



FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

M I N U T E S

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP			
MEMBERS	CATEGORY REPRESENTED	ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF PRESENT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Anderson, MD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lekawa, MD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anu Singh, MD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Birkle, RN <input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth McFarland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Slattery, RN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Boswell, RN	– OCMA (ED Physician) – Trauma Medical Directors – Managed Care Physicians – Base Hospital Administration – ERC Hospital Administration – Base Hospital Coordinators – OC Nursing Leadership – Trauma Program Coordinators – Fire Chiefs EMS Coordinators	Carl Schultz MD – EMS Medical Director Gagandeep Grewal, MD – Associate EMS Medical Director Danielle Ogaz, RN – EMS Systems & Standards Chief Vicki Sweet, RN – ALS/CQI Coordinator David Johnson, RN – Facilities Coordinator Jason Azuma, NRP – OC-MEDS Coordinator	
GUESTS PRESENT			
NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Anabella Anderson, RN Colette Baeza, RN Drew Bernard Jon Cline, MD Laura Cross, RN Mandi Halligan Janet Hewson, RN Julie Mackie, RN	– Mission Hospital – UCI Medical Center – Emergency Ambulance Service – Mission Hospital – Mission Hospital – Hoag Hospital – Irvine – Fountain Valley Regional Hosp. – Mission Hospital	Brian McCullough Nicole Miller, RN Kimberly Moulton Patrick Powers, EMT-P Amanda Pringle, RN Lynette Salerno Michael Tou Rob Viera	– Anaheim Global Medical Center – Mission Hospital – – Powers Mobile Health – Mission Hospital – – Providence/St. Joseph – Care Ambulance Service

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Schultz announced that Dr. Bruce E. Haynes MD, passed away on August 29, 2020. Dr. Haynes served as EMS Authority Director from 1986 to 1989 and served as EMS Medical Director in Imperial, Orange, and San Diego Counties.
- Dr. Lekawa announced that Stephanie Lush, MSN, RN, Trauma Program Manager for the University of California, Irvine Medical Center has retired. *Stephanie served as a member of this Committee for twenty years. Prior to the meeting, Orange County EMS prepared a Meritorious Service Award to recognize Stephanie Lush for “Twenty five years of outstanding*

contributions and dedication to the Orange County Emergency Medical Services System and the Citizens of Orange County.” Arrangements were made to have the certificate delivered to Stephanie.

- Dr. Lekawa introduced Mary Slattery, RN as the new Trauma Program Manager for the University of California, Irvine Medical Center.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted. (*Note: Meetings scheduled for the months of May and July were cancelled*)

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **OCEMS Report**

David Johnson reported that Orange County EMS has been monitoring the pandemic, fires, heat wave and power outage warnings in Orange County. The Health Care Agency Operations Center (AOC) was activated in February to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and remains activated. Presently, Orange County EMS posts the daily report released by the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator. This report is posted to the Orange County EMS website.

- **Health Emergency Management Report**

Danielle Ogaz reported that currently the AOC is activated on Mondays and Thursdays to process resource requests. Providers Resource requests may be picked up during business hours, Monday through Friday. Currently, the AOC has received over 7,800 resource requests with 92% of those requests have been filled.

- **Epidemiology Update**

Dr. Grewal reported that Orange County had 50,000 COVID Cases with 1,000 deaths. The number of hospitalization is at 238 and fewer people are being hospitalized. Orange County has been downgraded from the most restricted purple tier to the red tier. Restaurants will be able to open to normal indoor capacity with schools reopening in the next few weeks. Dr. Grewal reported that the California Department of Public Health processes COVID-19 tests within 24 hours.

Mr. Johnson reported that all hospitals and specialty centers are involved with the Health Care Coalition of Orange County (HCCOC). The HCCOC are participating in weekly calls to discuss current needs and issues.

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

Mr. Johnson reported that the American College of Surgeons and all other licensing verification organizations such as Joint Commission have extended all trauma center verifications and hospital verifications for one year. Orange County EMS intends to do the same with all specialty receiving center re-designations. All facilities will be notified when the designation process is due. Dr. Lekawa requested that Orange County EMS to please put this extension in writing to the hospitals.

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

Attached to the agenda is the current data report for Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times since the last meeting. APOT times increased in July with a slight decrease seen in the month of August.

- **Facilities Diversion Report**

Attached to the agenda are the reports for hospital diversion for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2020 and the HEAR/ReddiNet MCI data for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2020. A decline in hospital diversion at the end of the first quarter and beginning of the second quarter. Hospital diversion in the months of June and July saw a slight upward trend in diversion hours. Hospitals cite different reasons for going on diversion. August diversion hours are similar to what has been reported in previous years. While trauma diversion hours increased in the month of June, the total diversion hours continue to remain under 2% which is the for trauma centers.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – *None reported.*

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Hospital Hub Security Update**

Laurent Repass reported that recent updates to OC-MEDS were made to enhance password security of all users. Currently there are over 3,000 users with each hospital having a designated person to manage user access for their facility. Each user will be required to change his/her password every 90 days.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS** – *None reported.*

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.