



FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

MINUTES

| COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP | | | |
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| MEMBERS | | CATEGORY REPRESENTED | ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF PRESENT |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Peter Anderson, MD | - OCMA (ED Physician) | Carl Schultz MD - EMS Medical Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Michael Lekawa, MD | - Trauma Medical Directors | Jesse Allured, EMT-P - Assistant EMS Administrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chien Sun, MD | - Managed Care Physicians | Laurent Repass, NRP - EMS Information Systems Chief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mary Birkle, RN | - Base Hospital Administration | Danielle Ogaz - EMS Systems & Standards Chief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kenneth McFarland | - ERC Hospital Administration | David Johnson, RN - Facilities Coordinator |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cyndie Strader, RN | - Base Hospital Coordinators | Laura Wallin, RN - ALS/CQI Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Frank Maas, RN | - OC Nursing Leadership | Jason Azuma, NRP - OC-MEDS Coordinator |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mary Slattery, RN | - Trauma Program Coordinators | Erica Moojen - EMS Office Supervisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Greg Boswell, RN | - Fire Chiefs EMS Coordinators | |
| GUESTS PRESENT | | | |
| NAME | REPRESENTING | NAME | REPRESENTING |
| Jordan Abushawish | - Providence St. Joseph | Bryan Johnson, RN | - City of Orange Fire Department |
| Annabella Anderson, RN | - Mission Hospital | Dagan Kokesch | |
| Whitney Ayers | - Hospital Association of S. Calif. | Chris Leo | - UCI Medical Center |
| Drew Bernard | - Emergency Ambulance Service | Julie Mackie, RN | - Mission Hospital |
| Ruth Clark, RN | - Orange County Global Medical Ctr. | Nicole Miller, RN | - Mission Hospital |
| Laura Cross, RN | - Mission Hospital | Maryle Olivier, RN | - UCI Medical Center |
| Damien Cyphers | - Liberty Ambulance Service | Sharon Richards | - Hospital Association of S. California |
| Josh Dean | - Lifeline Ambulance Service | Sam Roth | - Tenet Health Care |
| Deb Diaz-Leon | | Michael Tou | - Providence/St. Joseph |
| Daniel Graham | | Chris Waddell, RN | - Huntington Beach Hospital |
| Janet Hewson, RN | - Fountain Valley Regional Hospital | Kim Zaky, RN | - Children's Hosp. of Orange County |

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Peter Anderson.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Johnson introduced Laura Wallin, RN, the new ALS/CQI Coordinator who had previously worked for both Monterey County and Riverside County EMS agencies. Laura has also served as an MICN in Orange County. She succeeds Vicki Sweet, RN who retired in November.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting need to reflect the presence of Ruth Clark, RN, Orange County Global Medical Center was inadvertently omitted from the meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with this correction.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **OCEMS Report**

David Johnson reported that Orange County EMS staff continue to staff a mobile vaccination clinic on Mondays and the Logistics section on Wednesdays at the HCA Operations Center.

- **Ambulance Ordinance Update:** Dr. Schultz reported that while the ambulance ordinance does not impact facilities (with the exception of ambulance patient off-load times), it is important to note the effect it does have on the hospitals. Ambulance Ordinance 3517 was last updated in April 1985 and contains terminology that is no longer relevant. Input for an updated ordinance was received from fire service providers, ambulance service providers and the cities.
- **Orange County EMS Website:** Orange County EMS website is in the process of being updated and the old URLs are no longer operational. The new website link is www.ocalthinfo.com/ems. He reported on changes made to policies, procedures and standing orders that went into effect on April 1, 2021.
- **Health Emergency Management Report:** Danielle Ogaz reported that the HCA Operations Center is presently at a Level 2 alert and that OCEMS staff continues to staff the Logistics section on Wednesday to process resource requests with the warehouse opened five days a week for distribution of supplies. Ms. Ogaz reported that new HEM staff are being hired and they are working on grant activity for the new fiscal year.
- **Public Health (COVID) Update:** Dr. Grewal reported that data relating to COVID continues to trend in the right direction. Orange County is trending towards the “yellow” tier. The number of vaccinations taking place are trending downward, with Orange County continuing to hold mobile vaccination clinics in Orange County.
- **Specialty Centers (CCERC, SNRC, CVRC, Trauma)**
Mr. Johnson reported this item is a standing item on the agenda. Annabelle Anderson reported that the injury prevention ad hoc group met and that a representative from the Fire EMS Coordinators will be joining the meeting. Two trauma centers, Mission Hospital and Orange County Global Medical Center are preparing for virtual site surveys this year. Dr. Lekawa asked questions about some of the questions asked regarding staffing discussed during the survey that had already taken place.
- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report**
Laurent Repass reported that Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times (APOT) have been reported since 2017. He stated that there was a dramatic increase in APOT times during the pandemic in 2020. Jason Azuma introduced the new APOT dashboard which includes APOT gauges for each facility. The APOT gauges measure APOT data from each hospital for the past 24 hours.
- **Facility Diversion Report**
David Johnson reported that there has been a significant decline in hospital diversion data and more normal diversion hours are being reported. It was noted that trauma diversion has declined from a rate of 1% - 2% to a rate of 0.1% to 0.2%.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None reported.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **OCEMS Policy/Procedure #300.50: Emergency Receiving/Specialty Center Data Reporting**

Dr. Schultz reported this policy has been updated for the purpose of consolidating all data reporting elements into one single policy. This allows Orange County EMS staff to update the policy in a quick and efficient

manner. It also allows hospital staff to locate all data elements in a single policy should they have multiple designations. Each specialty receiving center criteria policy will reference this policy for the data elements.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting location: to be determined.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.