



## FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.  
 Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>OCEMS STAFF</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Anderson, MD Chair	– OCMA/ED Physicians	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lekawa, MD	– Trauma Medical Directors	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chien Sun, MD	– Managed Care Physicians	Almaas, Shaikh, MD	– EMS Physician Consultant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Birkle, RN	– Base Hospital Administrators	Laurent Repass, NRP	– EMS Information Systems Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyndie Strader, RN	– Base Hospital Coordinators	Danielle Ogaz	– EMS Systems & Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheryl Riccardi, RN	– OC ED Nursing Leadership	Meng Chung, EMT-P	– BLS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Slattery, RN	– Trauma Program Coordinators	David Johnson, RN	– Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Johnson, RN	– Fire Chiefs EMS Committee	Jason Azuma, NRP	– OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	– Base Hospital Physicians	Erica Moojen	– EMS Office Supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	– ERC Hospital Administrators	Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
		Lisa Wilson	– Information Processing Technician

#### GUESTS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Julia Afrasiabi, RN	– UCI Medical Center	Julie Mackie, RN	– Mission Hospital
Anabella Anderson	– Mission Hospital	Nicole Miller, RN	– Mission Hospital
Whitney Ayers	– Hospital Association of S. Calif.	Teressa Polinski, RN	– UCI Medical Center
Nicholas Berkuta	– OC Heart	Vishal Raj	– Falck Mobile Health, Inc.
Shelley Brukman, RN	– CHOC- Children’s Hospital	Rob Viera	– Care Ambulance Service
Ruth Clark, RN	– Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	Christine Waddell, RN	– Huntington Beach Hospital
Nick Daneri, RN	– Anaheim Regional Medical Ctr.	Amy Waunch, RN	– CHOC Children’s Hospital
Jennifer Gonzales, RN	– Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	Heidi Yttri, RN	– St. Jude Medical Center
Brandon Grinstead	– Orange County Fire Authority	Kim Zaky, RN	– CHOC Children’s Hospital
Chris Leo	– UCI Medical Center		

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*None made.*

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted

#### **IV. OCEMS REPORT**

- **OCEMS Report**

Dr. Schultz reported that on April 1, 2022 a large number of policies and procedures listed on the upcoming section of the website will be implemented. One particular policy/procedure expected to be implemented is OCEMS Policy/Procedure #300.30 which was vetted by a number of advisory groups. Dr. Schultz reported that this policy requires that any 9-1-1 patient encounter at a scene be documented including those in which a patient refuses medical evaluation and treatment is not given. Orange County EMS' expectations is that these policies are to be followed and non-compliance may cause liability to individuals and his/her employer if they are not followed.

David Johnson announced that the Trauma Grand Rounds, being chaired by Dr. Michael Lekawa on March 30, 2022; on June 27 and June 28, the State EMS Authority is hosting a Stroke Summit and a STEMI summit. The summits are half-day virtual summits and are free. Attendees must pre-register for each summit.

- **Health Emergency Management Report**

Dr. Grewal reported that the Health Care Agency AOC is still activated but the activity is winding down. He reported on the availability of test kits including Binex and iHealth test kits for private use and health care workers. Dr. Grewal also announced the California Health Care Facilities Disaster Conference will be held on April 5-6, 2022 at the Newport Renaissance. The link for the conference is posted in the Zoom Chat.

- **Public Health (COVID) Update**

David Johnson reported on the COVID case rates, the number of COVID patients who have been hospitalized; and the continued usage of registry, traveling medical staff being used. Additionally, there is a low case rate for influenza.

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

Mary Slattery reported that UCI Medical Center has seen an increase in COVID patients and the hospital is preparing for their ACS Trauma Verification scheduled for next month.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report**

Laurent Repass presented APOT data (which is included in the agenda) for the month of January. APOT data for the month of February is now posted to the OCEMS website. He reported that the number of transports has declined significantly along with the APOT time.

- **Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project**

Mr. Repass reported on the Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project which is just beginning. The purpose of this project is to establish a Bi-Direction data exchange between hospitals and field personnel. OCEMS received a grant funded by the Centers for Disease Control of \$3 million to establish this project which is expected to be completed in July 2023. \$2 million is expected to go to hospitals. A webinar was held on February 16, 2022 to lay out the project. Both the webinar and Powerpoint presentation have been posted to the OCEMS website. Orange County EMS received

letters of interest from 22 Orange County hospitals and are awaiting response from two additional facilities. Orange County EMS will need to have contracts between hospitals and Orange County EMS for facilities to receive funding.

- **Facility Diversion Report**

Mr. Johnson shared that March hospital diversion data has returned to a normal rate. A “no diversion” policy was instituted in January, with diversion returning in the month of February. A new category of diversion (EDLA) was implemented specifically to allow La Palma Intercommunity, Los Alamitos Medical Center, and St. Jude Medical Center to close for diversion when a Los Angeles County hospital bordering Orange County is closed for diversion. This policy was developed in collaboration with Los Angeles County EMS to allow these three hospitals the ability to divert incoming Los Angeles County hospital patients to the closest Los Angeles County hospital.

Dr. Lekawa noted that trauma diversion hours declined during the initial influx of COVID patients and currently continues in a downward trend.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – *None.*

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Emergency Receiving Center/Specialty Receiving Center Designations Designations/Re-Designations**

Attached to the agenda is an EMS Facilities Designation Report for the re-designation of emergency and specialty receiving centers (cardiovascular, stroke/neurology) for facilities currently designated in Orange County. OCEMS staff are requesting this Committee to make a recommendation to the Emergency Medical Care Committee that the EMS Medical Director approve the redesignations as listed in the report.

**The Facilities Advisory Committee supports the re-designation of the facilities indicated in the report and recommends that the Emergency Medical Care Committee recommend to the Orange County EMS Medical Director that the facilities be redesignated as indicated in the report.**

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Schultz reported that during this last surge of COVID patients and an increase in ambulance wall times, Orange County EMS has implemented a number of ambulance interventions that limited the amount of time ambulance units spend in the emergency department. EMS staff are in the process of revising Policy/Procedure #310.96 to include these interventions for use by ambulance service providers.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

This committee will meet next on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.