



COUNTY PARAMEDIC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 14, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
MEMBERS	REPRESENTING	MEMBERS	REPRESENTING
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Hunt, MD	- BHPD – Hoag Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Schultz, EMT-P	- REAC – Mission Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Ngo, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Fairchild, EMT-P	- REAC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Kozak MD	- BHPD – Mission Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Clevenger, EMT-P	- REAC – St. Jude Medical Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claus Hecht MD	- Medical Director, Orange County Fire	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- REAC – UCI Medical Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gagangdeep Grewal, MD	- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Grihalva, MICP	- Saddleback College
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iksoo Kang, MD	- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Boswell, RN	- Fire Chiefs' EMS Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Dinglasan, MD (exc.)	- BHP – St. Jude Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Sausedo, RN	- ED Nursing Leadership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric McCoy, MD	- BHPD – UCI Medical Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- Trauma Nurse Coordinators
<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Katzer, MD	- BHMD – UCI Medical Center		
<input type="checkbox"/> Shira Schlesinger, MD	- Newport Beach Fire Department		
		<u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyndie Strader, RN	- BHC – Hoag Hospital	Samuel J. Stratton, MD	- Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Waddell, RN	- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital	Vicki Sweet, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cross, RN	- BHC – Mission Hospital	David Johnson, RN	- EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	- BHC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheryl Gradney, RN	- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maryle Olivier, RN	- BHC – UCI Medical Center	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Klytta, EMT-P	- Representing Anaheim Fire Department	Shawn Gurren	- Lynch Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> John LaPlaca, EMT-P	- REAC – Hoag Hospital	Kristin Thompson, RN	- Fire Chiefs' EMS Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Fleming EMT-P	- REAC – Huntington Beach Hospital		

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes are not available at this time due to a remodeling being done.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

– Vicki Sweet reported:

The OCEMS report included a report on the annual ambulance inspections for 2018; Children's Hospital of Orange County received verification from the American College of Surgeons as a Level II pediatric trauma center; the law enforcement administration of naloxone which has seen 70 successful saves.

Hospital Diversion Report: January 1 to March 31, 2018:

Attached to the agenda packet is a comparison of hospital ER diversion hours on a weekly basis for the past three years. This is for the period of January 1 to February 28, 2018.

Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times

Attached to the agenda packet is APOT data for the months of January and February 2018. Dr. Stratton reported that the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee recommended to the Emergency Medical Care Committee that Orange County EMS establish a standard of a 35-minute off-load time 90% of the time. The Transportation Advisory Subcommittee recommended a 30 minute off-

load time 90% of the time. The Emergency Medical Care Committee also requested feedback from the hospital sector as well.

DRUG SHORTAGES

Dr. Stratton distributed a copy of a letter received from BoundTree regarding the shortage of certain pain medications. Committee members discussed their experiences in medication shortages. Committee members discussed alternate drugs and their effectiveness including Toradol and acetaminophen.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Optional Scope Items**

Dr. Stratton reported that members of the Medical Advisory Committee heard a presentation by Dr. Robert Katzer and Dr. Claus Hecht on the use of video laryngoscopes being used by Anaheim Fire and the Orange County Fire Authority. Committee members recommended the addition of video laryngoscopes as an optional equipment in the inventory.

He also reported that the Scope of Practice Committee is expected to approve Orange County's request to allow IFT-ALS paramedic to monitor IFT-ALS patients on TPA drips. This committee is also expected to approve the addition of hydroxocobalamin as a mean of treating cyanide poisoning in smoke inhalation cases.

- **OCEMS Policy/Procedure #310.20: Interfacility Transfer Between Acute Care Hospitals Using EMS Transport Providers**

Dr. Stratton reported that this policy is for hospitals who may not be aware or not familiar with the transport of IFT-ALS patients. This policy has been released to the EMS community. The program has been set up to transport patients who do not need immediate transfer to a hospital. If a patient needs immediate transport, it is still appropriate to use the 9-1-1 system. The IFT-ALS program responded to over 10,000 IFT-ALS level calls.

- **Overview of Disaster Preparedness Plans**

Dr. Stratton reported that he and Dr. Schultz met with the Operations Chiefs regarding changes on OCEMS Policy/Procedure #900 so that it would remain consistent with revisions made to the FireScope. He outlined changes that had been made in the policy in 2009. Orange County Communications will work with fire personnel in the handling of MCIs where there are fewer than 30 victims. Dr. Schultz reported that the PCCI will be updated during the 50-day public comment period. One of the major revisions is the removal of the nets. He asked that the hospitals review their specific PCCI information.

Greg Boswell asked if Orange County EMS is considering returning to have regional local exercises between fire, ambulance, and hospital providers.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kristin Thompson reported on the effects that the recent wildfires had on firefighters who responded.

VIII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Base Hospital Coordinators:** Cyndie Strader presented a brief report on the NO FEAR conference; the upcoming MICN class.
- **Orange County Fire Chiefs Association:** Greg Boswell presented a brief report from the last EMS Committee meeting.
- **Orange County Nursing Leadership:** No report
- **Facilities Advisory Committee:** Dr. Stratton reported that the Committee discussed the current disaster mechanisms in place.
- **Drug and Equipment Advisory Group:** No report.
- **Education and Training Advisory Committee:** No report.
- **Transportation Advisory Committee:** Dr. Stratton reported that the Committee discussed and established APOT time.

IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, May 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.