the Base Hospital Coordinators will be hosting their next NO FEAR conference virtually with a focus on pediatrics on May 4, 2021 and it will be for 3½ hours of continuing education. The base hospitals are working in conjunction with the stroke-neuro receiving centers to ask an additional three questions to obtain a LAM score for the stroke centers to reference. The group has been working on their Base AMA QI project for the past six months and just completed a hypoxic QI study with the EMS Coordinators CQI Committee.

- **Facilities Advisory Committee**

David Johnson reported that a single policy is in development to outline all data reporting elements for specialty receiving centers. This will enable specialty receiving centers to have one reference point to view all data elements rather than refer to multiple policies as an emergency receiving center may have multiple designations as a specialty receiving center.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.