



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Chad Druten
- Jim Karras
- Aaron Oshima
- Ruth Clark, RN (exc)
- Marten Miller
- Bryan Johnson, RN
- Aymen Almens, RN
- Vacant
- Vacant

Marcus Farrand
 David Munoz
 Patrick Powers
 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 without Transport
- Police Service

OTHERS PRESENT

- Lifeline Ambulance Service
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- Horizon Ambulance
- Doctor's Ambulance

OTHERS PRESENT

- Edmon Tangabeleyan
- Robert Viera
- Jacob Waggoner
- American Med Ambulance
- Care Ambulance Service
- Lynch Ambulance Service

STAFF PRESENT

- Sam Stratton, MD, MPH
- Mike DeLaby, MSN, EMT-P
- Meng Chung, EMT-P
- Jason Azuma, EMT-P
- Maria Nava
- Andrew Roberts
- Kirstin Wong
- Eileen Endo
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- BLS Coordinator
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
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- Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jim Karras.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 26, 2017 were not approved due to lack of quorum.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **Orange County EMS Report:** Meng Chung presented the EMS report including changes in parking availability, elevator access, law enforcement administration of Naloxone in the field; sidewalk CPR activities; and POD exercise.
- **Disaster Health Planning:** Dr. Stratton reported that the disaster health component of EMS is currently working on a hospital evacuation plan. Planning includes the means of transporting a large number of patients; reviewing alternate care sites; and the transport of low-risk patients.
- **9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Third Quarter Report (January 1 to March 31, 2017):** Andrew Roberts presented the third quarter report for the 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance (Attachment #2). This report covers the period of January 2 to March 31, 2017. Both ambulance service providers exceeded the 90th percentile for ambulance response.
- **OC-MEDS Data System:** Jason Azuma reported that the Health Information Exchange pilot project between Newport Beach Fire Department and Hoag Hospital (Newport Beach) has now concluded. The pilot was found to be successful. Both the fire service provider and hospital found the pilot to be beneficial to the community. The pilot is now being moved into production mode with additional hospitals and agencies added to the program. Jim Karras asked currently whether Orange County EMS is given the outcomes. Mr. Azuma reported that all ambulance service providers were given a report on second quarter compliance to data reporting.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT Data)**: Mr. Azuma reported on the ambulance patient off-load time data for the first quarter of 2017 (see attachment #3). Orange County EMS has an effective system with few problems that need to be worked on. Orange County is currently discussing on the acceptable standard for ambulance patient off-load time. Jim Karras expressed concerns about what standard should be set. Mr. Azuma reported that the documentation will also be reviewed with any documentation that is negative or with long APOT times returned to the service provider for resubmission.
- **Ambulance Rate Adjustment**: The ambulance rate adjustment for this year is expected to go before the Board of Supervisors on August 8, 2017.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Hospital Linens**: Mr. Karras reported that the theft of hospital linens was reported by members of the Emergency Medical Care Committee. He reminded service providers the reasons why this practice is prohibited. Dr. Stratton asked if it would be helpful for a memo to be released reminding ambulance service providers that hospital linens should not be taken.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Infant and Child Safety Restraint Systems for Ambulances**: Dr. Stratton reported that attached to agenda is a report regarding infant and child safety restraint systems for ambulance. At the present time, there are no national standards. Currently most devices are not designed for children under four years of age.
- **EMT Regulations**: Dr. Stratton reported that the new EMT regulations became effective July 1, 2017. The new regulations offer a number of new scope of practice items including naloxone, glucometers, and epi pens. While training is required, the State requires local EMS agencies to apply to add the item to the optional scope. Dr. Stratton added that these items are not required to be onboard an ambulance.
- **New BLS Standing Orders and Procedures**: Dr. Stratton reported that primary and secondary survey procedures have been dropped. Orange County EMS is working with the Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee.
- **Committee Representative for the Disaster Evacuation Task Force**: Dr. Stratton reported that the Chair of the Disaster Evacuation Task Force, Dr. Michelle Chung, has asked for a recommendation from the ambulance service providers to join this task force. Rob Viera volunteered to serve on the task force.
- **2018 Ambulance Service and Vehicle Inspections**: Meng Chung reported that the annual renewal letters have been sent to ambulance service providers with the dates for the site inspections along with any weaknesses noticed at the previous inspections as suggestions for improvement.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **San Clemente RFP for Ambulance Service** (agenda item at request of Chair): Jim Karras reported that the City of San Clemente has released a request for proposal for an ambulance service provider to serve the city.

VIII. **PUBLIC FORUM**

IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.