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July 29, 2016				
OCEMS Report / Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pediatric Readiness Survey Closure of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center/San Clemente Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Report FY 15-16 (3rd Quarter) EMCC Correspondence 	07/29/16	Ongoing	Provided an ongoing report to Committee members. EMCC correspondence included an announcement regarding prehospital EMS Air rescue as approved in Orange County.
EMCC Advisory Subcommittee & Advisory Group Reports	Agenda items as discussed at sub-committee meetings held since last meeting.	07/29/16	Ongoing	Provided a report on items discussed at subcommittee meetings.
Data System Compliance	State law will require all emergency and non-emergency providers to use an electronic patient care reporting system to meet national standards by 1/1/2017.	07/29/16	Ongoing	Provided a report on providers who currently meeting NEMSIS 3.4 standards.
Member Comments	Successful EMS calls on full arrest patients.	07/29/16	07/29/16	<i>Chief Knabe acknowledged two successful EMS calls in which two patients went into full arrest and were successfully resuscitated by medics.</i>
October 7, 2016				
Introductions / Announcements	Addition of new Facilities Coordinator	10/07/16	10/7/16	OCEMS announced the addition of David Johnson, RN, the new Facilities Coordinator who joined the staff on August 15, 2016.
OCEMS Report / Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pediatric Readiness Survey Hospital Diversion Report (3rd Quarter 2016) Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Report FY 15-16 (Annual report) EMS Plan Annual Update EMCC Correspondence 	10/07/16	Ongoing	Provided an ongoing report to Committee members. EMCC correspondence included an announcement regarding prehospital EMS Air rescue as approved in Orange County; the approval for OCSD personnel to administer intranasal naloxone; and release of the OC-MEDS data dictionary.
EMCC Advisory Subcommittee & Advisory Group Reports	Agenda items as discussed at sub-committee meetings held since last meeting.	10/07/16	Ongoing	Provided a report on items discussed at subcommittee meetings.
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ALS Provider Approval (Informational Item only)	Approval of OCSD as an ALS Provider	10/07/16	10/07/16	The Orange County Sheriff's Department has been approved as an ALS Provider having met all ALS paramedic provider requirements.
Proposed EMS Provider Fees (Action Item)	Orange County EMS is requesting approval of the EMS provider fees being proposed. Proposed fees to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval on 11/22/16. Fees	10/07/16	02/14/17	<p>Background information and methods used to calculate the provider fees being proposed was presented by Tammi McConnell and Christy Preble. Health Care Agency staff addressed questions and concerns expressed by Committee members. Questions and concerns expressed include the frequency that fees are charged for specialty receiving centers; fees charged to those making minimum wage (higher fees charged to those making less money); and concerns expressed regarding the existing subsidies provided by base hospitals of costs in the EMS system including third party accreditation parties (e.g., Joint Commission, DNV)</p> <p>Public Comments regarding fees:</p> <p><i>Chad Druten, President of the Ambulance Association of Orange County: The Ambulance Association of Orange County is unable to provide a letter of support to Orange County EMS with regard to the fees. Members do not object to the licensure fees affecting the ambulance providers. However, they are concerned about the proposed fee increase for EMT certification. The AAOC feels that this is a significant increase and asks the Health Care Agency to review the costs and reconsider the increase in the certification fees.</i></p> <p>The Emergency Medical Care Committee support the recommendation of the proposed fees for ambulance company license, ambulance company unit inspection/per vehicle; ambulance company re-inspection /vehicle; the ambulance driver/ attendant license, and the EMT lost card replacement to the Orange County Board of</p>

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Proposed EMS Provider Fees (Action Item) –Continued)	Orange County EMS is requesting approval of the EMS provider fees being proposed. Proposed fees to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval on 11/22/16. Fees	10/07/16 1/06/17	02/14/17	Supervisors. In addition, recommend that Orange County EMS return to the Emergency Medical Care Committee with further justification of the other fees proposed after continuing discussions with the stakeholders. (Motion: D. Grose; Seconded by: Jim Karras)
Member Comments	<p>Welcomed the return of David Johnson to the EMS System.</p> <p>Pediatric Readiness Survey</p> <p>An additional item be added on written correspondence and clarification on submission of written comments</p>	10/07/16	10/07/16	<p>Dr. Ritter welcomed David Johnson back to the EMS System. Also asked about the EMT Expanded Scope of Practice.</p> <p>Dr. Anas: Asked about the next steps to be taken once all survey results have been compiled. Dr. Stratton replied that OCEMS would address any gaps found in the system.</p> <p>Dean Grose: Requested that an item #9 be added on written correspondence and clarification on how to submit written comments.</p>
Public Comments	EMS Plan Update			Stephen Wontrobski: Request that his correspondence from October 6, 2016 be attached to the EMS Annual plan. Expressed concerns on member cities of the Orange County Fire Authority studying the potential possibility of withdrawing from the Fire Authority.
January 6, 2017				
Introductions / Announcements	None made.			
OCEMS Report / Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange County EMS website Increased building security Naloxone Use by Law Enforcement Hospital Diversion Report for 2016 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Report FY 16-17 (1st Quarter) EMCC Correspondence 	01/06/17	01/06/17	<p>Provided an ongoing report to Committee members.</p> <p>EMCC correspondence included an announcement of the revisions to policies and procedures; the approval of the 2016 EMS Plan; and a brief outline of the different types of EMS air rescue in Orange County.</p>

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Data System Compliance	Report presented on data received by all BLS and ALS service providers in Orange County.	01/06/17	Ongoing	<p>Laurent Repass presented a report on the data received from all BLS and ALS providers in Orange County. Orange County is first County in the State to meet nearly 100% NEMSIS 3.4 compliance.</p> <p><i>Committee members congratulated him on the success of the electronic data submission</i></p>
Proposed EMS Provider Fees (Action Item)	Orange County EMS is requesting approval of the EMS provider fees being proposed. Proposed fees to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval on 02/17/17.	10/07/16 01/06/17	02/14/17	<p>Update on discussions that have taken place and a list of the proposed (revised) fees scheduled to go before the Board of February 14, 2017.</p> <p><i>Hospital Association still maintains their position on opposition of hospital fees.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend support of the proposed EMS Provider Fees for ambulance company licensure; ambulance company unit licensure; Ambulance Driver/Attendant Licensure (Biennial); EMT OC Certification; Card Replacement; Paramedic OC Accreditation; Continuing Education Provider Application; EMT Training Program Application; Paramedic Training Program Application; and Interfacility Transport Service Provider Application be approved as submitted to the Board of Supervisors: (Motion made: Lindley Garcia/ Seconded: Trez Gutierrez) Recommend support of the proposed EMS Provider Fees for Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Application; Trauma Receiving Center Designation; Customized Data Reports be approved as submitted to the Board of Supervisors: (Motion made: Jim Karras/ Seconded: Virg Narbutas)

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Orange County Stroke Neurology Program: Interim 2016 System Report	Overview on the Orange County Stroke Neurology System and data received through December 1, 2016.	01/06/17	01/06/17	<p>Hear presentation made by Dr. Stratton.</p> <p><i>Dr. Park asked about the high concentration of stroke patients in one specific part of the County.</i></p>
Appointment of Nomination Committee	Bylaws require a nominating committee be organized to make a recommendation for EMCC Chair and Vice Chair	01/06/17	04/07/17	The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended that Lindley Garcia, James Karras, and Dr. Jinha Park serve on the nominating committee.
Member Comments	Saddleback Memorial Medical Center/San Clemente	01/06/17	01/06/17	<i>Dr. Ritter asked about the status of the hospital.</i>
Public Comments	EMS Plan Update	01/06/17	01/06/17	<i>Stephen Wontrobski: Expressed concerns about his inability to download documents to determine whether correspondence he has sent is included in agenda packets. Provided comments on correspondence found in attachment #4 of the agenda packet.</i>
April 7, 2017				
Introductions / Announcements	<p>New Orange County EMS Staff</p> <p>New Committee member</p> <p>Presentation to Dr. Nick Anas.</p>	04/07/17	04/07/17	<p>Adrian Rodriguez was introduced as the new EMS Performance Chief.</p> <p>Councilmember Letitia Clark of the City of Tustin was introduced as the new representative for the City Selection Committee.</p> <p>Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing member, Dr. Nick Anas representing the third District of the Board of Supervisors</p>

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EMCC Advisory Subcommittee & Advisory Group Reports	Agenda items as discussed at sub-committee meetings held since last meeting.	04/07/17	4/07/17	<p>Provided a report on items discussed at subcommittee meetings.</p> <p>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended that the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee address the issue of wall-time.</p>
Cardiovascular Receiving Center System Report	Report presented on the Orange County Cardiovascular Receiving Center (STEMI) System.	04/07/17	04/07/17	<p>Dr. Stratton presented a report of Orange County's CVRC (STEMI) system. This report included the demographics; system performance measures; and transmission of field ECGs to CVRCs. He also reported on the successful STEMI summit held the week before.</p>
Appointment of EMCC Slate of Officers for the 2017 Calendar Year	Nominating committee recommended that Dr. Michael Ritter serve as Chair and Ron Blaul serve as Vice Chair for the upcoming year.			<p>Voted unanimously to elect Dr. Michael Ritter to serve as Chair and Ron Blaul to serve as Vice Chair as recommended by the nominating committee.</p>
Specialty Receiving Center Designations	Hear Report for the redesignation of specialty receiving center designations (emergency receiving centers, cardiovascular receiving centers, stroke neurology receiving centers and base hospitals) indicated in the Summary Report provided by Orange County EMS.	04/07/17	04/07/17	<p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended the re-designation of hospitals as indicated in the Summary Report as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee.</i></p> <p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommended the conditional designation for Foothill Regional Medical Center as an Emergency Receiving Center for a period of twelve months as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee on March 21, 2017.</i></p>

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Ground Ambulance Service Rate Adjustment	Hear request of the Ambulance Association of Orange County to increase the BLS ground ambulance rates through December 31, 2018 and the report as provided by Orange County EMS.	04/07/17	04/07/17	<p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee supports a rate increase of 6.7% to the BLS Emergency Base Rate to include the effects of minimum wage and the recommendation made by the Health Care Agency Epidemiology to use disposable sheets, blankets, and pillows to reduce bacterial infections and a 1.9% increase to mileage, oxygen, standby, and expendable supply rates for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2017.</i></p> <p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee supports a rate increase of 5% to the BLS Emergency Base Rate to include the effects of minimum wage and a 1.9% increase to mileage, oxygen, standby, and expendable supply rates for calendar year 2018.</i></p> <p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that Orange County EMS continues to meet with stakeholders on the \$66.00 medical supply rate.</i></p> <p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee supports the recommendation that the exclusive operating areas (EOA) contractors include the effect of minimum wage increases in annual CPA audits due as required under the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation agreements.</i></p> <p><i>The Emergency Medical Care Committee recommends that the Transportation Advisory Committee look at the issue regarding the taking of hospital linens (sheets).</i></p>
Member Comments	Restraint of pediatric patients in the back of ambulance units.	04/07/17	04/07/17	<p><i>Trez Gutierrez asked about the appropriate restraint for pediatric patients in the back of ambulance units. Subject has been discussed many time and there appears to be no solution for patients under age 5.</i></p> <p><i>Chief Knabe thanked Dr. Stratton, Tammi McConnell and staff for support provided while serving as Chair.</i></p>