



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday, October 11, 2019 – 9:00 am

*Location: Hall of Administration: Commission Hearing Room
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, California 92701*

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Arturo Pedroza – Board of Supervisors, First District
- Jeffrey Barke, MD – Board of Supervisors, Second District
- Timothy Munzing, MD (exc.) – Board of Supervisors, Third District
- Timothy Greco, MD (exc.) – Board of Supervisors, Fourth District
- Pending Appointment* – Board of Supervisors, Fifth District
- James Karras – Ambulance Association of Orange County
- Linda Voss (excused) – American Red Cross
- Letitia Clark (excused) – City Selection Committee
- Karen Sharp, RN – Hospital Association of Southern California
- Trez Gutierrez, RN (excused) – Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association
- Margie Harrier – Orange County Business Council
- Michael Killebrew – Orange County City Managers Association
- Chief Adam Loeser – Orange County Fire Chiefs Association
- David L. Gibbs, MD – Orange County Medical Association
- Rebecca Gomez – Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council
- Michael S. Ritter, MD – Society of Orange County Emergency Physicians
- Vacant – Orange County Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Association

CATEGORY REPRESENTED

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Carl Schultz, MD – EMS Medical Director
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD – Associate EMS Medical Director
- Steve Thronson – Deputy Agency Director, Regulatory/MHS
- Michael Delaby, MSN, RN – Assistant EMS Administrator
- Adrian Rodriguez – EMS Performance Chief
- Danielle Ogaz – EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- Jonathan Robinson – EMS Intern
- Erica Moojen – EMS Office Supervisor
- Eileen Endo – Office Specialist
- Lisa Wilson – Information Processing Technician

GUESTS PRESENT

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REPRESENTING

- Whitney Ayers – Hospital Association of Southern California
- Drew Bernard – Emergency Ambulance Service
- Mary Birkle, RN – Mission Hospital
- Kristin Christopherson, RN – Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- Melanie Golda, RN – St. Jude Medical Center

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REPRESENTING

- Chris Leo – UCI Medical Center
- Sandy Martinez, RN – St. Jude Medical Center
- Patrick Powers, EMT-P – Powers Mobile Health
- Amanda Pringle, RN – Mission Hospital
- Rhonda Rosati, RN – Brea/Fullerton Fire Departments
- Aaron Sundstrom – Doctor's Ambulance Service
- Bill Weston – Care Ambulance Service

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Michael Ritter.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Announcement of new member:

Dr. Ritter announced that Dr. Timothy A. Munzing, MD, was appointed by Supervisor Donald P. Wagner, to serve as the Third District representative on the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 12, 2019 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

- **Medical Director's Report:** Dr. Schultz announced that Fountain Valley Regional Hospital is hosting a 15' to 50 exercise to ensure rapid treatment of patients during an event, such as the one in Las Vegas.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Michael DeLaby presented a report on the Health Care Coalition of Orange County (HCCOC). This group consists of stakeholders in the medical health arena. The purpose of the Coalition is to enable the various subgroups to prepare and plan for emergencies in the medical health system. HCCOC consists of various subgroups, such as, ambulance service providers, hospice/home health; long term care skilled nursing facilities, dialysis centers/clinics/urgent care. Their goal is to help the subgroups to develop long-term plans in an emergency. Each of the subgroups meets quarterly and all of the subgroups meet as the HCCOC on a quarterly basis.

Health Emergency Management is also instrumental in conducting exercises and disseminating information (such as the public safety power shut-offs) to the health care community in Orange County. Currently, the Health Emergency Management program is working with the hospice/home health care organizations to ensure that their patient population have the necessary equipment needed to ensure that their needs are met during an emergency.

- **Ambulance Orange County Hospital Diversion Report: January 1 to September 30, 2019:** Dr. Schultz provided a report on the Orange County's hospital diversion for the period of January 1 to September 30, 2019 as seen in Attachment #2. There is a slight increase in diversion during the months of July and August.
- **Ambulance Patient Off-load Times (APOT) Report: January 1 to September 30, 2019:** Mr. Johnson provided a report on the Ambulance Patient Off-load times for the period of January 1 to September 30, 2019, as seen in Attachment #3.
- **Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report: Annual Activity Report FY 2018-19 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019):** Adrian Rodriguez presented the Annual Activity Report for FY 2018-19 on the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation contract for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This report contains the contractual response times for each of the five exclusive operating areas (Regions A – E) as seen in attachment #4.
- **EMS Annual Report for FY 2018-2019:** Dr. Schultz presented the Annual Report on actions taken for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by the Emergency Medical Care Committee.
- **EMCC Correspondence:** Dr. Schultz provided background information regarding the correspondence included in the agenda packet (Attachment #6). Correspondence included an announcement that Orange County EMS has lifted the suspension of West Anaheim Medical Center's Cardiovascular Receiving Center designation. The facility has received a six-month redesignation. This attachment includes the release of the Comprehensive Children's Emergency Receiving Center Designation Criteria for a 50-day public comment period.

V. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

Dr. Schultz reported on items discussed at the Facilities Advisory, Education and Training Advisory, and County Paramedic Advisory Committees. The Transportation Advisory Committee will meet in two weeks.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #650.00: Stroke Neurology Receiving Center Criteria:** The public comment period for this policy ended at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2019. Orange County EMS made revisions made to this policy to meet state guidelines implemented on July 1, 2019. Dr. Schultz reported that a number of public comments merit a need to make additional revisions to the policy.
- **Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #630.00: Cardiovascular Receiving Center Criteria:** The public comment period for this policy, ends at 3:00 p.m. on October 24, 2019. To submit public comments, please visit the Orange County EMS website at www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems. The portal for viewing the policies and for making public comments may be found under the "Policies for 50-Day Public Comment" link.

- **Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #680.00: Comprehensive Children’s Emergency Receiving Center Designation Criteria:** The public comment period for this policy, ends at 3:00 p.m. on November 23, 2019. To submit public comments, please visit the Orange County EMS website at www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems. The portal for viewing the policies and for making public comments may be found under the “*Policies for 50-Day Public Comment*” link.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Orange County EMS Updates to

Mike DeLaby provided information on the Public Safety Power Shutoffs, which Southern California Edison plans to implement in high fire risk areas in an effort to reduce fire risk during extreme and potentially dangerous fire weather conditions. Mr. DeLaby outlined the process that will take place. This information is being provided to ensure that facilities are aware of the plan in place so that they may review their emergency plans in the event that a shut off may occur. Committee members discussed the impact that a shutoff would have on hospitals, long-term care facilities, dialysis centers, etc. over a prolonged period of time.

B. State Regulations for Specialty Critical Care Systems (STEMI/Stroke)

Dr. Schultz reported that the State of California developed new regulations for both STEMI (CVRC) and stroke centers that became effective July 1, 2019. He doesn’t anticipate a major impact to Orange County’s specialty centers with the implementation of the new regulations. Facilities currently designated, must be in compliance with the new regulations when their facility is due for re-designation. Dr. Schultz reported that new regulations for EMS for Children had also been released.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Chief Loeser: Reported that while there have been no PSPS shut-offs have transpired in Orange County, the Fire Chiefs have discussed the implications. He encouraged that any suggestions be conveyed to the fire chiefs to ensure that residents are kept safe and minimize risk.

Jim Karras: Two days ago, a polling had taken place with Orange County licensed ambulance service providers. As a result of this poll indicates that there are 60 ambulances that can be deployed in the event of a wildfire.

X. PUBLIC FORUM

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hall of Administration in the Commission Hearing Room.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.