



## FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

### MINUTES

| COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP                                     |                                     |                                |   |
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| MEMBERS  |                                     | CATEGORY REPRESENTED           | ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF PRESENT                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Anderson, MD   |                                     | – OCMA (ED Physician)          | 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"/> Robert McCormick, MD |                                     | – Managed Care Physicians      | Laurent Repass, NRP – EMS Information Systems Chief   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Birkle, RN                 |                                     | – Base Hospital Administration | Danielle Ogaz – EMS Systems & Standards Chief         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth McFarland               |                                     | – ERC Hospital Administration  | David Johnson, RN – Facilities Coordinator            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN       |                                     | – Base Hospital Coordinators   | Jason Azuma, NRP – OC-MEDS Coordinator                |
| <i>Represented by: Maryle Olivier, RN</i>                |                                     |                                | Erica Moojen – EMS Office Supervisor                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Sharp, RN                 |                                     | – OC Nursing Leadership        |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Slattery, RN    |                                     | – Trauma Program Coordinators  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Boswell, RN     |                                     | – Fire Chiefs EMS Coordinators |   |
| GUESTS PRESENT   |                                     |                                |   |
| NAME   | REPRESENTING                        | NAME                           | REPRESENTING  |
| Annabella Anderson, RN                                   | – Mission Hospital                  | Nicole Miller, RN              | – Mission Hospital                                    |
| Whitney Ayers  | – Hospital Association of S. Calif. | Nicole Plouffe, RN             | – Children’s Hosp. of Orange County                   |
| Collette Baeza, RN                                       | – UCI Medical Center                | Patrick Powers, EMT-P          | – City of Placentia                                   |
| Shelley Brukman, RN                                      | – Fountain Valley Fire Department   | Michael Tou                    | – Providence/St. Joseph                               |
| Janet Hewson, RN   | – Fountain Valley Regional Hospital | Amy Waunch, RN                 | – Children’s Hosp. of Orange County                   |
| Chris Leo  | – UCI Medical Center                | Bill Weston                    | – Care Ambulance Service                              |
| Julie Mackie, RN   | – Mission Hospital                  | Kim Zaky, RN                   | – Children’s Hosp. 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 September 8, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.*

*Note: the January 12, 2021 meeting was cancelled due to the increased hospitalizations throughout the County.*

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

• **OCEMS Report**

Orange County EMS currently monitors hospital diversion on a daily basis and a report is released daily by OCEMS. Dr. Schultz reported that the COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed in the near future, however the logistics is not known at this time. The State EMS Authority has granted OCEMS' request to allow paramedics to administer vaccine under the local scope of practice. Dr. Grewal reported that some hospital systems operating in multi-counties may receive vaccine directly by the State provided they have the capacity to store the vaccine.

**Health Emergency Management Report:** Danielle Ogaz reported that the HCA Operations Center is accepting resource requests on Mondays with the warehouse opened five days a week for distribution of supplies. Currently, the Orange County Health Care Coalition is not meeting due to the pandemic. Positions at the AOC are expected to be filled within the next two months.

• **Epi Update**

Dr. Grewal reported the number of COVID cases throughout the nation, the State, and the county. He stated that currently Orange County remains in the "red" tier due to the case rate (6 per 100,000). Dr. Schultz reported there is a slight increase noted in the number of cases reported. Orange County EMS continues to monitor the number of cases reported.

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

Mr. Johnson reported this item is a standing item on the agenda. Annabelle Anderson reported that the trauma coalition plans to meet with the data task force in addition with the pediatric trauma program collaborative directly after this meeting. The pediatric trauma collaborative is developing a website similar to that of the base hospital coordinators. A survey to determine the needs of the emergency receiving centers was distributed to each of the emergency receiving centers to determine their needs. This group now includes a representative from the fire departments.

• **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report (July 1 to September 30, 2020)**

Laurent Repass reported that the APOT report for the period of July 1 to September 30, 2020 is included in the agenda (Attachment #2). The October APOT report was posted earlier today to the OCEMS website (under Core Measures).

• **Facility Diversion Report (July 1 to September 30, 2020)**

Attached to the packet is the Facility Diversion Report and the HEAR/ReddiNet MCI report for the period of January 1 to September 30, 2020 (See Attachment #3). Mr. Johnson reported on the trends noted and also the increase in hospital diversion seen during the month of July. Diversion hours in the categories of

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None reported.*

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

• **Standardized Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times (APOT) at 30 Minutes**

Dr. Schultz reported that after reviewing APOT data for the past few years, it appears that a reasonable standard to the ambulance patient off-load time should be established at thirty minutes. Even during the current pandemic, the APOT time continues to remain consistently at 30 minutes at this standard. He indicated that a policy will be written and released establishing the standard APOT time at 30 minutes. Presently there will be no penalties if a hospital does not maintain this standard. Dr. Schultz reported that by creating a standard APOT time, Orange County EMS can work with hospitals not meeting this standard. Laurent Repass reported that the APOT report

is posted to the Orange County EMS website monthly and reported to the State EMS Authority on a quarterly basis. Currently, APOT data are monitored daily with a few hospitals that have elevated APOT data.

- **BinexNOW Point of Care Testing Kits**

Mr. Johnson reported that Orange County EMS has received an allotment of BinexNOW Point of Care Testing Kits from the State. These kits allow rapid COVID testing for symptomatic individuals. Dr. Grewal reported facilities/providers requesting these kits must follow procedures as required by the State. These procedures include reporting procedures and a requirement that the facility/provider must be CLIA certified or have a CLIA waiver. The testing kits can be a useful tool in determining an unexpected outbreak. Orange County EMS will receive these testing kits on a weekly basis through the end of December.

- **Disaster Resource Centers**

Mr. Johnson reported that OCEMS has developed a policy on the designation of Disaster Resource Center. This policy has been released for 50-day public comment period ending on November 12, 2020. The policy was modeled after a similar policy developed by Los Angeles County.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Attached to the agenda (Attachment #5) is the list of meeting dates for the 2021 calendar year.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.