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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Friday, August 22, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Mission Statement: "To act in an advisory capacity to the County Board of Supervisors and to Orange County Emergency Medical Services on all matters relating to emergency medical services in Orange County."

THE COMMITTEE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE OR DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM, AND ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST WHICH ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA, BUT WHICH ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

A G E N D A

Attachments: <http://healthdisasteroc.org/ems/groups/emcc>

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - Appointment of Dean Grose representing the City Selection Committee effective July 1, 2014
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 27, 2014
Information/Action (Attachment 1)
4. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Medical Director Update
 - Program/OC-MEDS Update
 - EMCC Correspondence (Attachment 2)*Hear Reports*
5. **EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**
Hear Reports
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 50-Day Public Comment Period on OCEMS Policies and Procedures (Attachment 3)
 - County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance (Ordinance 3517) (Attachment 4)
8. **MEMBER COMMENTS**
9. **PUBLIC FORUM** (non-agendized)
At this time, members of the public may address the Chairman regarding any items within the subject matter of this advisory committee's authority provided by law. Comments are limited to 3-5 minutes per person and 20 minutes for all comments unless different time limits are set by the Chairman; subject to the approval of the committee.
10. **NEXT MEETING** – Friday, October 24, 2014
Commission Hearing Room 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana 92701
11. **ADJOURNMENT**



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MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Ron Blaul
- Patrick Powers
- Nick Anas, MD (excused)
- Jon Gilwee (excused)
- Vacant
- Monica Ruzich
- Sharon Hoier, RN
- Kenneth McFarland
- Michelle Tom, MD
- Philip Davis
- Brad Reese
- Margie Harrier, RN
- Vacant
- Chief Wolfgang Knabe
- Bryan Hoynak, MD
- Chief Paul Henisey
- vacant

CATEGORY REPRESENTED

- Board of Supervisors, First District
- Board of Supervisors, Second District
- Board of Supervisors, Third District
- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District
- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District
- American Red Cross, OC Chapter
- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Society of OC Emergency Physicians
- Ambulance Association of OC
- League of California Cities
- OC Business Council
- OC City Managers Association
- OC Fire Chiefs Association
- OC Medical Association
- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.
- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

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| Sam Stratton, MD | - EMS Medical Director |
| Tammi McConnell, RN | - EMS Administrator |
| Teri Schultz | - Medical Services |
| Lydia Mikhail | - Health Disaster Management |
| Mike Delaby, RN | - EMS Systems & Standards Chief |
| Vicki Sweet, RN | - ALS/CQI Coordinator |
| Fran Cohen, RN | - EMS Nurse Liaison |
| Erica Moojen | - EMS Office Supervisor |
| Eileen Endo | - Office Specialist |

GUESTS PRESENT

- Jim Ruane
- Deputy Chief Fred Seguin

REPRESENTING

- Orange County Fire Authority
- Costa Mesa Fire Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Michelle Tom, MD, Chair.

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Stratton presented Certificates of Appreciation to Chief Paul Henisey representing the Orange County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association and Phil Davis who represents the Ambulance Association of Orange County in recognition of their contributions to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

Orange County EMS will be sending letters to organizations for the renewal of terms and appointments to this Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: *Minutes from the April 25, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.*

4. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

• Medical Director Update

Dr. Stratton reported on the status of Children's Hospital of Orange County's application for designation as a pediatric trauma center; OCEMS' plans to develop pediatric trauma patient triage criteria; and the Anaheim Fire Department Community Care Response Unit proposal (Proposal to team a fire captain/paramedic with a nurse practitioner to respond to lower level acuity medical aid calls). Dr. Miller provided an update on the community paramedicine pilot project conducted through the California EMS Authority and sponsored by the Orange County Fire Chiefs' Association.

• Program/OC-MEDS Update

Dr. Stratton reported on the success of the OC-MEDS system in terms of data accessibility, the NEMSIS 3 data conversion and the certification/licensure module.

- **EMCC Correspondence**

Attached to today's agenda packet is a memo updating Committee members on the status of Orange County's EMS Plan; the revisions being made to Orange County Ordinance 3517 (Ambulance Ordinance); the extension of the Ambulance Request for Proposal granted by the State of California EMS Authority; and the solicitation of members for the Evaluation Committee for the RFP process.

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

Dr. Stratton reported on discussions that had taken at both the Facilities Advisory and County Paramedic Advisory Committee meetings held in July. These included the presentation of the Anaheim Fire Department pilot program; the trauma center surveys at Mission Hospital and Western Medical Center/Santa Ana; and state guidelines currently under development.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Ambulance Request for Proposal Process

Dr. Stratton announced the Ambulance Request for Proposal for the five regions was released on May 19, 2014 and is currently on BidSync. Ambulance providers seeking to bid on any of the five regions may refer to BidSync for the RFP and any amendments made to the RFP.

B. Ground Ambulance Service Rate Increase

Ms. McConnell presented background information on the rates that Orange County EMS is requesting Committee members to approve. Jim Ruane of the Orange County Fire Authority presented the background information on the ALS rate increase.

Chief Knabe: Is there a mechanism within the ambulance contracts to provide funding for the oversight of the contracts?
Dr. Stratton replied that a \$13.33 charge will be charged per run to fund the oversight of the contracts.

MSC: Recommended approval of the proposed Basic Life Support (BLS) Rate Adjustment and the Advanced Life Support Rate (ALS) be submitted to the Orange County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. City of Costa Mesa Paramedic Assessment Unit Upgrade

Dr. Stratton stated under state statute any upgrade to advanced life support services must be approved by the Emergency Medical Care Committee for the local Emergency Medical Services agency. Deputy Chief Fred Seguin outlined the planned changes and stated the upgrade in services is part of Costa Mesa Fire Department's reorganization in an effort to maximize its resources and improve patient care for the city.

MSC: Recommended that Orange County Emergency Medical Services approve the City of Costa Mesa Fire Department's Request for Paramedic Assessment Unit Upgrade.

8. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

- *Chief Henisey: Thanked Orange County EMS staff and fellow Committee members for the work that is done in the Orange County Emergency Medical Services System.*
- *Phil Davis: Thanked Orange County EMS staff and fellow Committee members in working through the challenges brought forward to them.*
- *Dr. Tom: Thanked both Chief Henisey and Mr. Davis for their participation and service to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.*
- *Kenneth McFarland: Thanked Orange County EMS staff and the support they provided during Mission Hospital's re-verification of trauma services by the American College of Surgeons.*

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

No public comments were received.

10. **NEXT MEETING** - Friday, August 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
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11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.