



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Chad Druten
- Jim Karras
- Aaron Oshima
- Cyndie Strader, RN
- Marten Miller
- Bryan Johnson, RN
- Aymen Almens, RN
- Vacant
- Vacant

William Casey
 John Dettvler
 Steve Miller
 RJ Morrison
 Ron Taggart

REPRESENTING

- Ambulance Service 9-1-1 Contracted
- Ambulance Service non-9-1-1 Contracted
- Air Transport
- Base Hospital Coordinator
- Orange County Communications
- Fire Service w/ Transport
- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership
- Fire Service with no Transport
- Police Service

OTHERS PRESENT

- Cal-Med Ambulance
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Orange County Communications
- FirstMed Ambulance
- Doctor's Ambulance

OTHERS PRESENT

Edmon Tangabeleyan
 Jeff Twycross
 Robert Viera
 Christine Waddell, RN
 Ian Wilson

- American Med Ambulance
- Cal-Med Ambulance
- Care Ambulance Service
- Huntington Beach Hospital
- PRN Ambulance Service

STAFF PRESENT

Adrian Rodriguez
 Vicki Sweet, RN
 Meng Chung, EMT-P
 David Johnson, RN
 Jason Azuma, EMT-P
 Juan Alvarez
 Andrew Roberts
 Kirstin Wong
 Eileen Endo

- EMS Performance Chief
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- BLS Coordinator
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Rick Kozak, MD.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meng Chung introduced Adrian Rodriguez, as the new EMS Performance Chief, effective February 3, 2017. In his new role, Adrian will be overseeing the ambulance contracts. He succeeds Rey Montoya, who retired in August, 2016.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 25, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Orange County EMS Report:** Vicki Sweet presented the EMS Report which included the integration of the Health Disaster Management program into EMS; the review of ambulance patient offload time (APOT) being collected; the designation of Foothill Regional Medical Center as an emergency receiving center; the collaboration between Orange County EMS, Hoag Hospital (Newport Beach) and Newport Beach Fire Department in a Health Information Exchange pilot; and a report on the use of naloxone (Narcan) by law enforcement agencies.
- **9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Mid-Year Report (July 1 to December 31, 2016):** Adrian Rodriguez presented the mid-year report for the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance (Attachment #2). This report covers the period of July 1 to December 31, 2016. Both ambulance service providers exceeded the 90th percentile for ambulance response.
- **Data System Compliance:** Jason Azuma provided a report to Committee members. Presently, approximately 10,000 reports are successfully transmitted to state and federal agencies. First quarter data monitoring reports have been distributed to all of the private ambulance provider agencies.

- **EMS Maximum Ground Ambulance Rates Revision:** This item was tabled.
- **Sidewalk CPR:** Sidewalk CPR is being held on June 1, 2017 with the goal of teaching hands on CPR. In the community. Any provider agency that is interested in hosting a site, may contact Meng Chung, BLS Program Coordinator.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **800 MHz Radio Encryption:** Marten Miller for OCSD/Orange County Communications reported that fire service providers are going to 800 MHz radio encryption in 2018. Notification was sent to all ambulance service providers on the available options for encryption. A letter to ambulance service providers notifying them of this requirement was sent out last year and will be re-sent. OCC is willing to provide input to providers whether a brand of radios would meet the requirements.
- **Peds Transport:** This item was agendaized at the request of the EMCC. Meng Chung distributed a handout titled, "Safe Transport of Children by EMS: Interim Guidance." Jim Karras stated that this item was discussed to determine how pediatric patients are currently transferred in the EMS System and how does it meet federal guidelines for use in an ambulance. Often times, ambulance providers face a challenge in securing pediatric patients in the back of an ambulance. Committee members discussed the effective methods used to secure pediatric patients.
- **EMS and ED Linens:** Meng Chung reported that EMCC committee members discussed concerns that were expressed in the use of hospital linens by ambulance service personnel and support of the use of disposable sheets, blankets, and pillowcases as recommended by the Health Care Agency's Epidemiology program to reduce bacterial infections. The cost of disposable linens will be incorporated into the new emergency BLS base rate going before the Board of Supervisors. Jim Karras stressed the importance of ambulance crews to use the disposable linens to avoid potential health concerns. Chad Druten reported that the Ambulance Association is in support of the use of disposable linens.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **Public Forum**

IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.