



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ayman Alnems, RN	– Orange County Nursing Leadership	Samuel Stratton, MD, MPH – EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	– Base Hospital Coordinators	Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN – EMS Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Karras, Chair	– Ambulance Service Provider non-9-1-1	Steve Thronson – Regulatory/Medical Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Oshima	– Air Transport Provider	Denise Fennessy – Regulatory/Medical Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Thompson, RN	– Fire Service Provider (with transport)	Rey Montoya – EMS Performance Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Weston	– Ambulance Service Provider 9-1-1	Laurent Repass, NRP – EMS Information Systems Chief
		Jason Azuma, EMT-P – OC-MEDS Coordinator
		Vicki Sweet, RN – ALS/CQI Coordinator
		Meng Chung, EMT-P – BLS Coordinator
		Vicki Sweet, RN – ALS/CQI Coordinator
		Juan Alvarez – EMS Specialist
		Maria Nava – EMS Specialist
		Andrew Roberts – EMS Specialist
		Kirstin Wong – EMS Specialist
		Eileen Endo – Office Specialist
<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	
Billy Applegate	– Liberty Ambulance Service	
Lisa Carillo	– Care Ambulance Service	
Emilio Garcia	– FirstMed Ambulance	
Steve Katanich	– Schaefer Ambulance	
Lance Lawson	– American Professional Ambulance	
David Munoz	– Lifeline Ambulance Service	
Patrick Powers	– PMT Ambulance	
Jordan Speck	– Horizon Ambulance Service	
Trevor Stonum	– MedCoast Ambulance Service	
Rob Viera	– Care Ambulance Service, Inc.	
Alex Wilkie	– Gentle Care Transport	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jim Karras.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

• OCEMS Report:

- Dr. Stratton announced that Robert Stoffel from Orange County Communications has retired after 26 plus years. Martin is probably now filling that position.
- Dr. Miller has accepted the position as EMS Medical Director of Santa Clara County.
- Meng Chung is coordinating Sidewalk CPR scheduled for June 2, 2016. EMS is looking for participation by any Providers in the County, Hospitals, Schools, Ambulance and Fire.
- There are new links posted on the Orange County EMS Website: Hospital Diversion, Provider lists of papers and plans that we generate from EMS, Ambulance Performance Section for the EOAs that are under the County contract.
- There is a new parking validation system and we are still trying to smooth out the process so it doesn't take an extra 15-20 minutes of your time. Bring your ticket with you to the meeting then sign in and write the 6 numbers of your parking ticket next to your name. Eileen or another EMS staff member will give you a validation follow up ticket after recording the last 6 numbers next to your name. When leaving the parking garage you will need to present both tickets to exit.
- Those who are active in South County know that Saddleback Memorial San Clemente has given EMS as well as CDPH notice of closure on May 31, 2016. This coming Friday in the Hall of

Administration across the street we will be having a community public hearing in conjunction with the EMCC meeting regarding that closure, so any public input or comments can be made at that time.

- EMS will be sending out surveys in June to the hospitals in the County. We'll be looking for Pediatric readiness and also reviewing our OB ready and neo-natal ready hospitals so that we can readjust or revise our destination policy with regard to hospitals that are appropriate for transport to children, OB patients and neo-natal patients. Once we get the results, Policy lists will likely be revised in September. We expect that our list will probably shrink for all three of these specialty areas.
 - We are continuing with extending the law enforcement use of Narcan in the field. The initial pilot ended a couple of weeks ago with good success. We were able to demonstrate 5 saves of abiding law enforcement using Narcan in reversing Opiate Overdose and having EMS come in behind and take the patient over to resuscitate the patient. Orange County and San Diego County currently have active Pilots continuing with this.
 - The only major meeting coming up is Friday, the EMCC meeting.
 - A question was addressed about the Narcan Pilot. Anaheim Fire Critical Care, actually the Nurse Practitioner Pilot has closed and that now is a service provided by Anaheim Fire in conjunction with the Kaiser Hospital System. That has gone into actual practice where a Nurse Practitioner and a Paramedic respond to low level calls.
- **OCEMS EOA Contract Update:** Rey Montoya presented the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Mid-Year Report (see Attachment #2)

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **OCEMS Update on Policies Out for Public Comment:** Attached to today's agenda packet are copies of Orange County EMS Policies/Procedures # 720.30 (Ground Ambulance Design/Documentation/ Equipment); #720.50 (Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection); #720.60 (Ground Ambulance Provider Policies, Procedures, and Documentation); #720.70 (Ground Ambulance Communication Equipment); #310.10 (Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility) and #330.70 (Paramedic Assessment Unit (PAU); correspondence submitted by representatives of the Ambulance Association of Orange County; public comments and responses to the public comments (see Attachment #3).

Note: *A quorum of Committee members were not present at the time that this item was presented for action. Two committee members voted to make a recommendation for EMCC members to not approve these policies with two members abstaining. One other committee member arrived after the item was being discussed.*

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Ambulance Strike Team Leader Class:** Jim Karras reported that the class was held at CARE Ambulance. It was a good class with a great turnout of about 70 participants. Jim attended the class to get his recert and thought it was very well done. One comment is that there's probably room to shorten the time frame. It was well done and CARE was a great host. Everyone can take the opportunity to get task books signed off. It's a good refresher training. There will be several more upcoming training opportunities. Next month is an active shooter drill. The County is looking for lots of ambulances, so there is lots of opportunity.
- **OCEMS Permitted Vehicle Numbers:** Meng Chung reported Attachment #4 in packet was requested to have a comparison between 2015 and 2016 of permitted vehicles in the County and the Providers. The front page shows the agencies that were licensed in 2015 and 2016. The blacked out portion in 2015 means that they weren't licensed yet. There were a few companies on the 2016 page that surrendered or were suspended. The pie chart on the back shows the number of re-licensed, new provider, surrendered or permanently suspended licenses from 2015-2016. The bottom part shows in 2015 there were 436 vehicles and currently, as of last week 483 vehicles.
- **State EMS Data January 1, 2017 System Requirements:** Laurent Repass provided a handout in regard to State EMS System Requirements. Many people are aware about the system requirements and the

State Law that went into effect on January 1 of this year which requires that all EMS Providers will comply with an online version of an electronic PCR System. That law 1797.67 also requires that EMS providers using the system utilize the current version of NEMSIS 3.4. The ambulance providers that are currently on our electronic system are using an older version of NEMSIS. This state law also mandates that EMS providers comply with the State data element as well. State data elements of electronic PCR current version must meet these standards by January 1, 2017. There's not much time left to get on board with the state requirement. Fortunately EMS has taken steps and has prepared providers with status in regard to each month to meet these standards by January. The first page of the packet shows Providers after 1st 4 months standard. At this time 9-1-1 providers are current with the standard. On the next page, several Fire Departments are currently making the transition in various stages. Back in January we sent out a poll of all the non-emergency ambulance providers to determine their status in regard to the transition to the ePCR system. About a third of companies that were polled responded. Of those companies that did respond, 15 of them plan to come on board, 6 confirmed response that they are currently using an electronic system in some capacity. Moving on to the next page we asked if EMS providers, non-emergency, have any plans form making transition to compliance. We've received a variety of responses. We also asked EMS providers to look at our vendor. We must remind you that the system that they utilize must be certified compliant by Federal Government. Some of the software that is being used is not certified compliant. There was quite a bit of response with regard to what version of the software of NEMSIS 3. Some understand what version 3 is and others have a misunderstanding. The last portion of the packet is a letter from Laurent as well as a portion of a letter from the State. EMS is already compliant.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Sidewalk CPR:** Meng Chung reported that Sidewalk CPR is scheduled for June, 2016. There is a registration form attached to attachment #5. The registration form will also be sent out to all the providers during the next couple of days. Anyone interested in participation is asked to please contact Meng Chung.

VIII. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.