



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



## Regular Meeting

**Friday, October 2, 2015 – 9:00 am**

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

## MINUTES

### MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

#### MEMBERS

- Ron Blaul
- Jinha M. Park, MD, Ph.D.
- Nick Anas, MD
- Timothy Greco, MD
- Michael Ritter, MD (excused)
- James Karras
- Vacant
- Dean Grose (excused)
- Virg Narbutas
- Trez Gutierrez, RN (excused)
- Lindley Garcia, RN
- Vacant
- Chief Wolfgang Knabe (excused)
- Bryan Hoynak, MD
- Chief Kevin Baker
- Rebecca Gomez
- 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
- Ambulance Association of OC
- American Red Cross, OC Chapter
- City Selection Committee
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.
- OC Business Council
- OC City Managers Association
- OC Fire Chiefs Association
- OC Medical Association
- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.
- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council
- Society of OC Emergency Physicians

#### HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Sam Stratton, MD
- Ken Miller, MD
- Tammi McConnell, RN
- Mark Refowitz
- Teri Schultz
- Mike Delaby, RN
- Rey Montoya
- Laurent Repass, NREMT-P
- Vicki Sweet, RN
- Meng Chung, EMT-P
- Juan Alvarez
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Assistant Medical Director
- EMS Administrator
- Health Care Agency Director
- Deputy Agency Director, Medical Services
- EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- EMS Performance Chief
- OC-MEDS Program Manager
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- BLS Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Office Supervisor
- Office Specialist

### GUESTS PRESENT

#### NAME

John Detviler  
Troy Gideon, RN  
Sheryl Gradney, RN  
Tina Heinemann, RN  
Troy Hagen  
Steve Katanich

#### REPRESENTING

Lynch Ambulance Service  
St. Jude Medical Center  
St. Jude Medical Center  
Lynch Ambulance Service  
Care Ambulance Service  
Schaefer Ambulance Service

#### NAME

Shaun McInnis  
Maryle Olivier, RN  
Jim Ruane  
Ron Taggart  
Bill Weston

#### REPRESENTING

Lynch Ambulance Service  
UCI Medical Center  
Orange County Fire Authority  
Doctor's Ambulance Service  
Care Ambulance Service

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Dr. Nick Anas.

### II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Members Welcomed.** New members are: Dr. Jinha Park, Dr. Timothy Greco, James Karras, Virg Narbutas, Trez Gutierrez, Lindley, Garcia, Chief Kevin Baker, and Rebecca Gomez.
- **Special Presentation:** Dr. Stratton presented St. Jude Medical Center with a Board Resolution in recognition of the hospital and its medical staff on their service to the County of Orange. Accepting on behalf of St. Jude Medical Center were Dr. Timothy Greco, Troy Gideon, RN, and Sheryl Gradney, RN.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MSC: Minutes from the April 24, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.**

#### IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

- **Medical Director's Report**

**Pilot Projects:** Dr. Stratton presented a status report on two pilot projects currently underway in Orange County. These are the Anaheim Fire Department Community Care Response Unit pilot which began on May 31, 2015 and the alternate destination pilot project that is currently underway in the cities of Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach.

**Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #300.30, OC-MEDS – Prehospital Care Reporting:** Laurent Repass presented a report on this policy which had been released for a 50-day public comment period. It addresses the framework on how medical records are to be transmitted to Orange County EMS.

- **OCEMS Annual Report (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015):** Dr. Stratton stated this annual report is a list of those items discussed by the Emergency Medical Care Committee during the fiscal year and will be submitted to the State EMS Authority as required under state statute. The report (Attachment #2) has also been posted to the Orange County EMS Website.
- **2014 EMS Plan Annual Update:** Tammi McConnell reported that under Health and Safety Code Section 1797.254, the local EMS Agency is required to submit an EMS Plan to the Emergency Medical Services Authority and to provide annual updates. In 2014, Orange County EMS submitted a comprehensive plan. A copy of the update submitted to the State EMS Authority is attached to today's agenda packet (Attachment #3). This update includes updates to the standards, tables, and forms as required under state statute.
- **Trauma Plan System Status Report 2015:** Ms. McConnell reported that under the Health and Safety Code, the local EMS Agency is required to submit a Trauma Plan and provide annual updates. Attached to today's agenda packet (Attachment #4) is a copy of 2015 Trauma Plan System Status Report. This report denotes the designation of Children's Hospital of Orange County as an Orange County pediatric trauma center; trauma system volume and interfacility data; and concludes with a research paper authored by James Maciel which looks at local pediatric data. Ms. McConnell reported while there was no opportunity for public comment, the trauma status report may be updated at any time.
- **EMCC Correspondence:** Attached to the EMCC agenda (Attachment #5) are copies of correspondence received expressing concerns on the Orange County Fire Authority ALS/BLS rebates.
- **2016 Meeting Schedule:** Dr. Stratton reported that a schedule of the 2016 meeting dates as stated under the EMCC bylaws is attached to the agenda packet (Attachment #6).

#### V. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

Heard reports on discussions held by the Facilities Advisory; the County Paramedic Advisory; and the Transportation Advisory Subcommittees.

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. **Ground Ambulance Service Rates Adjustment**

Tammi McConnell presented background information on the ground ambulance service rates. Orange County EMS made a recommendation of a 2.4% increase which was presented to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in July, 2015. The item failed to carry and the Health Care Agency was directed to return to the Board at a later time. Since that Board meeting, Orange County EMS has met with the Ambulance Association of Orange County and the Orange County Fire Authority.

Bill Weston, representing the Ambulance Association of Orange County, presented background information on ambulance billing practice (including who the rates are applicable to); the Ambulance Association's request to adjust the BLS emergency ground ambulance rates to cover the increase in California minimum wage laws; and to identify a consistent method to annually adjust ambulance rates with a biennial survey conducted. The Ambulance Association is requesting a one-time increase of \$173.20 to \$904.61 with 100% of this increase covering wages.

Jim Ruane, the Finance Manager/Auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority, made a presentation on fiscal year 2015-16 Proposed ALS billing rates. The Orange County Fire Authority is requesting a 2.4% to the ALS billing rate subject to discussion by the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors at their special meeting on October 15, 2015.

- MSC: 1) **The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends the Orange County Board of Supervisors approve a Basic Life Support emergency rate adjustment of \$173.20 to \$904.61 (Motion: Karras; Seconded: Dr. Hoynak)**
- 2) **The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends the Orange County Board of Supervisors approve a 2.4% increase in the Advanced Life Support emergency rate adjustment of \$9.30 to \$396.65. (Motion: Chief Baker; Seconded: Dr. Hoynak; Abstention: Jim Karras)**

**B. Orange County EMS Trauma Policy Revisions and Public Comment**

Attached to today's agenda packet (Attachment #8) are the public comment responses; final and redlined versions of Orange County EMS Policy/Procedures #620.00: Trauma Center Criteria; #620.01: Pediatric Trauma Center Criteria; #620.11: Trauma System Marketing; #620.13: Trauma System Public Information/Education; and #620.14: Integration of Pediatric Care in the Trauma System. Mike Delaby presented background information on the revisions made and the development of the Pediatric Trauma Center Criteria.

- MSC: **The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that Orange County EMS Policy/Procedures #620.00: Trauma Center Criteria; #620.01: Pediatric Trauma Center Criteria; #620.11: Trauma System Marketing; #620.13: Trauma System Public Information/Education; and #620.14: Integration of Pediatric Care in the Trauma System be approved as submitted.**

**C. EMCC Subcommittee Reorganization: Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee**

*Note: This agenda item has been tabled at the request of Orange County EMS.*

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Dr. Hoynak: Congratulations to St. Jude Medical Center on the recognition received from the Board of Supervisors. Thank you to Dr. Greco and the medical staff at St. Jude for the support they have provided to area hospitals ensuring that stroke patients receive quality patient care.*

**IX. PUBLIC FORUM**

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.