



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**

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ron Blaul (excused)	- Board of Supervisors, First District	Sam Stratton, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Powers	- Board of Supervisors, Second District	Ken Miller, MD	- EMS Assistant Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Nick Anas, MD (excused)	- Board of Supervisors, Third District	Phillip Froman, MD	- EMS Physician Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Gilwee	- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Rey Montoya	- EMS Performance Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Vicki Sweet, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Ruzich	- American Red Cross, OC Chapter	Juan Alvarez	- EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Hoier, RN	- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.	Erica Moojen	- EMS Office Supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth McFarland (excused)	- Hospital Association of Southern California	Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Tom, MD	- Society of OC Emergency Physicians		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- Ambulance Association of OC	<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Grose	- League of California Cities	Rocky Allen	- Mercy Air Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Margie Harrier, RN (excused)	- OC Business Council	John Detviler	- Lynch Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- OC City Managers Association	Walter Garcia, EMT-P	- Lynch Ambulance Service
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Wolfgang Knabe	- OC Fire Chiefs Association	Sheryl Gradney, RN	- St. Jude Medical Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Hoynak, MD (excused)	- OC Medical Association	Jim Karras	- Americare Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.	Maryle Olivier, RN	- UCI Medical Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council	Shadrach Smith, EMT-P	- Paramedic Advantage
		Ron Taggart	- Doctor's Ambulance Service
		Stephen Wontrobski	- Private Citizen

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean Grose, City Council member from the City of Los Alamitos, was appointed by the City Selection Committee to serve as their representative to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from the June 27, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

4. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

- **Medical Director Update** – *Dr. Stratton reported:*

The State EMS Authority has released the State first responder regulations for public comment. These regulations pertain to first responders who are not certified as an EMT, such as law enforcement or lifeguard personnel. Interest Committee members may view them on the State EMS Authority website. Orange County EMS has revised the ALS standing orders which become effective September 2, 2014. Dr. Stratton gave Committee members a status report on the ambulance RFP process for 19 cities whose fire services are contacted with the Orange County Fire Authority. Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County EMS has approved

the placement of automated external defibrillators throughout the court system. Orange County EMS is looking at the deployment of AEDs with law enforcement personnel.

Patrick Powers: Asked for the status of placement of AEDs in the schools. Dr. Miller provided a progress report on the placement of AEDs at schools.

- **Program/OC-MEDS Update**

Dr. Stratton reported that all EMT certification/accreditation and EMT-P accreditation applications may be submitted online. Orange County EMS does accept these types of applications on a walk-in basis by appointment only.

- **EMCC Correspondence**

Attached to today's agenda packet are two letters received by Stephen Wontrobski, a resident of the City of Mission Viejo.

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

Patrick Powers presented a report on the July meeting of the Education and Training Advisory Committee. Dr. Stratton reported that a task force of the Transportation Advisory Committee has worked diligently working on revisions to the Orange County Ambulance Ordinance (Ordinance 3517). The Facilities Advisory Committee discussed the evaluation of Children's Hospital of Orange County as a pediatric trauma center and the issue of boarding psychiatric patients within emergency departments while waiting for open beds at a psychiatric facility. Jon Gilwee gave a status report on a series of meetings that have taken place on the triaging of emergency psychiatric patients to a designated facility. Participants in these meetings include the Hospital Association of Southern California, hospital administrators, emergency room physicians, Orange County Behavioral Health Services and Orange County EMS.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 50 Day Public Comment Period of Orange County EMS Policies and Procedures

Included in today's agenda packet are the public comments received on a number of Orange County EMS Policies and Procedures which were released for public comment. Most of these policies will be implemented effective September 2, 2014. Dr. Stratton reported that OCEMS Policy/Procedure #330.65 (Patient Refusal of Prehospital Care/AMA and OCEMS Liability Release) and a new policy on Mass Gathering will be re-released for an additional public comment period. The new Mass Gathering policy was written to address system issues concerning special events.

B. County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance (Ordinance 3517)

Included in today's agenda packet is a draft of the County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance which will go before the Orange County Board of Supervisors for adoption. The Board of Supervisors directed Health Care Agency staff to initiate amendments to the existing ambulance ordinance and return to the Board with a revised ambulance ordinance. The draft ordinance was released for public comment, with a subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Committee making additional revisions, and reviewed by County Counsel. It is anticipated that the revised ambulance ordinance be submitted before the Orange County Board of Supervisors for approval on September 30, 2014.

Patrick Powers: A very good collaboration of stakeholders has been involved in the development of a new ordinance.

Monica Ruzich: Is a special meeting of this Committee required for the ambulance ordinance to go before the Orange County Board of Supervisors and what is the procedure going forward?

Dr. Stratton: As the Emergency Medical Care Committee must follow the Brown Act and therefore we would either hold a special meeting or conduct an electronic vote.

Chief Knabe: Must EMCC approve this Ambulance Ordinance before it goes before the Board of Supervisors? Because of the significant changes, I suggest that a recommendation be made by the Committee for the Board of Supervisors.

Jon Gilwee: Suggest that a summary of changes be brought forward by Orange County EMS with a recommended action for Committee members to approve before the Ambulance Ordinance is brought before the Board of Supervisors.

MSC: Recommended that Orange County EMS bring forward the final draft of the revised Ambulance Ordinance to the Emergency Medical Care Committee with a recommended action for approval before the Ambulance Ordinance is heard before the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

8. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

None made.

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

Stephen Wontrobski: Request that a clause regarding full billing disclosure be included in the new ambulance contracts.

10. **NEXT MEETING** - Friday, October 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Room - 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana 92701

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.