



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



Regular Meeting

Friday, July 29, 2016 – 9:00 am

*Location: Hall of Administration: Board 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
- James Karras
- Virg Narbutas
- Dean Grose
- Trez Gutierrez, RN
- Lindley Garcia, RN
- Chief Wolfgang Knabe
- Bryan Hoynak, MD (excused)
- Rebecca Gomez
- 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
- Ambulance Association of OC
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- League of California Cities
- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.
- Orange County Business Council
- Orange County Fire Chiefs Association
- Orange County Medical Association
- Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council
- American Red Cross, OC Chapter
- OC City Managers Association
- Orange County Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.
- Society of OC Emergency Physicians

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Sam Stratton, MD
- Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN
- Richard Sanchez
- Steve Thronson
- Denise Fennessy
- Laurent Repass, NRP
- Rey Montoya
- Vicki Sweet, RN
- Jason Azuma, EMT-P
- Juan Alvarez
- Andrew Roberts
- Kirsten Wong
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Administrator
- Health Care Agency Assistant Director
- Deputy Agency Director, Regulatory/MS
- Chief of Operations, Regulatory/MS
- EMS Information Systems Chief
- EMS Performance Chief
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Office Supervisor
- Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 29, 2016 Emergency Medical Care Committee were approved as submitted.
(Motion made by: Dr. Ritter/Seconded by J. Karras; with one abstention by R. Blaul)

IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

• **Medical Director's Report:**

– *Dr. Stratton reporting:*

- **Orange County EMS Website:** Items on the Orange County EMS website include reports (hospital diversion hours, vehicle licensing, and ambulance contract performance); recently published white papers, current policies and procedures; the current EMS Plan approved by the State EMS Authority; and a link enabling system participants and the public to subscribe to system announcements and meeting notifications for this Committee and its subcommittees.
- **Pediatric Readiness Survey:** Orange County EMS intends to survey hospitals to determine the resources each facility has to care for pediatric patients in the emergency department. This survey is expected to be released in the near future.
- **Closure of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center – San Clemente:** The closure of this facility occurred as planned with no major problems having been noted. Dr. Ritter reported that both Mission

Hospital campuses saw approximately 1,000 additional patients during the month of June in comparison to last year. Mission Hospital increased medical staffing in order to absorb the additional patients.

- **Hospital Diversion Report (January 1 to June 30, 2016):** Mike Delaby reported on hospital diversion for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2016 (Attachment #2). This report has also been posted to the OCEMS website under EMS System Reports.
- **Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report: Fiscal Year 15-16 Third Quarter (January 1 to March 31, 2016):** Rey Montoya reported on the contractual response times for each of the five exclusive operating areas (Regions A – E) during the third quarter for the 2015-16 fiscal year (Attachment #3) This ambulance activity report has also been posted to the OCEMS Website under the EMS Ambulance Performance Section.
- **EMCC Correspondence:** On July 12, 2016, Orange County EMS distributed an announcement regarding prehospital EMS Air Rescue (Attachment #4). Dr. Stratton provided a brief outline on the different types of EMS air rescue approved in Orange County.

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

Dr. Stratton reported on items discussed at the Facilities Advisory and County Paramedic Advisory Committees. Jim Karras provided a report on the items discussed at the Transportation Advisory Committee.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Data System Compliance**

Laurent Repass reported that state law will require all emergency and non-emergency providers to use an electronic patient care reporting system meeting national standards (NEMESIS 3.4) by January 1, 2017. The City of Anaheim Fire went live effective this morning and the City of Huntington Beach is expected to “go-live” in August. Currently two private ambulance providers and seven ALS providers have met these standards (see Attachment #5).

VIII. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chief Knabe: Acknowledged two successful EMS calls in which two patients went into full arrest and were successfully resuscitated by paramedics.

IX. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

X. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.