



# Health Care Coalition of Orange County

## Advisory Committee

### EMS

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Location: ZOOM**

<https://zoom.us/j/94984561407?pwd=M0ZCbEtTbTBTY1hHSFJTbjjXV01TQT09>

1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

**Meeting ID:** 949 8456 1407

**Passcode:** 091037

## A G E N D A

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of September 28, 2022 minutes

*Attachment #1*

### IV. EMS/HEM REPORT

- EMS Health Emergency Management Report

### V. OLD BUSINESS

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### VI. NEW BUSINESS

### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Roundtable

### VIII. NEXT MEETING

- March 8, 2023, 10:30 – 11:30am, Zoom/TBD
- General HCCOC Meeting – January 26, 2023, 10:30am-12:00pm, Zoom/TBD
- 2023 Meetings Schedule

*Attachment #2*

### IX. ADJOURNMENT



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Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Location: HEM AOC & ZOOM**

## Minutes

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by Teresa Polinski at 10:32 a.m.

### **II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Attendance information obtained from roll call and zoom participant report

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The June 8, 2022 minutes were approved

### **IV. BURN DISCUSSION**

- Teresa introduced Dr. James Jeng from UCI, a burn disaster expert with the American Burn Association
- We would like to come together and achieve an overall preparedness plan
- Teresa asked if any hospitals have a plan now for a mass evacuation or a mass influx of burn patients.
- Chris Riccardi stated that he believes the hospitals are not at a place of true preparedness to meet a large MCI. We definitely have gaps in our preparedness and planning
- Dr. Shaikh does not believe we are as prepared as we could be for a burn related event. Dr. Jeng brought the expertise and was able to explain what the needs are and what we should be planning for. The hope of this is to bring together the expertise of the group and come up with a plan.
- Dr. Jeng stated that UCI is a part of the western region of the American Burn Association disaster plans. He is currently working on high level organization for mass burn casualties at federal and national levels, but it boils down to the state and local levels. UCI does have plans. We are never completely ready, and you don't want to get smug in this game because when you get smug you get smacked down.
- Teresa asked if we currently have any guidance for how are we going to allocate patients in the event of a burn disaster.
  - Dr. Grewal said we have started a preliminary burn plan. It's a general plan, other than identifying UCI and OC Global as certified burn centers in Orange County. He has reached out to them both about trying to get specific burn plans in terms of burn surge. The trauma centers would be the next step after that. The DASH tool (<https://dashtool.org/>) that talks about what kind of burn supplies you should have on hand depending on what kind of facility you have. We haven't quite implemented that into a plan yet.
- Dr. Jeng recommended the article: District of Columbia Emergency Healthcare Coalition Burn Mass Casualty Plan: Development to Exercise Date (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27388884/>). He suggests using this as a go-by for a turnkey solution for Orange County. In 2017, DC published a paper that talks about what Orange County has been talking about. <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/14-dcehc-burn-response-plan-508.pdf>. He proposes we plagiarize what was written in DC and use it as a blueprint to conduct the same thing in Orange County. No one is going to be upset about plagiarizing this because it was published so other jurisdictions could mimic what was done in DC.

- Teresa asked if it is the EMS Advisory group or the larger HCCOC group to look at this plan and the different action items and if this is something we can move forward on as a group?
  - Chris Riccardi suggested sharing it with the Hospital Advisory group and setting up a sub-committee
  - Dr. Jeng commented that we want 110% buy-in from the government, it's not just a hospital thing.
- Dr. Shaikh proposed that we look at our own current policies, practices, and protocols are and bring that back to our next meeting so we can see where we are at, then at the same time look at the blueprint Dr. Jeng has provided us and bring these together and come up with a plan for OC.
- Chad Cossey recommended having a workgroup with a representative that can attend each HCCOC Advisory group meeting.
- Dr. Grewal wanted to reiterate that this is the EMS Advisory Committee and from this group specifically what will we need, his thought is to get from the fire agencies what their plans and needs are to interact with the hospitals because it will start from the field to the local hospitals. After that will be the larger distribution. We need the fire agencies burn plans and how do they see their role in getting patients where they need to go and how do the hospitals receive those patients.

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**V. NEXT MEETING**

- December 14, 2022, 10:30 – 11:30am, Zoom/TBD

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

- 11:37 a.m.



**Health Care Coalition of Orange County  
EMS Advisory Committee**

**2023 MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

- **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**
- **Wednesday, June 7, 2023**
- **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**
- **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

**Meetings are held quarterly  
(March, June, September, and December)**

**Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Location:**

**Zoom/TBD**

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