



FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 13, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
MEMBER	REPRESENTING	OCEMS STAFF	TITLE
Peter Anderson, MD, Chair	- OCMA/ED Physician Directors	Carl Schultz, MD	- EMS Medical Director
Michael Lekawa, MD	- Trauma Center Medical Directors	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	- Associate EMS Medical Director
Chien Sun, MD	- Managed Health Care Physicians	Laurent Repass, NRP	- EMS Information Systems Chief
Mary Birkle, RN	- Base Hospital Administrators	Danielle Ogaz	- EMS Systems and Standards Chief
Cyndie Strader, RN	- Base Hospital Coordinators	Laura Wallin, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
Sheryl Riccardi, RN (excused)	- OC ED Nursing Leadership	David Johnson, RN	- Facilities Coordinator
Mary Slattery, RN	- Trauma Program Coordinators	Jason Azuma, NRP	- OC-MEDS Coordinator
Greg Boswell, RN (excused)	- Fire Chiefs EMS Coordinators		

GUESTS PRESENT			
NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Julia Afrasiabi, RN	- UCI Medical Center	Julie Mackie, RN	- Mission Hospital
Colette Baeza, RN	- UCI Medical Center	Nicole Miller, RN	- Mission Hospital
Shelley Brukman, RN	- Children's Hospital of Orange County	Sharon Richards	- Hospital Association of Southern California
Ruth Clark, RN	- Orange County Global Medical Center	Rob Viera	- Care Ambulance Service, Inc.
Chris Leo	- UCI Medical Center	Kim Zaky, RN	- Children's Hospital of Orange County

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Peter Anderson.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None made.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **OCEMS Report**

David Johnson reported that Orange County EMS staff is slowly transitioning back to the OCEMS office with some staff continuing to work in the Health Care Agency's Operations Center. Southern California Edison is sending notification of public safety power shutoffs. Mr. Johnson also reported that all but three facilities have completed the state pediatric readiness survey.

Dr. Schultz reported that emergency orders issued by the state that allow paramedics and EMTs to assist in the administration of vaccinations and COVID-19 testing will end on September 30, 2021 unless an extension is requested by OCEMS. In addition, paramedics and EMT training programs will no longer be able to use high fidelity simulators in lieu of contact hours as required under State law.

- **Health Emergency Management Report**

An after-action report meeting had taken place to determine any improvements that need to be made. Currently the AOC's logistics section is open to support the mobile vaccination PODs.

- **Public Health (COVID) Update**

Dr. Grewal provided an update on the case rates; the support of mobile pods; and the number of people who have been fully vaccinated. Approximately 1.8 million of Orange County residents have been fully vaccinated. In comparison to surrounding counties, Orange County is doing better or on par with the remainder of the State.

- **Specialty Centers (CCERC, SNRC, CVRC, Trauma)**

Annabella Anderson reported from the Trauma Program Managers Collaborative who will be meeting following the Facilities Advisory Committee. She reported the group shared information regarding the virtual American College of Surgeons site visits.

Laura Cross asked for clarification of which groups would be able to share information under the Specialty Centers report. Mr. Johnson replied that any facility would be able to share information at this time of the meeting.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times (APOT): March 1 to June 30, 2021**

Attached to the agenda are APOT data for the first six months of the calendar year. Mr. Repass reported that the gauges found on the OCEMS website have proven to be helpful to the facilities. One facility posts their gauge in the emergency department so that staff may see how the facility is doing in off-loading patients.

- **Facility Diversion Report: January 1 to June 30, 2021**

Attached to the agenda is the hospital diversion report for the first six months of 2021. David Johnson noted that an increase was noted during the months of May and June for ED Diversion. He also reported that July hospital diversion is anticipated to be high as well. Orange County EMS is starting to track neuro diversion time from the Stroke Neuro Receiving Centers. Mr. Johnson reminded members that the EMS Duty Officer needs to be notified whenever a hospital goes down for internal disruption.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Facility Designations**

Both David Johnson and Laura Wallin are presently working on the re-designation of emergency receiving centers/specialty receiving centers. Hospitals are reminded that their facilities continue to be designated unless advised otherwise. If a facility needs evidence that they are currently designated, they are asked to contact Mr. Johnson and he would be happy to send them a verification letter.

- **New/Updated Policies**

Attached to the agenda is a memorandum on new policies and clarifications/updates of existing EMS policies. Specifically, The list of Orange County Specialty Services was updated. Since the date this memo was released, Hoag Hospital Irvine is now a provider of obstetrical services.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

ReddiNet Polling: Dr. Schultz reported that due to the increase in COVID cases and to better track COVID patients, Orange County EMS is considering re-instituting the ReddiNet poll on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to determine the number of cases seen. Cyndie Strader, RN, the Base Hospital Coordinator representative felt the frequency is appropriate given the current situation.

Future Meetings: Dr. Schultz asked for feedback on conducting future meetings in a hybrid fashion (in person and via Zoom). Please provide Dr. Schultz with any feedback.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT