



EDUCATION & TRAINING ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Committee Membership			
<u>ATTENDEES</u>		<u>ATTENDEES</u>	
Patrick Powers, EMT-P	Premier Medical Transport	Bret Russell, EMT-P	South Coast ROP
Elaine Dethlefsen, RN	Santa Ana College	Kristin Thompson, RN	Anaheim Fire Department
Walter Garcia	Lynch Ambulance Service	Robert Williams	Training Educational Services
Randy Hardick, EMT-P	Saddleback College	Dan Zimmerman	Coastline ROP
Patrick Hernandez	CalMed Ambulance		
Jana Kendall, RN	Mission Hospital	<u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u>	
Jerry Melendrez	Care Ambulance Service	Vick Sweet, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
Rikin Patel	Premier Medical Transport	Adrian Rodriguez	- EMS Specialist
Stacy Robison, RN	Coastline ROP	Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Patrick Powers.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSC: The minutes from the January 7, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- **Designation of Children’s Hospital of Orange County as a Pediatric Trauma Receiving Center:** Children’s Hospital of Orange County opened as a pediatric trauma center in mid-January of this year. Orange County EMS Policy/Procedures, a pediatric trauma patient is defined as a trauma patient who is 14 years of age or younger. All pediatric trauma patients will be transported to the closest trauma center.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

• **Naloxone Pilot Study for Public Safety (Potential to Expand to BLS)**

Vicki Sweet presented a status report on a pilot program in conjunction with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department and Santa Ana Police Department for the administration of naloxone (Narcan) by law enforcement personnel in suspected overdoses. The pilot program will end when 40 cases have been entered into the system. This item has been brought before the Ambulance Association of Orange County and a survey of Orange County ambulance providers indicates that the majority of ambulance providers expressed interest in carrying intranasal naloxone.

• **Spinal Motion Restriction Task Group Report**

Mr. Powers reported on the outcome of the task group who provided feedback on the draft spinal motion restriction policy developed by Orange County EMS. Committee members discussed the appropriate methods of immobilization of patients with neck injuries.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **BLS Scope of Practice (CPAP and Aspirin Inclusion)**

Ms. Sweet reported that changes to the EMT Accreditation curriculum have been placed on hold. Committee members expressed concerns about adding the monitoring of CPAP to the BLS Scope of Practice. The Committee asked about best practices found in other counties. Orange County is still considering the addition of aspirin to the BLS scope of practice.

- **National Registry Program Results for EMT and Paramedic Training**

Mr. Powers had asked that the National Registry program results be distributed so that they could be discussed. At this time, test result data are not available. Committee members discussed the methodology of measuring success. Most programs found that it necessary to require a student to score above 80% to pass the course.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE**

- **Electronic documentation:** Mr. Powers asked whether the training programs have included an electronic documentation component into their curriculum. Training program representatives shared how this component is included into their curriculum. Concerns expressed include HIPAA confidentiality and security issues.

- **NREMT:** At the last meeting, Elaine Dethlefsen had asked for clarification on the National Registry's 90 day window requirement that became effective January 1, 2015. As a follow up to this, it was found that National Registry requires a student to register to take the exam within two years of the date of course completion. However, once they register to take the test, it must be taken within 90 days.

- **EMT Training Pre-requisites:** Committee members discussed the quality of students taking an EMT training program and perhaps the need to establish pre-requisites that students must meet before taking an EMT training program..

VII. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 433.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.