



COUNTY PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
MEMBERS	REPRESENTING	MEMBERS	REPRESENTING
<input type="checkbox"/> Amitabh Prakash, MD (exc.)	- BHPD – Anaheim Regional Med. Ctr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Todd McClung EMT-P	- REAC – St. Jude Medical Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Super MD (excused)	- BHPD – Hoag Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- REAC – UCI Medical Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Ly, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- REAC – WestMed/Santa Ana
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Kozak MD	- BHPD – Mission Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Grihalva, MICP	- Saddleback College
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iksoo Kang, MD	- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Roseanne Jankowski	- Pharmacists
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric McCoy, MD	- BHPD – UCI Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Gleed, RN	- Fire Chiefs' EMS Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gagandeep Grewal	- BHPD – WestMed/Santa Ana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Saucedo, RN	- ED Nurse Supervisors
<input type="checkbox"/> Stewart Brash MD	- Emergency Physicians	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet Hewson RN	- Trauma Nurse Coordinators
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Massey RN	- BHC – Anaheim Regional Med. Ctr.	<u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Rosati, RN	- BHC – Hoag Hospital	Samuel J. Stratton, MD	- Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Zaky, RN	- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital	Ken Miller, MD	- Assistant Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jana Kendall, RN	- BHC – Mission Hospital	Mike Delaby, RN, EMT-P	- EMS Systems and Standards Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheryl Gradney, RN	- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center	Vicki Sweet, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Maryle Olivier, RN	- BHC – UCI Medical Center	Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	- BHC – WestMed/Santa Ana	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Barry, EMT-P	- REAC – Anaheim Regional Med. Ctr.	Tina Heinemann, RN	- Lynch Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Reddy, EMT-P	- REAC – Hoag Hospital	Shaun McGinnis	- Lynch Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Fleming EMT-P	- REAC – Huntington Beach Hospital	Ron Taggart	- Doctor's Ambulance Service
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Cass, EMT-P	- REAC – Mission Hospital		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stratton, acting as Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from meetings of July 9, 2014 were approved as submitted.

III. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth Clark, RN, Western Medical Center/Santa Ana and Jana Kendall, RN, Mission Hospital were introduced as the interim base hospital coordinators for their respective hospitals. Dr. Gagandeep Grewal was introduced as the new base hospital physician representative from Western Medical Center/Santa Ana. Patty Gleed was introduced as the new representative from Fire Chiefs' EMS.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Medical Director's Report:** *No report given.*
- **Hospital Diversion Report:** Mike Delaby provided a report on hospital diversion for calendar year 2014. At yesterday's Facilities Advisory Committee meeting, there was a request so that hospitals may see the actual number of hours they are on diversion. Also attached is the current edition of Epidemiology's "Eye on Influenza". Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County is in a high diversion period at the present time. Committee members discussed the high diversion hours, "wall time", eliminating diversion, and surge planning.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Children's Hospital of Orange County Pediatric Trauma Center: Orange County EMS has reviewed Children's Hospital of Orange County's application for designation as a pediatric trauma center; performed a site visit and now have designated them as a Level II pediatric trauma center. Children's Hospital will open effective January 15, 2015 as a pediatric trauma center. A pediatric patient is defined as a patient 14 years of age or younger. Pediatric patients will be transported to the nearest trauma

receiving center. In the event that a parent and child are both trauma patients, both will be sent to the same facility.

- **Ebola EMS Plan:** Dr. Stratton outlined Orange County Emergency Medical Services' plan in the treatment of a suspected Ebola patient. Orange County's Ebola response plan is being coordinated by the Health Care Agency's Epidemiology program. In a suspected Ebola case, base hospital contact must be made. The MICN must then call the Health Care Agency Duty Officer.
- **Anaheim Fire Department Community Care Response Unit Proposal:** Dave Barry reported this pilot program is in collaboration with Anaheim Fire Department, Care Ambulance Service, and Kaiser Permanente Medical Center who will be funding the first year of the pilot program. A team consisting of a paramedic and nurse practitioner will be dispatched to lower level acuity calls. If the call needs to be upgraded to an ALS level call, an ALS team will be dispatched to the scene.
- **Orange County Fire Chiefs' Association Community Paramedicine Pilot Project:** This community paramedicine pilot project is being conducted by Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach Fire Departments in which low level acuity patients meeting specified criteria are transported to alternate destinations (such as urgent care centers). Representatives from each of the fire departments are participating in a training program regarding community paramedicine. All paramedics will undergo a shorter training before the pilot begins.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **OCEMS Basic Life Support Procedure #B-05: Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) Adult/Adolescent**
Attached to the agenda packet is a draft of the Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) Adult/Adolescent procedure. Dr. Stratton asked Committee members to provide any comments to either Vicki Sweet or him.
- **Use of Naloxone (Narcan) by Law Enforcement Personnel**
Orange County EMS is in the process of a pilot program to train law enforcement personnel from the Orange County Sheriffs' Department and Santa Ana Police Department to introduce nasal administration of naloxone (Narcan) by law enforcement personnel in suspected overdoses. It was found that the majority of incidents occur within the jurisdictions of these two law enforcement agencies. Data will be examined to determine its efficacy which will make the determination to expand the program countywide.

VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **Base Hospital Physician Directors** – *Dr. Stratton reported:*
The name has been changed to the Medical Advisory Committee and expand the group to other physicians.
- B. **Base Hospital Coordinators** – *Kim Zaky reported:*
A new MICN class is expected to be held and a NO FEAR conference will be held at Western Medical Center/Santa Ana in March.
- C. **Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS:** – *Vicki Sweet reported:*
Topics of discussion included hospital diversion, spinal immobilization, and data collection of pediatric drownings.
- D. **Orange County Nursing Leadership** – *Rhonda Saucedo reported:*
This group discussed Ebola and how facilities will be responding to Ebola.

- E. **Facilities Advisory Committee** – *Dr. Stratton reported:*
The Facilities Advisory Committee discussed diversion and methods of avoiding overcrowding in hospital emergency rooms.
- F. **Drug and Equipment Advisory Group** – *Dr. Miller reported:*
The group's last meeting was in August, 2014. Committee members discussed drug shortages, video laryngoscopes and ePCR data
- G. **Education & Training Advisory Committee** – *Vicki Sweet reported:*
Committee members discussed the updating of the local EMT accreditation curriculum, and expansion of the naloxone pilot to EMTs.
- H. **Transportation Advisory Committee** – Next meeting: January 28, 2015

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

This committee will next meet on March 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.