



Orange County / Health Care Agency / Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Medical Care Committee
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August 22, 2014 Meeting				
EMCC Membership	Introduction of new members appointed.	8/22/14	8/22/14	Dean Grose, City Council member from the City of Los Alamitos (representing the City Selection Committee) was welcomed as a new member.
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Director Update • Program/OC-MEDS Update • EMCC Correspondence 	8/22/14	Ongoing	•
EMCC Advisory Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Advisory Committee (Dr. Stratton) • Facilities Advisory Committee 	Ongoing	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Advisory Committee has a task force working on revisions to the Orange County Ambulance Ordinance. • Facilities: Discussed evaluation on the designation of CHOC as a pediatric Trauma Receiving Center
County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance (Ordinance 3517)	Presented a draft copy of the County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance to be heard by the Orange County Board of Supervisors	8/22/14	8/22/14	<p>Recommended that Orange County EMS bring forward the final draft of the revised Ambulance Ordinance to EMCC with a recommended action before it is heard by the Board of Supervisors on September 30, 2014.</p> <p>(Note heard by the Board on September 30, item was rescheduled for November, and then deleted December 16, 2014).</p>
Public Comments	(1) Oral comments heard on billing disclosure in new ambulance contracts.	8/22/14	8/22/14	(1) Oral Comments received Stephen Wontrobski.
Member Comments	None Made.			
October 24, 2014 Meeting				
Meeting Cancelled				
December 12, 2014 Meeting				



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Announcements/Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kenneth Miller • Julie Puentes 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Miller received the California EMS Medical Director of the Year award presented by the State EMS Authority. • Ms. Puentes was presented with a Meritorious Service Award in recognition of her contributions to EMS.
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Director Update • Program/OC-MEDS Update 	12/12/14	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot program being developed in conjunction with the OCSD and SAPD allowing nasal administration of Naloxone (Narcan) by law enforcement personnel. • Approval of Anaheim Fire & Rescue's CCRU program • Management of potential Ebola patients. • Placement of AEDs throughout schools in Orange County.
EMCC FY 2013-14 Annual Report	Annual Report received	12/12/14	12/12/14	Annual report received by Committee members. Report will be submitted to the State EMS Authority.
EMCC Advisory Subcommittee Reports	Hear reports from advisory subcommittees of the Emergency Medical Care Committee.	12/12/14	12/12/14	Reports given by OCEMS Staff.
County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance (Ordinance 3517)	County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance to have first reading on December 16, 2014 before the Board of Supervisors. The ambulance rates are also expected to be approved at this time	8/22/14 12/12/14	8/22/14 12/12/14	Note: This item was deleted at the direction of the CEOs office from the December 16, 2014 agenda.
Ambulance RFP Process	Update given to Committee members	8/22/14 12/12/14	8/22/14 12/12/14	Orange County Board of Supervisors directed the Health Care Agency to reinstate the current RFP (which had been cancelled) and rescore the proposals using new selection Committee groups rather than re-issue the RFP.
Triage of Orange County Pediatric Trauma Victims	Information on the triage of pediatric trauma victims once CHOC becomes designated as a pediatric trauma receiving center.			Monitor trauma data to determine if any modifications to criteria are required.



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Annual Stroke Neurology Receiving Center Report				Report on preparation of a white paper re: System. OC has been invited to join a research consortium joining facilities in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties to participate in National Institutes of Health research projects involving stroke neurology receiving centers & trauma centers.
IFT-ALS Update	Provided an update on the program to Committee members.			Approximately 2,400 patients were transported in the first year of the program. He added that an increase in patient transports has been seen due to repatriation of patients with their respective insurers due to the Affordable Care Act.
Appointment of Nomination Committee for EMCC Calendar Year 2014 Slate of Officers	Selection of three Committee members to serve on the nominating committee to recommend the slate of officers for calendar year 2015	12/12/14	4/24/15	Selection of Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe as Chair and Dr. Nick Anas as Vice Chair.
Psychiatric Emergency Services Model	Presentation by Julie Puentes, HASC			
Member Comments				
Public Comments	Support of Psychiatric Emergency Services Model presented by Julie Puentes of HASC.	12/12/14	2/27/15	Public comments received from Chiefs Paul Henisey and Kevin Baker, and Brian Jacobs (member of the OC Mental Health Board)
February 28, 2014				
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Director Update • Program/OC-MEDS Update • EMCC Correspondence 	2/28/14	Ongoing	Report given by OCEMS Staff.
Orange County EMS Policies / Procedures	Presented comments received regarding policies released for 50-day public comment period. Two of the policies will be revised and re-released for 15 day public comment period.	10/29/13	4/1/2014	Implementation of policies to take place April 1, 2014.



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Interfacility Transport Advanced Life Support (IFT-ALS) Program Update	Six-month follow up report presented by Dr. Stratton as requested at the August 23, 2013 meeting.	4/26/13 6/28/13 8/23/13	8/23/13	Six-month follow up report presented as requested by Committee members. Fourth other IFT ALS applications have been received
Specialty Receiving Center Designations	Hear Report for the redesignation of specialty receiving center designations (emergency receiving centers, cardiovascular receiving centers, stroke neurology receiving centers and base hospitals) indicated in the Summary Report provided by Orange County EMS.	2/28/14	2/28/14	Recommend the designation of Placentia-Linda Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, St. Jude Medical Center, UCI Medical Center, Western Medical Center/Santa Ana, and Children's Hospital of Orange County as indicated in the Summary Report.
Emergency Medical Services Plan	An excerpt of the 2014 EMS Plan consisting of selected standards was presented to Committee members.	2/28/14	Ongoing	EMS Plan posted to OCEMS Website.
Ambulance Request for Proposal	State Authority has ordered that Orange County EMS conduct the RFP process for 19 cities who contract fire and paramedic services with the Orange County Fire Authority.	2/28/14	Ongoing	
Member Comments	(1) IFT-ALS Program Update (2) EMS Plan	2/28/14	2/28/14	(1) <i>Ron Blaul: Asked about the sources of calls referred to 9-1-1 from the IFT-ALS program and difference in response times between IFT-ALS and specialty care transports.</i> (1) <i>Chief Knabe: Education of hospitals and specialty care facilities to reduce the percentage of calls referred to 9-1-1 and finding additional funding sources to expand quality improvement.</i> (2) <i>Chief Knabe on rights of city, fire district or fire departments under Sections 1797.201 and 1797.224.</i> (2) <i>Ron Blaul: Effect of Butte County decision and rights of cities.</i> (2) <i>Patrick Powers Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.201.</i>

April 25, 2014



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EMCC Advisory Subcommittee Reports	Hear reports from advisory subcommittees of the Emergency Medical Care Committee.	4/25/14	4/25/14	Reports given by OCEMS Staff.
EMS Plan Public Comments	Hear summary of public comments received in regard to the 2014 EMS Plan submitted to the EMS Authority.	2/28/14 4/25/14	Ongoing	
Ambulance Request for Proposal (RFP) Process	Ambulance RFP to be conducted by Orange County Health Care Agency as directed by the State EMS Authority.	2/28/14 4/25/14	Ongoing	Presented status report on a series of meetings between the Health Care Agency, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors, and the State EMS Authority.
Ground Ambulance Service Rates	Orange County EMS will be requesting an increase in the ground BLS ambulance rates and the OCFA ALS Rate.	4/25/14	6/27/14	Memorandum distributed to Orange County city managers, fire chiefs, and ambulance service providers on proposed ground emergency ambulance service rate
City of Anaheim Community Care Response Unit	The City of Anaheim is proposing a pilot program in which a paramedic would partner with a nurse practitioner to respond to low level acuity medical aid calls. This program is in partnership with Kaiser Permanente Medical Centers and Care Ambulance Service.	4/25/14	Ongoing	Presentation by Fire Chief Randy Bruegman of Anaheim Fire and Rescue on the city's Community Care Response Unit proposal.
EMS System Core Measures for calendar year 2013	State Authority requires all local EMS agencies to participate in the "EMS Core Quality Measures project.	4/25/14	Ongoing	Staff presented Orange County's 2013 EMS System Core Measures submitted to the State EMS Authority.
Member Comments	<p>EMS Plan Public Comments</p> <p>Increase in Providing Services by Advanced Life Support Providers</p>	4/25/14	4/25/14	<p><i>Chief Knabe: Shared concerns of cities on whether a city has retained rights under Section 1797.201.</i></p> <p><i>Patrick Powers: Expressed concerns on increase of services by ALS service providers through pilot programs.</i></p>
June 26, 2015				
Presentations	Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing members.	6/26/15	6/26/15	Presentation of certificates to outgoing members.



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	Special Presentation to the University of California, Irvine Medical Center.	6/26/15	6/26/15	Presentation of a Board Resolution to UCI Medical Center staff including Jon Gilwee and Trauma Director Michael Lekawa.
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Ambulance Request for Proposal Process	Hear status report on the Ambulance Request for Proposal process	2/28/14 4/25/14 6/27/14	Ongoing	Reports given by OCEMS Staff.
Ground Ambulance Service Rates Increase	Background information on the rates that Orange County EMS is requesting Committee members to approve. Presentation made by the Orange County Fire Authority on the ALS rate increase	4/25/14 6/27/14	6/27/14	Recommended approval of the proposed Basic Life Support Rate Adjustment and the Advanced Life Support Rate be submitted to the Orange County Board of Supervisors for consideration.
City of Cost Mesa Paramedic Assessment Unit Upgrade	Presentation by the City of Costa Mesa to upgrade in services as part of the Fire Department's reorganization to maximize its resources and to improve patient care in the city.	6/27/14	6/27/14	Recommended that Orange County Emergency Medical Services approve the City of Costa Mesa Fire Department's request for Paramedic Assessment Unit Upgrade.
Member Comments	<p>Comments regarding Outgoing Emergency Medical Care Committee members</p> <p>Trauma Center Surveys held at Mission Hospital</p>	6/27/14	6/27/14	<p>Chief Paul Henisey: Appreciation to OCEMS Staff and fellow Committee members on work being done in Orange County.</p> <p>Phil Davis: Appreciation to OCEMS Staff and fellow Committee members on work being done in Orange County.</p> <p>Dr. Tom: Appreciation to Chief Henisey and Mr. Davis for their participation to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.</p> <p>Kenneth McFarland: Thanked OCEMS staff for the support provided during Mission Hospital's trauma center survey and re-verification by the American College of Surgeons.</p>