



**COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.  
 Location: HCA Conference Room 433

**MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theodore Heyming, MD	- BHPD – Children’s Hospital of Orange County	<input type="checkbox"/> Capt. Brandon Grinstead	- Orange County Fire Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Jon Cline MD	- BHPD – Mission Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Lopez, EMT-P	- Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Granata, MD	- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Barry, EMT-P	- Anaheim Fire & Rescue
<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Hunt, MD (excused)	- BHPD – Hoag Hospital		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iksoo Kang, MD	- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Dibb	- EMT Training Programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric McCoy, MD (excused)	- BHPD – UCI Medical Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Patty Gleed, RN (excused)	- Paramedic Training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Ngo, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Horner, EMT-P	- Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Unger, MD (excused)	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Nichols, RN	- ED Nursing Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Katzer, MD	- Anaheim Fire & Rescue		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claus Hecht MD	- Orange County Fire Authority		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shira Schlesinger, MD	- Newport Beach Fire Department		
		<b><u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u></b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Afrasiabi, RN	- BHC – UCI Medical Center	Carl Schultz, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	- BHC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	- Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cross, RN	- BHC – Mission Hospital	Jason Azuma, EMT-P	- OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meghann Ord, RN	- BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital	Philip Grieve, EMT	- EMS ALS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Patt, RN	- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital	Fran Cohen, RN	- EMS Nurse Liaison
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Yttri, RN	- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center	Erica Moojen	- EMS Office Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Zaky, RN	- BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange County	Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
		Drew Bernard	- EMS Specialist
<b><u>GUESTS PRESENT</u></b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Shira Schlesinger called the meeting to order.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jill Patt is the new Base Hospital Coordinator at Huntington Beach H

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting was approved as submitted.**

**IV. OCEMS REPORT**

• **Medical Director’s Report**

Dr. Schultz – Ebola situation is not stressful. A low issue will not rise to level of concern for hospitals. Nine other patients not in rural area of Uganda reported Ebola. Public Health has no restrictions on patients. We have contingency plans to let groups know. Not notify by name, but address only. Dispatch unit will know to do screening questions. Paramedics have protocol in place. Same protocol as Ebola 2014. RSV is area of concern. Report from Medical Advisory Committee meeting urgent. How do we move forward as it has been during last 3 weeks? We will breach CHOC help. Declared a state of emergency. No other counties declared yet. They want to transfer patients to us in Orange County.

• **Health Emergency Management (Disaster Report):**

Dr. Grewal COVID-19 positivity cases are slowly decreasing. Respiratory Virus is showing up in 2-4, 5 variants. Cancer antibodies vaccine still effective. Bivalent boosters’ not great uptake. Modeling surge mid or late this month in COVID and other virus. RSV early increase usually seen in December – January is causing pressure on system. Rhinovirus, echovirus are much higher than standard cold virus, causing more

pediatric admissions. Influenza increasing. September was light green, October yellow, dark orange in California. Next is red. Flu vaccine is effective. Monkey pox is dwindling. Rash and body aches. AOC still have allocation of professional use COVID Test Kits for general underserved population. Reach out to hospital, if needed.

Upcoming Conferences:

- EMSA Trauma Summit, October 6, 2022
- National Pediatric Disaster Conference, October 27-28, 2022, Arizona (Virtual)  
<https://coyotecampaign.org/NPDconference-2022/>
- EMS for Children Virtual Education Forum, November 3, 2022
- Radiation training is on November 17, 2022. Reach out if you want to participate.
- National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference, November, 29 – December 1, 2022, Anaheim Marriott  
<https://web.cvent.com/event/8b94d7c7-bef7-4f4c-bd0c-451940b01ab4/websitePage:0d83fcf6-9693-456f-8682-1d0ef8eb3a72?locale=en-US&tm=AoGVcXnLtFtsb5YA33EfqtSujoH8bk6CO-SyNIMJeE>

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time:**

David Johnson reported that APOT is higher than ever. Typically, it has been 24-26 minutes for several years. May and June it has gone up over 30 minutes. Multi-factorial issue policy by certain facilities 450 911 calls/day is now up over 500/day. Hospitals are overwhelmed and burned out. Ambulances are on the wall trying to address as best as they can. This data is reported to the state. Do not report diversion to the state. Guesstimate failure to meet benchmarks in the future. Should get CFO's attention. State set benchmark at 20 minutes versus 30 minutes. Not sure if that is what they will do.

- **Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project**

Dr. Grewal - The Bi-Directional Data exchange is the EPCR transmit to hospital in real time and get hospital data back. 75% deliveries contract made connection, but have not started transmittals yet. CDC Grant funding based on transport volume. \$300,000,000 maximum fund, minimum \$50,000-\$100,000. The idea is to cover all costs. It will go through hospital hub. Discharge codes ICD9 to see outcome.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- *None discussed.*

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Pediatric Surge plan**

Dr. Schultz – The County does not have a Pediatric Surge Plan. We have a Pediatric Annex. Staged movement of patient responsibility to other hospitals rather than CHOC. CHOC says they cannot accept more patients. Hospitals under tier 2 are Fountain Valley with a PICU. Kaiser Anaheim has the same. Can shift some patients to other hospitals. (Average) rating to see 3 kinds in other Emergency Departments. Look at license of other facilities. Most hospitals do not have pediatric care. OC Global, South Coast Global, they used to be Reds. EMS will ask them to do something, but not a lot. Asking them to be prepared. They would rather transfer out of county to riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles. By the responsibility mutual Aid. Available or not. Worst-case scenario might have to manage Peds patients in an adult hospital. I have a call this afternoon with CNOs, Staff waivers, Governors political rail. EMS has asked about it. So far would love a state health emergency for Orange County from governor. Then we have more resources to use. Now that election is over, we are hopeful on more response from state for future pediatric handler to help with this.

- **Updated Hospital Designations**

Dr. Shultz gave David Johnson's Report – Twenty-Five hospitals, thirteen Cardiac receiving centers, Nine Stroke Neuro Receiving Centers, Four Trauma Centers. Reviewed. All of these facilities are compliant. Designations will continue for three years.

- **ED Diversion & CVRC and SNRC ReddiNet Diversion**  
Dr. Schultz sent a memo regarding ED Diversion & CVRC. Funded or patient walk-in or arrives at ED Ambulance open stroke or STEMI. If ERC is so overwhelmed and had to go on diversion, staff overwhelmed to care of patients. Link closures of ERC with CVRC not enforced. Some facilities did more than others did. Policy did not occur. Memo 10/11 linked closure ERC ReddiNet with other stuff. Does not apply to spoke hospital. If stroke hub is closed, can still send patient there to hub. Safety issues, fire, etc. Paramedic understands how system works.
- **Update of I-20**  
Dr. Schultz – I-20 is a guideline of pediatric medication volume. Weights were updated. Midazolam IM injection to start process quickly. Midazolam for seizures moved to the top. Thanked Kim Zaky who made this work. We try to make it as useful as possible.

VII. **Advisory Committee Reports**

- **Base Hospital Coordinators** - *Julia Afrasiabi reported:*  
There is not a lot going on. We finished last MICN class. Deciding on how to train MICNS to get them up and running. We are aware of the Pediatric Memo that was sent out. Medics challenge of finding a destination. No FEAR Conference is tomorrow. Free food, Raffle at Mission hospital. Tonight is virtual. Topics are Fentanyl, Eating Disorders, Human Trafficking and SNRC.
- **Orange County Fire Chief EMS** – *Jeff Lopez reporting*  
OCFA is dark in December. Will start in January. Gathering in December with Patti Gleed. Fire Chief Approval, Secretary in January, CQI Requesting 1-20 clearer version.
- **Orange County Nursing Leadership** – *Kim Nichols reporting:*  
No Report.
- **Facilities Advisory Subcommittee**  
No Report

IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.