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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 23, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: 405 W. Fifth Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Conference Room 433

Mission Statement: "To advise and endorse efforts to implement a quality transportation system in the prehospital care area for the citizens of Orange County."

A G E N D A

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - OCEMS Staffing Changes
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1/22/2014 Minutes Attachment 1
- IV. **OCEMS Report**
 - Review of April 1, 2014 Policy Updates Attachment 2
 - Mass Gathering Policy- 15 day public comment
 - Policies currently up for 50 day public comment Attachment 3
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - Use of Child Restraint Systems/Seats In Ambulances
 - Report on Hbfd Ambulance Design Specs for Transport of Children In Ambulances
 - Amy Waunch - CHOC – pediatric transportation
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Review of Patient Restraint Policy Considerations
 - Ambulance Ordinance
- VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - No Fear: Pediatric Conference May 15, 2014
- VIII. **NEXT MEETING**
 - July 23rd, 2014
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Attachment I
TAC Minutes 1/22/14



County of Orange Health Care Agency
 Health Disaster Management/Emergency Medical Services
Transportation Subcommittee Meeting
 405 W. Fifth Street, Conference Room 433
 Santa Ana, CA 92701
 Wednesday, January 22, 2014
 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
I. CALL TO ORDER	9:02am	
II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jim Karras, Chairman, Americare Ambulance Dr. Sam Stratton, OC EMS Mike Noone, Orange County EMS Melissa Murphy, Orange County EMS Vicki Sweet, OC EMS Robert Williams, Mercy Ambulance Aaron Oshima, Mercy Air Ambulance Robert Viera, Care Ambulance Bill Weston, Care Ambulance Kathy Kelly, BHC Patrick Powers, Lynch EMS Cathy Ord, Nbfd	
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	10/23/13 meeting cancelled 8/26/13 minutes not available – recorder failure	
IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on revisions to ambulance policies 50 page spreadsheets with public comments has been created, EMS staff to respond and discuss with Medical Director and Agency Director. Some policies will be issued soon, some will be sent out again for public comment (MN) • Update on EOA RFP process 19 EOA zones expire 8/31/14. Garden Grove has 	

	<p>expired but has sent in RFP process for approval by OCEMS and EMSA. OCEMS is in discussion with EMSA to see if they are requiring changes to RFPs. Meetings with EMSA this week and next. (SS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reddi-Net status <p>All but 5 companies are compliant. Last companies are working out details with ReddiNet. (MN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on IFT-ALS <p>Three applications from OC licensed companies have been received and are being reviewed. (SS)</p>	
V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS	None	
V. NEW BUSINESS	<p>Amy Waunch – CHOC presentation – Cancelled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulances are not required to be built with child seat (BW). • Some restraint devices built into jump seat or for use on stretcher may not be suitable for infants (per Ferno, Pedi-Mate is from 10-40lbs). (PP) 	<p>Request from facilities for transporting EMS personnel to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use child seat in ambulance, if possible, rather than having parent hold child in arms on stretcher. And: 2. Bring pediatric patient’s child seat, if possible, so they have use of it when they are discharged. (MN) <p>Cathy Ord will find out what HBFD did on recent ambulance order.</p>
VI. OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Revisions to restraint policy: Due to reports of patient and provider injuries, OCEMS proposes that all patients under a legal hold be restrained (MN). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider an exception if patient has history of sexual assault. (BW) - OCEMS would need to educate facilities so EMS crew does not receive criticism. (PP) - Los Angeles County EMS is moving towards less restraint (JK) 	OCEMS will draft new version of revised restraint policy stating that exceptions must be documented and prepare draft for public comment (MN).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion that So Cal LEMSAs have a multi-jurisdiction minimum equipment list (MN). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would industry reps like to create a multi-county comparison of minimum equipment so OCEMS could attempt to facilitate simplification? (MN) - Last revision of OC EMS equipment policy included review of other jurisdictions/CHP requirements. (PP) - OCEMS should focus on Orange and Los Angeles County first, and then move on to other areas. Review process should include equipment and accreditation process. (BW) - Some areas like San Diego and Riverside have specific equipment needs due to geography (JK). 	Bill Weston and Patrick Powers to create suggestions to simplify Orange County and LA County equipment and accreditation requirements. Once those have been created, OC EMS will facilitate a meeting between field representatives, EMS staff and the medical directors for the two counties. Mike Noone to assist.
VII. NEXT MEETING	April 23rd, 2014	
Meeting Adjourned	9:34am	

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Attachment 2
April 1, 2014 Policy Updates Notification



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY

HEALTH DISASTER MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



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April 1, 2014

To: **EMS Distribution**

From: **Samuel J. Stratton MD, MPH, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services**
Tammi McConnell, EMS Administrator, Emergency Medical Services

Subject: **Orange County EMS Policy Updates**

The following policies have been updated in the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Policy & Procedure Manual:

POLICIES UPDATED AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD 10/29/13 – 12/17/13

The following policies have been updated. Any applicable comments are noted in italics.

Policy Updated	Comments
330.60 - Transfer of Patient Care: EMT-P to Air Ambulance Flight Nurse	<i>Policy Updated</i>
430.10 - Accreditation to Practice – ALS Personnel Criteria	<i>Previous Name- Accreditation to Practice EMT - Paramedic</i>
330.75 Tactical EMS	<i>New Policy</i>

AMBULANCE

The following policies have been assigned new policy numbers. Any applicable comments are noted in italics.

New Policy Name and Number	Previous Policy
714.00 - Maximum Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates	720.00 Section 312 Ground Emergency Ambulance Service Rates. <i>Policies 714.00 and 720.00 Section 312 contain the same information. Policy 720.00 Section 312 assimilated into policy 714.00.</i>
715.00 – Ground Emergency Ambulance Service Rates Adjustment	720.00 Section 314 – Ground Emergency Ambulance Service Rates Adjustment. <i>Policy Number Change Only.</i>

GROUND AMBULANCE

The following policies have been assimilated and have been assigned new policy numbers. Any applicable comments are noted in italics. Policies include updates after 50 day public comment period 10/29/13 - 12/17/13.

New Policy Name and Number	Previous Policies
720.20 – Complaint Processing	720.00 Section 200 Complaint Processing ----- <i>Policy Number Change to 720.20, Policy Updated</i>
720.30 – Ground Ambulance Design, Documentation & Equipment	720.00 Section 300 – Required Ground Ambulance Service Policies and Procedures 720.00 Section 310 - Required Ground Ambulance Self-Inspection 720.00 Section 506 – Ground Ambulance: Ambulance Files. ----- <i>Policy 720.00 Sections 300, 310, 506 assimilated into policy 720.30, Policy Updated</i>
720.40 – Ground Ambulance Provider Inspection	720.00 Section 306 – Ground Ambulance Service Inspection 720.00 Section 400 - Ground Ambulance Service License ----- <i>Policy 720.00 Sections 306,400 assimilated into policy 720.40, Policy Updated</i>
720.50- Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection	720.00 Section 308 – Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection 720.00 Section 402 – Ground Ambulance License ----- <i>Policy 720.00 Sections 308,402 assimilated into policy 720.50, Policy Updated</i>
720.60 – Ground Ambulance Provider Policies, Procedures & Documentation	720.00 Section 304 - Required Ground Ambulance Service Policies and Procedures 720.00 Section 404 – OCEMS EMT Accreditation/Attendant Requirements 720.00 Section 500 – Ground Ambulance: Basic Life Support Medical Record 720.00 Section 504 – Ground Ambulance: Personnel Files 720.00 Section 502 – Ground Ambulance: Dispatch Records ----- <i>Policy 720.00 Sections 304, 404, 500, 504, 502 assimilated into policy 720.60, Policy Updated</i>
720.70 – Ground Ambulance Communication Equipment	720.00 Section 302 – Ground Ambulance Communication Equipment ----- <i>Policy Number Change to 720.70, Policy Updated</i>

AIR AMBULANCE

The following policies have been assimilated and have been assigned new policy numbers. Any applicable comments are noted in italics. Policies include updates after 50 day public comment period 10/29/13 - 12/17/13.

New Policy Name and Number	Previous Policies
730.10 - Prehospital Air Ambulance and Air Service Rescue	720.00 Section 600 - Prehospital Air Ambulance and Air Rescue Service 750.05 – Air Ambulance and Air Rescue Services Data Reporting ----- <i>Policy 750.05 and 720.00 Section 600 assimilated into policy 730.10, Policy Updated</i>
730.20 – Prehospital Air Ambulance and Air Rescue Service Activation Procedure	720.00 Section 602 - Prehospital Air Ambulance and Air Rescue Service Activation Procedure: Pilot ----- <i>Policy Number Change to 730.20, Policy Updated</i>

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

The following policies have had administrative updates

Policy Updated	Comments
330.51 - Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) and Health Care Directives	Administrative changes
330.57 – Application of Restraints by EMS Personnel	Administrative changes
310.10 – Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility	Administrative changes
310.96 – Guidelines for ERC request for Diversion Status	Administrative changes
090.00 – Definitions	Administrative changes

DELETED POLICIES

The following policies have been deleted. Any applicable comments are noted in italics.

Policy Deleted	Comments
720.00 Section 704 Air Ambulance Air Medical Paramedic Accreditation	<i>Assimilated into policy 430.10 Accreditation to Practice- ALS Personnel Criteria</i>
725.00 Public Safety Ground Ambulance Inspection	<i>Redundant- Same information in OCEMS Policy 720.30, 720.40, 720.50, 720.60 & 720.70</i>
725.00 Attachment Public Safety Ground Ambulance Inspection	<i>See above for OCEMS policy 725.00</i>
720.00 Section 508 Ground Ambulance: Licensing Fees.	<i>Redundant- Same information in OCEMS Policy #470.00 Fees: Certification, Licensing, and Designation</i>
720.00 Attachment I Appendix I Definitions	<i>Definitions duplicate OC Ambulance Ordinance or OCEMS Policy #090.00 Definitions</i>
720.00 Cover Page	<i>Redundant- Cover page for policy and procedure exist as 000.00</i>
720.00 Index	<i>Redundant- Index page for policy and procedure exist as 000.00</i>

Current OCEMS Policies and Procedures can be found on our webpage:

<http://healthdisasteroc.org/ems/policies/>

Attachment 3
50 Day Public Comment Policies



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To: **EMS Distribution**

From: **Tammi McConnell, EMS Administrator** 

Subject: **Orange County EMS Draft Policies posted for public comment**

Orange County Emergency Medical Services has released the following draft revised policy and new policy which are posted for a 50-day public comment review period (4/1/2014 to 5/20/2014 at 3:00 PM):

- #315.00 OCEMS EMT Scope of Practice: EMT OCEMS Accredited
- #325.00 Advanced Life Support Unit Minimum Inventory
- #330.65 OCEMS Liability Release
- #330.65 Patient Refusal of Prehospital Care AMA
- #xxx.xx (new) OC-MEDS –System Management and Support

Please review the policies and submit comments on our webpage:

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