



FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Anderson, MD, Chair	– OCMA (ED Physician Directors)	Samuel J. Stratton, MD	– EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Markie Cowley	– PRC Hospital Administrators	Philip Froman, MD	– Physician Specialist
<i>Represented by Phyllis Robby, RN</i>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Heinemann, RN,	– Base Hospital Coordinators	Vicki Sweet, RN	– ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lekawa, MD	– Trauma Center Directors	Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Lush, RN	– Trauma Nurse Coordinators		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Ord, RN	– Fire EMS Coordinators		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anu Signh, MD	– Managed Care Emergency Physicians		
<i>Represented by Mark Lee, MD</i>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Woolson, RN	– ED Nurse Supervisors		
<i>Represented by Jamie Acosta, RN</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Super, MD	– Base Hospital Physician Directors		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Anderson, MD.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Stratton introduced Dr. Philip Froman, EMS Physician Specialist who will be assisting in the revision of policies and procedures; development of the community paramedicine pilots; and attending meetings on Dr. Stratton’s behalf.

Vicki Sweet announced that Orange County EMS has hired three new EMS Specialists and a new EMS Performance Chief, Rey Montoya, to oversee the monitoring of the ambulance contacts covering the Orange County Fire Authority areas.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from the May 13, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

• **Medical Director’s Report:**

- **Monitoring of Ambulance Contracts:** The State EMS Authority is requiring that Orange County EMS conduct ambulance contracts and monitor ambulances that serve the Orange County Fire Authority areas (approximately 1/3 of the County). A lot of the focus has been on the revision of ambulance policies and the monitoring of contracts.

• **OCEMS Program Report:** – Vicki Sweet reported:

- **Orange County Ambulance Ordinance:** In conjunction with the monitoring of the ambulance contacts, Ambulance Ordinance 3517 (developed in 1985) is undergoing extensive revision.
- **Hospital Designations/Re-designations:** OCEMS is planning for redesignation of emergency receiving and specialty receiving centers in 2015.

- **Hospital Diversion:** Included in today’s agenda packet are diversion hours for the period of January through June 30, 2014.

- **OC-MEDS:** Vicki Sweet presented a brief report on the electronic data being received via OC-MEDS and the State core measures being reviewed.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Trauma Center Designations**

A trauma survey team selected by the American College of Surgeons conducted re-verification of Mission Hospital and Western Medical Center/Santa Ana the first week of June, 2014. Both hospitals did well.

Mission Hospital has contracted with a new medical group currently not located in Orange County to provide trauma services. A resurvey is expected to take place in the next six to 12 months. A new set of trauma standards are expected to be implemented in July, 2015.

- **Children's Hospital of Orange County Pediatric Trauma Center Application**

Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County EMS is reviewing Children's Hospital of Orange County's (CHOC) application for designation as a level II pediatric trauma center.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Pediatric Trauma Triage Criteria**

Dr. Stratton requested feedback from Committee members regarding the necessary revisions to the pediatric trauma triage criteria. Under the American College of Surgeons' (ACS) trauma guidelines, the ACS considers a pediatric trauma patient to be 14 years of age or less. Under our existing guidelines, this age is 12 years of age and under. CHOC is requesting that a pediatric trauma patient be defined as 14 years of age or younger. Committee members discussed the importance of evaluating the capabilities of existing trauma center resources so that appropriate care can be given to pediatric trauma patients.

- **Psychiatric Patients in the Field**

Committee members discussed the transport of psychiatric patients in the field to one of six designated psychiatric facilities. With the designation of these facilities, it may alleviate the problems faced by hospitals when psychiatric patients are boarded in emergency departments for several days.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.