



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY
Regulatory / Medical Health Services
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
405 W. Fifth Street, Suite 301A
Santa Ana, CA 92701



FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- ☒ Peter Anderson, MD (exc.)
- ☒ Michael Lekawa, MD
- ☒ Chien Sun, MD, MD
- ☐ Alaine Schauer, RN
- ☐ Vacant
- ☒ Meghann Ord, RN
- ☒ Sheryl Riccardi, RN
- ☒ Mary Slattery, RN
- ☐ Bryan Johnson, RN

REPRESENTING

- OCMA/ED Physicians
- Trauma Medical Directors
- Managed Health Care Physicians
- Base Hospital Administrators
- ERC Hospital Administrators
- Base Hospital Coordinators
- OC ED Nursing Leadership
- Trauma Program Coordinators
- Fire Chiefs EMS Coordinators

Carl Schultz, MD
Gagandeep Grewal, MD
Laurent Repass, NRP
Adrian Rodriguez
Danielle Ogaz
David Johnson, RN
Meng Chung, EMT-P
Philip Grieve
Irma Chavando
Erica Moojen
Eileen Endo

OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

- EMS Medical Director
- Associate EMS Medical Director
- EMS Information Systems Chief
- EMS Performance Chief
- EMS Systems & Standards Chief
- EMS Contractor EMS
- EMS BLS Coordinator
- EMS ALS/CQI Coord.
- Staff Assistant
- EMS Office Supervisor
- Office Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME

REPRESENTING

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| Sharon Richards | - | Hospital Association of Southern California |
| Anabella Anderson, RN | - | Mission Hospital |
| Drew Bernard | - | Emergency Ambulance Service |
| Ruth Clark, RN | - | Orange County Global Medical Center |
| Chris Waddell, RN | - | Huntington Beach Hospital |
| Karen Sharp, RN | - | Saddleback Memorial Medical Center |
| Christopher Leo | - | UCI Medical Center |
| Whitney Ayers | - | Hospital Association of Southern California |
| Luke Schademan | - | Saddleback Memorial Hospital |
| Josh Dean | - | Premier Ambulance |
| Claus Hecht, MD | - | Orange County Fire Authority |
| Julie Mackie, RN | - | Mission Hospital |
| Patrick Powers | - | City of Placentia |
| Debbie Tracy | - | Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center |

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| Nicole Miller, RN | - | Mission Hospital |
| Colette Baeza, RN | - | UCI Medical Center |
| Robert Viera | - | Falck Corp. |
| Augustus (Titus) Ynares, RN | - | Garden Grove Hospital |
| Heidi Yttri, RN | - | St. Jude Medical Center |
| Kim Zaky, RN | - | Children's Hospital of Orange County |
| Juliann Larsen, RN | - | Saddleback Memorial Medical Center |
| Shelley Brukman, RN | - | CHOC |
| Laura Cross, RN | - | Mission Hospital |
| Efren Grospe, RN | - | Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center |
| Kristen Karpow | - | Orange County Global Medical Center |
| Nicole Plouffe, RN | - | CHOC |
| Bill Sullivan | - | Orange County Fire Authority |
| Amy Waunch, RN | - | CHOC |

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philip Grieve is the new ALS Coordinator. He is a paramedic by training and has vast knowledge and experience. David Johnson is back on contract and working part-time.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting was not approved

IV. OCEMS REPORT

• OCEMS Report:

Dr. Gagandeep Grewal – COVID-19 positivity case rates are coming down 12 cases per 100k; 189 hospitalizations and 25 in the ICU are also decreasing. There is pressure on the EMS system with high

transport volumes and above average diversion and APOT. The BA5 variant is the most prominent of COVID. The latest vaccine has been updated to cover the BA4, and the BA5 variants (in addition to the original strain) as a booster and is now available. Monkey pox disease has been spreading worldwide; there are 59k cases, 22k cases in the US, 4k cases in California, and 200 cases in Orange County. Public Health has been giving vaccinations. CDC is warning about rhinovirus and enterovirus infections nationwide that have been causing an uptick of cases requiring admission. CHOC is monitoring the situation. One of the inner virus variants causing some of these initial admissions is the one responsible for acute flaccid myelitis but there have been no cases reported in Orange County; nonetheless, that is a significant reason to monitor.

We have been following a heatwave emergency and heat related illnesses from HEM/EMS standpoint. Vicky monitored and followed those trends that have calmed down. We notified some healthcare facilities in the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) zones of a potential outage, but we don't believe they were affected.

The AOC is still distributing test kits actively. We have BinaxNOW professional use test kits. If interested, reach out to us, and we will supply them. There are also over the counter test kits available; we reserved those for the most vulnerable high-risk populations in OC congregate living, the disadvantaged, or the uninsured. Please reach out to us if you have a need. We are working to increase participation in the healthcare coalition. HEM has three new team members. We are planning drills and exercises.

Conferences: California Hospital Association (CHA) Disaster Conference, September 13-14, 2022, Pasadena
EMSA Trauma Summit, October 6, 2022 (registration is still open)
EMS for Children Education Forum, November 3, 2022 (Virtual)
National Pediatric Disaster Conference, October 27-28, 2022, Arizona (Virtual)
<https://coyotecampaign.org/NPDconference-2022/>

- **Specialty Centers (CCERC, SNRC, CVRC, Trauma):**

CHOC has created two educational activities for EDs and prehospital. You can incorporate a child abuse recognition virtual escape room in your training. The newborn resuscitation educational package comes with PowerPoint, speaker notes, cheat sheets, and simulation if you want to incorporate into your training and virtual game. If you are interested, I will be happy to share it with you.

Anabella Anderson / Mission – The Trauma Program Managers have our coalition meeting today. We have quite a few items on the agenda and will have more to report at the next Facility meeting. Ad Hoc Data was still working through CHOC trauma centers and the County ensuring we have the same codes for mechanisms with injury.

Dr. Grewal the American College of Surgeons has recently updated their guidelines, including their trauma triage guidelines. We will look into that to see if we need to modify our triage policies if they become official.

Dr. Mike Lekawa we had our Grand Rounds for our Southwest Regional Trauma Coordinating Care Committee. We had an update on the new Gray Book guidelines by Dean Marquillees. We had an update on Military Trauma training by Commander Jeffrey Chao. Those new criteria will be in effect for all site visits in 2023. It is recorded if anybody wants to hear the update and is available online. Post-COVID, we reinstated our military training program; we had a 10-member team from Camp Pendleton First Med Battalion has now rotated to fully staffed and credentialed at UCI.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Times (APOT):**

Laurent Repass reported on the APOT reports for June and July. July was our busiest transport month, with 16 hospitals APOT is over 30 minutes and 16,379 EMS transports. APOT of the 90th percentile countywide was 36 minutes from June through August. August 15,962 EMS transports for the month. We continue to release our monthly report. In addition, we have a daily APOT report, and Bi ERC posted on the website.

- **Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project**

Laurent Repass - The Bi-Directional Data we have signed agreements from 12 hospitals. We are actively working with three hospital groups UCI, CHOC, and Prime Healthcare hospitals. We are finalizing nondisclosure agreements and security IT reviews between software vendors, and once this is complete, we can begin the technical implementation and earnest. In the next 3 weeks, we will start technical work with UCI. We will continue to agendize this item. We anticipate that the project is complete by June 30,

2023.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Schultz will reach out to the hospitals with APOT issues. I will try to work with them to bring their numbers down.

Laura Cross / Mission do you have plans to implement no ED diversion as one of the steps to control this?

Dr. Schultz is not taking it off the table as a potential option.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Schultz – I sent out a letter last week and explained the updates to our policies, procedures, and standing orders. Policy 315 scope of practice for EMTs added Item #3 to be consistent with the State. Policy 310.20 We are combining the old IFT-ALS standing orders with our current 911 standing order for para medicine.

I will review suggestions about other policies until the next cycle.

Change in bypassing hospitals even if it is open by Paramedics and EMTs if their APOT time is greater than 60 minutes – letter sent out a while ago. They would have authorization from OCEMS to pick another facility.

State advisory group that met multiple representations across the EMS spectrum came up with a recommendation for a 20-minute standard for APOTs, which is substantially lower than what I support, or the State adopts through legislation. Therefore, I am trying to make everyone aware of this simultaneously without jeopardizing patient care, improving patient care, and sending them to a hospital that can care for them without taking the draconian step of mandating no diversion.

Kim Zaky, HCCOC EMS Advisory Committee has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 28, at 10:30 a.m. hybrid option. Again, we are looking for representatives from all facilities ED staff and EMS providers.

VII. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36.