



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## Regular Meeting

Friday, April 26, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

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

## MINUTES

### MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	CATEGORY REPRESENTED	HCA STAFF	REPRESENTING
<input type="checkbox"/> Chan Le Nguyen, MD	- Board of Supervisors, First District	Holly Veale	Medical Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Powers	- Board of Supervisors, Second District	Lydia Mikhail	Division Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Anas, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Third District	Sam Stratton, MD	EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Gilwee	- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Mike Delaby, RN	EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Eileen Endo	Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Ruzich	- American Red Cross, OC Chapter		
<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Wanstreet, RN	- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.	<b>Others Present</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth McFarland	- Hospital Association of So. Calif.	Bill Weston	Care Ambulance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Tom, MD	- Society of OC Emergency Physicians	Michael Dimas	Medix Ambulance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Philip Davis	- Ambulance Association of OC	John Detviler	Medix Ambulance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Reese	- League of California Cities	Walter Garcia	Medix Ambulance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margie Harrier	- OC Business Council	Julie Puentes	Hosp Assoc of So Cal
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- OC City Managers Association	Stephen Wontrobski	public
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wolfgang Knabe	- OC Fire Chiefs Association		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Hoynak, MD	- OC Medical Association		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Paul Henisey	- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.		
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Jon Gilwee, Chair

### 2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MSC** Approval of minutes from February 22, 2013 meeting

### 4. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

- Medical Director Update
- OC-MEDS Update  
March/April 2013 Progress Report was provided to members.
- Disaster Preparations  
Updated on Bio-detection Device System (BDS) exercise last week.
- Hospital Diversion  
Compared to 2011/12 data, ER diversion increased by 1300 hours, remained high in January 2013 but normalized during Feb/March 2013.
- EMCC Correspondence  
Attachments provided to members as well as a related letter received on 4/26/13.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Ground Ambulance Services Basic Life Support (BLS) Rates Adjustment and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Rate**

*Information presented and included the 4/5/13 Notification to City Managers, Fire Chiefs and Ambulance providers for the 2013/14 Annual rate adjustment and 6/28/13 date for EMCC discussion and action. Included calculation for proposed rate adjustment based on the methodology used for the 2012/13 Board approved rates.*

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Public Hearing Notice: Closure of Emergency Services: Anaheim General Hospital**

*Opportunity for public comment, no speakers.*

B. **Mandatory Field Observations for Mobile Intensive Care Nurses**

*Information, survey results and recommendation to have subcommittees further discuss issue provided by Dr. Stratton.*

C. Pre-public comment: Policy #700.00: Paramedic Service Provider Criteria

*Information and Discussion: Notification to public and EMS system of the impending release of the policy that defines the criteria for being a 9-1-1 Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider in Orange County. Primarily, OCEMS is intending to incorporate national standards for ALS response and performance and to place the policy up for public comment. Chair Gilwee asked for release date and was advised 1-2 weeks. Member Powers commented on the relevancy of specific requirements such as the letter of commitment.*

D. **Interfacility Transport Advanced Life Support (IFT-ALS) Pilot Interim Report**

*Information and Discussion: Dr. Stratton reported that the white paper was released three days ago by OCEMS and opened the item for further discussion.*

*Phil Davis – Acknowledged representative status for Ambulance Association Orange County (AAOC) and owner of Emergency Ambulance and provided oral comment regarding usage of paramedic and Registered Nurse transports and affirmed that patient care is a priority. Dr. Stratton commented that OCEMS is not replacing Registered Nurses with paramedics and the Critical Care Transport-Nurse (CCT-RN) model is not expected to change. Acknowledged that the AAOC has been on record against the pilot program and OCEMS continues to explore issues described in white paper. and will release final data evaluation at June EMCC meeting.*

*Chief Knabe- Oral comment (1) seeking clarification that the IFT –ALS transports do not fall under the definition of 9-1-1 service. Dr. Stratton responded that those transports are designed to function parallel to the 9-1-1 system and the response criteria is described in white paper. Oral comment (2) regarding availability of public paramedic through extensive mutual aid agreements. Oral comment (3) clarifying that the EMCC is advisory to the OC Board of Supervisors. Dr. Stratton affirmed that the authority for medical matters is outlined in the Health & Safety Code and rests with the Medical Director. Oral comment (4) questioned if other alternatives were considered to decrease the extended response times for RN transports models. Dr. Stratton replied that OCEMS is open to*

*other proposals or suggestions and that the pilot IFT-ALS model is currently being used by other systems such as Los Angeles and Riverside. Further, anticipated demands from hospitals affected by healthcare reform impacts and hospital feedback related to delayed transport responses was a determining factor in implementing this pilot. Oral comment (5) questioned whether the delayed responses are due to nursing availability or financial issues. Dr. Stratton responded that OC Health Care Agency cannot definitively determine as medical authority over CCT-RN service has not been exercised nor has any data supporting assertions of non-delay been presented. Oral comment (5) seeking clarification on the appropriateness of the aforementioned attorney letter. Dr. Stratton replied that the document he was referring to is in the Agenda packet.*

*Patrick Powers – Oral comment regarding alternative solutions such as the recent passage of the Critical Care Paramedic regulation standards.*

*Monica Ruzich – Oral comment seeking clarification of the oversight of CCT RN transports and suggested that the committee move that these types of transports be considered to come under EMS. Response from Dr. Stratton acknowledged that these transports are high risk and fairly unregulated and that OCEMS is considering inclusion of these transports under the control of the EMS Medical Director.*

*John Gilwee – Oral comment asking if it is the attending physician who decides the level of patient transport. Dr. Stratton confirmed that federal and state law define that the decision for the level of IFT is under the transferring physician.*

*Dr. Hoynak - Oral comment regarding affordable care act implications and suggested that the financial responsibility for an IFT should fall under the Accountable Care Organization and the medical control remain under the EMS Medical Director.*

7. **EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**

8. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comments.

9. **PUBLIC FORUM** (non-agenized)

Steven Wontrobski– Oral comment regarding IFT Pilot program

Baryic Hunter– Oral comment regarding IFT Pilot program

Bill Weston – Oral comment regarding IFT Pilot program

Kathy Moran - Oral comment regarding IFT Pilot program

10. **NEXT MEETING** - June 28, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
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11. **ADJOURNMENT**