



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



Regular Meeting

Informational Item Only

Friday, June 26, 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 (excused)
- Patrick Powers
- Nick Anas, MD (excused)
- Jon Gilwee
- Michael Ritter, MD (excused)
- Monica Ruzich
- Sharon Hoier, RN
- Kenneth McFarland (excused)
- Michelle Tom, MD (excused)
- Vacant
- Dean Grose
- Vacant
- Vacant
- Chief Wolfgang Knabe
- Bryan Hoynak, MD (excused)
- Vacant
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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
- American Red Cross, OC Chapter
- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Society of OC Emergency Physicians
- Ambulance Association of OC
- League of California Cities
- OC Business Council
- OC City Managers Association
- OC Fire Chiefs Association
- OC Medical Association
- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.
- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Sam Stratton, MD
- Mark Refowitz
- Holly Veale
- Teri Schultz
- Mike Delaby, RN
- Phil Froman, MD
- Rey Montoya
- Vicki Sweet, RN
- Meng Chung, EMT-P
- Juan Alvarez
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- EMS Medical Director
- Health Care Agency Director
- Deputy Agency Director, Medical Services
- Operations Chief, Medical Services
- EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- EMS Physician Specialist
- EMS Performance Chief
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- BLS Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Office Supervisor
- Office Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME

REPRESENTING

- Darlene Bradley, RN - UCI Medical Center
- Chelsea Bram - Hoag Memorial Hospital
- Ruth Clark, RN - Orange County Global Medical Center
- John Detviler - Lynch Ambulance Service
- Chad Druten - Emergency Ambulance Service
- Giovanni Garbuit - American Medical Ambulances
- Jason Fierro - Lifeline Ambulance Service
- Sheryl Gradney, RN - St. Jude Medical Center
- Tina Heinemann, RN - Lynch Ambulance Service
- Jim Karras - AmeriCare Ambulance Service
- Steve Katanich - Schaefer Ambulance Service
- Carol Lam, RN - Hoag Memorial Hospital/Newport Beach

NAME

REPRESENTING

- Michael Lekawa, MD - UCI Medical Center
- Stephanie Lush, RN - UCI Medical Center
- Shaun McInnis - Lynch Ambulance Service
- John Murray - UCI Medical Center
- Maryle Olivier, RN - UCI Medical Center
- Phil Robinson - City of Laguna Niguel
- Cyndie Strader, RN - Hoag Memorial Hospital/Newport Beach
- Bill Weston - Care Ambulance Services
- Robert Williams - Training Educational Services
- Stephen Wontrobski - Private Citizen
- Kim Zaky, RN - Huntington Beach Hospital

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Chief Wolfgang Knabe.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Stratton presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing members who were present at the meeting.
- Dr. Stratton presented the University of California, Irvine (UCI) 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 UCI Medical Center were Jon Gilwee, Dr. Michael Lekawa, Stephanie Lush, Darlene Bradley, and Maryle Olivier.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Note: *Approval of the minutes from the April 24, 2015 meeting has been tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.*

IV. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE** - *Dr. Stratton reported:*

- **Trauma Center Survey for UCI Medical Center:** The facility underwent verification by the American College of Surgeons for redesignation as a Level I Trauma Center and as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.
- **Law Enforcement Naloxone:** Deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Department are in the process of being trained to administer naloxone (Narcan) in suspected overdose cases.
- **Anaheim Fire Department Community Care Response Unit (CCRU):** This pilot program began at the end of May with incoming data showing that the program is safe.
- **Community Paramedicine Pilot Program:** This program is in the final stages of being implemented with an anticipated implementation date of August 1, 2015.
- **Orange County Fire Authority:** The OCFA have requested approval for the staffing of helicopters with paramedic personnel during selected hours.
- **Sidewalk CPR:** Sidewalk CPR was held on June 4, 2015 with providers training the public in hand-on CPR.
- **OC-MEDS Report:** Laurent Repass, NREMT-P provided a report including the replacement of ePCR software with field pilot testing to take place this fall; the replacement with the hospital dashboard; the purchase of additional equipment using federal block grant funding; and health information exchange.

EMCC Correspondence: *None Received.*

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

Received reports on the Facilities Advisory; County Paramedic Advisory and the Education and Training Advisory Subcommittees.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Ground Ambulance Service Rate Adjustment:**

Included in today's packet is a description of the maximum ground ambulance rates for Orange County; a copy of the presentation to be made by the Ambulance Association of Orange County (AAOC) and the Orange County Fire Authority's Advance Life Support (ALS)/Medical Supplies FY 2015-2016 Proposed Rates. Present at today's meeting are Jim Ruane of the Orange County Fire Authority and Bill Weston representing the AAOC.

This year's request is a 2.4% increase for the basic life support (BLS) ambulance services in Orange County as well as the ALS rate charged by the Orange County Fire Authority in the areas in which they serve.

Mr. Weston made a presentation regarding the rate adjustment on behalf of the AAOC in support of the rate adjustment. During this presentation he outlined the current policy followed; the rate methodology

used in surrounding counties, who the rates are applicable to (i.e. ambulance service and fire providers), the net effect of the rate increase, and who actually pays for the increase. He also addressed concerns that need to be addressed in addition to the AAOC's recommendations.

Jim Ruane presented the ALS/Medical Supplies FY 2015/16 Proposed Rates to committee members.

Chief Knabe: Inquired whether Orange County would remain among the lowest in the State of California despite an increase. Response: Yes, even with the rate increase, Orange County would remain among the lowest in the State of California.

Dean Grose: Are the recommendations made by the AAOC to be included in the request to the Board of Supervisors.

Chief Knabe: Suggested that the AAOC's recommendations be agendized for the next meeting.

Patrick Powers: Suggested that the issues raised by the Ambulance Association be addressed.

Recommended that the AAOC recommendations be agendized for the next regular meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **City of Orange Deployment of Surge Capacity Rescue Ambulance:** Dr. Stratton reported that under State statute, EMCC is required to be advised regarding changes in ALS services. The City of Orange has requested approval to implement a surge capacity rescue ambulance during peak times as call volume dictates. Dr. Stratton indicated that this would not decrease service provided in the City of Orange.
- B. **Orange County Fire Authority Request for Service Enhancements:** The Orange County Fire Authority requested conversion of Paramedic Assessment Engines 10 and 30 to Paramedic Engines 10 and 30; conversion of BLS Engine 32 to a paramedic engine; conversion of Paramedic Assessment Trucks 43 and 49 to Paramedic Trucks 43 and 49 and the decommissioning of Medic 32. Information on the locations of these units is attached to the agenda packet. These changes are expected to become effective July 10, 2015.
- C. **Orange County EMS Trauma Policy Revisions and Public Comments:** Attached to today's agenda packet are copies of Orange County EMS Policy/Procedures #620.00, 620.01, 620.07, 620.11, 620.13, and 620.14 (final and draft) and the public comments received. These policies were released for a 50-day public comment period. Revisions made were to meet revisions to State regulations and to the American College of Surgeons' standards on the care of trauma patients.

Monica Ruzich: Recommended that these policies be reviewed by Committee members before EMCC makes a recommendation for approval.

No action taken ***Due to a lack of quorum, action on these policies has been tabled until the next regular meeting.***

- D. **EMCC Subcommittee Reorganization: Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee:** Dr. Stratton reported a number of concerns have been expressed regarding the Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee. He proposes to revise the bylaws and reorganize the Committee.

No action taken ***Due to a lack of quorum, action on these policies has been tabled until the next regular meeting.***

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Sharon Hoier: Thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent the Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association.

Jon Gilwee: Thanked Committee members and staff for the collaborative effort in the evolution of the EMS System during his career.

Monica Ruzich: Thanked Orange County EMS staff and stated that she would be willing to serve on EMCC again given the opportunity.

Patrick Powers: Thanked Committee members and indicated that he will remain as an active participant in the EMS System.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Stephen Wontrobski: Opposes the Orange County Fire Authority ALS reimbursement.

Robert Williams: Expressed concerns about the lack of participation from system providers on Education and Training Advisory Committee

Jim Karras: Suggested that EMCC make changes to the Education and Training bylaws and using the existing members to provide input on changing its bylaws.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.