



## FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 14, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

<b>MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>OCEMS STAFF</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
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	Sam Stratton, MD, MPH	- EMS Physician Researcher
Mary Birkle, RN	- Base Hospital Administrators	Laurent Repass, NRP	- EMS Information Systems Chief
Cyndie Strader, RN	- Base Hospital Coordinators	Danielle Ogaz	- EMS Systems and Standards Chief
<i>represented by Ruth Clark, RN</i>		David Johnson, RN	- Facilities Coordinator
Sheryl Riccardi, RN	- OC ED Nursing Leadership	Laura Wallin, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
Mary Slattery, RN	- Trauma Program Coordinators	Jason Azuma, NRP	- OC-MEDS Coordinator
Greg Boswell, RN	- Fire Chiefs EMS Coordinators		

  

<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Julia Afrasiabi, RN	- UCI Medical Center	Teri Levin, RN	-
Shelley Brukman, RN	- Children's Hospital of Orange County	Nicole Miller, RN	- Mission Hospital
Laura Cross, RN	- Mission Hospital	Nirav Patel, MD	-
Jennifer Gonzales, RN	- Orange County Global Medical Center	Nicole Plouffe	- Children's Hospital of Orange County
Brandon Grinstead	- UCI Medical Center	Sharon Richards	- Hospital Association of Southern California
Gloria Guerra, RN	- St. Jude Medical Center	Amy Waunch, RN	- Children's Hospital of Orange County
Andrew Hill	- Laguna Beach Fire Department	Paul Whittaker	-
		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 July 13, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.*

#### IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **OCEMS Report**

Dr. Schultz reported that EMT training programs will continue to be allowed to conduct simulation training under the local optional scope of practice to training EMTs until December 31, 2021. In addition, Orange County EMS has requested an extension allowing paramedics and EMTs to do vaccinations and COVID-test patients until the end of the year. If a patient has been held in an ambulance for longer than 60 minutes, the transport unit is permitted to take the patient to another facility. Patients that meet certain criteria under APOT greater than 60 minutes may be placed in a wheelchair in the waiting room and the transport team may leave the hospital .

Mr. Johnson reported that the Facilities Advisory Committee meetings will meet via Zoom until further notice.

- **Health Emergency Management Report**

A MHOAC dashboard is now posted to EMS website with OCEMS staff continuing to fill resource requests. Currently, there is little availability of BINEX test kits.

- **Public Health (COVID) Update**

Dr. Grewal provided an update on the case rates with the number of cases declining. While there is a slight uptick in the number of pediatric cases, this is due to an increase in respiratory patients seen. Dr. Grewal reminded hospitals to continue to update the ReddiNet status so that potential patients from Louisiana.

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

Danielle Ogaz reported that PI Committees for both Stroke and Stemi centers are in the planning stages. Mr. Johnson reported that Long Beach Memorial Medical Center is currently conducting its ACS trauma verification process with Children's Hospital of Orange County undergoing the verification process in October.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times (APOT)**

Mr. Repass reported that APOT reports for the months of July and August are attached to the agenda. A calculation error was identified and updated monthly reports for the January to July 2021 period.

- **Facility Diversion Report**

Mr. Johnson reported that Orange County EMS continues to closely monitor hospital diversion. The majority of patients reported in the months of July and August were from the delta variant. Diversion hours are plateauing in September. A situation status poll is being conducted three days a week via ReddiNet to effectively monitor the system.

## **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Emergency Receiving Center/Specialty Receiving Center Designation(s)/Redesignations**

Due to the pandemic, facilities were given a one year extension on the designation/redesignation of their facilities. Two trauma centers underwent "virtual" ACS verifications and CHOC's trauma designation to conducted in early October. Mr. Johnson reported some of the conditions include the monthly input of data as required under the ERC designation criteria. Those designations/redesignations that are identified as pending will be returning to this Committee.

**The Facilities Advisory Committee recommended that the Emergency Medical Care Committee approve the designations/redesignations as indicated in the report.**

- **Field Designation Updates to Trauma Center**

Dr. Schultz asked for input to change the trauma triage guidelines that hanging victims be transported to a trauma center. In addition, as there have been a number of electric or motorized vehicle accidents (such as motor scooters, bicycles, skateboards, etc.) with traumatic injuries noted. It was suggested that these types of incidents should also be transported to a trauma center.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**