



FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 8, 2016
 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Anderson, MD, Chair	- OCMA (ED Physician Directors)	Whitney Ayers	- HASC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cross, RN	- Base Hospital Coordinators	Ruth Clark, RN	- Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Cruz, RN	- OC ED Nursing Leadership	Sheryl Gradney, RN	- St. Jude Medical Center
<i>Represented by Karen Sharp, RN</i>		Virg Narbutas	- West Anaheim Medical Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lekawa, MD	- Trauma Center Directors	Tim Ogata	- KPC Health
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Lush, RN, (exc.)	- Trauma Nurse Coordinators		
<input type="checkbox"/> Philip Puhek, EMT-P	- Fire EMS Coordinators		
<input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis Robby, RN	- PRC Hospital Administrators		
<input type="checkbox"/> Anu Signh, MD	- Managed Care Emerg. Physicians		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- Base Hospital Physician Directors		
			<u>HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF</u>
		Samuel J. Stratton, MD	- EMS Medical Director
		Tammi McConnell, RN, MSN	- EMS Administrator
		Philip Froman, MD	- EMS Physician Specialist
		David Johnson, RN	- EMS Facilities Coordinator
		Vicki Sweet, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
		Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Peter Anderson.

II. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Stroke Neurology Receiving Center Registry:** UCI Medical Center and Hoag Memorial Hospital (Newport Beach) are currently beta testing the new Stroke Registry. Once the beta testing is completed, any questions and concerns will be addressed. The stroke registry is expected to “go live” in 2017.
- **Policy/Procedure and Standing Order Updates:** Orange County EMS released new Policy/Procedures and standing orders which became effective on November 1, 2016. The next updates will be released in April, 2017.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Pediatric Readiness Survey:** Dr. Stratton reported this survey was released in September. Thirteen of twenty-four hospitals have replied. The survey will be again released to those facilities that have not

replied. Once the survey results have been evaluated, Orange County EMS will compile a list of facilities willing to accept pediatric patients.

- **EMS Fee Study:** Tammi McConnell reported that the Emergency Medical Care Committee approved five of the proposed fees and made a recommendation that Orange County EMS continue its discussions with industry groups who would be affected by the fee increase. The Health Care Agency is proceeding to the Board of Supervisors in December, 2016 for approval. Whitney Ayers indicated that member hospitals of the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) are opposed to the fee increase. Dr. Lekawa expressed concerns on the dissolution of the specialty centers due to lack of funding. He stressed the importance of the specialty receiving centers to the EMS System.

- **Revisions to Comprehensive Stroke Center Criteria**

Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County EMS has been approached by some of the Stroke Neurology Receiving Centers to consider having these facilities receive designation based on their accreditation by a third party accrediting body (such as Joint Commission or DNV). As Orange County's stroke neurology receiving center criteria exceed those required by third party accrediting bodies for designation as a primary stroke center, all stroke neurology receiving centers meet comprehensive stroke center criteria. Accreditation as a stroke center (primary or comprehensive) is not a requirement under OCEMS policy. At this time, Orange County is not seeking to expand the system.

- **Proposed Changes to Trauma Triage Guidelines for Elderly Fall Victims**

Dr. Stratton reported that the trauma centers have reported an increase in the volume of patients due to changes in the trauma triage guidelines for elderly fall victims. The Trauma Operations Committee will be reviewing data from the trauma centers on elderly fall victims to determine if any changes in the guidelines are necessary. Karen Sharp reported that her facility has seen a decline in the number of patients seen due to the change in the trauma triage criteria.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Emergency Receiving Center Designations**

Orange County EMS has received a number of phone calls from emergency receiving centers on the due dates for the re-designation of their ERC designations. Orange County EMS will be streamlining the process for hospital/specialty center designations/re-designations. Surveys are expected to be scheduled in the coming year. Extensions have been granted, until a facility is notified about the survey process.

- **Interfacility Transports**

Dr. Stratton reminded Committee members that Orange County has developed an IFT-ALS program to allow paramedics perform inter-facility transports between facilities. Anyone needing information may contact Fran Cohen, RN.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.