



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



## REGULAR MEETING

Friday, October 14, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

**Location: Via Zoom**

## M I N U T E S

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Health Care Agency Staff</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael S. Ritter, MD	– Orange County Medical Assn. (SOCEP)	Chi Rajalingham	– Assist. Dir., Health Care Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arturo Pedroza	– Board of Supervisors, First District	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director,
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Grihalva, MICP	– Board of Supervisors, Second District	Almaas Shaikh, MD	– Health Care Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Munzing, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Third District	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis Estevez	– Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN	– Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Heyming, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Rommel Navarro	– Chief Pharmacist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert M. Viera	– Ambulance Association of Orange County	Adrian Rodriguez	– EMS Performance Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Firey	– American Red Cross	Laurent Repass	– EMS Information Systems Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Kuo	– City Selection Committee	Danielle Ogaz	– EMS Systems & Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Killebrew	– Orange County City Managers Association	Wayne Tolosa	– HEM Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Adam Loeser	– Orange County Fire Chief Association	Denamarie Baker	– Sr. Emergency Management Coord.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Gibbs, MD	– Orange County Medical Association	Jason Azuma, NRP	– OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Stu Greenberg	– Orange County Police Chiefs' & Sheriffs Assn.	Philip Grieve, EMT-P	– ALS Coordinator
		Meng Chung	– BLS Coordinator
		Erica Moojen	– EMS Office Supervisor
		Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
		Lisa Wilson	– Information Processing Technician
<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>			
Julia Afrasiabi, RN	– UCI Medical Center	Vishal Raj	– Falck Mobile Health Corp.
Colette Baeza, RN	– UCI Medical Center	Adrianna Nieto-Sayegh, RN	– Laguna Beach Comm. Clinic
Dave Barry	– Anaheim Fire Department	Alaine Schauer, RN	– Mission Hospital
Rob Capobianco	– Orange County Fire Authority	Genise Silva, RN	– Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Laurent Tarzjani	– Anaheim Fire Department
Beckie Gomez	– City of Tustin	Tetsuo Takeuchi, MD	– Mission Hospital
Ted Lavino	– One Heart	Kristin Thompson, RN	– Newport Beach Fire Department
John Maier	– Huntington Beach Hospital	Jacob Wagoner	– Lynch Ambulance Service
Brenda Mercado		Bill Weston	– Emergency Ambulance Service
Kimberly Nichols, RN	– Placentia Linda Hospital	Scott White	– Falck Mobile Health Corp.
Meghann Ord, RN	– Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian	Heidi Yttri, RN	– St. Jude Medical Center
Patrick Powers, EMT-P	– City of Placentia	Kim Zaky, RN	– CHOC Children's Hospital

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Michael Ritter, MD.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the July 8, 2022, meeting were approved.

**4. OCEMS REPORT**

- **Medical Director's Report**

- **Health Emergency Management Report**

Dr. Grewal reported that APOT greater than 60 minutes in effect over 1 month. Mike Killebrew asked about APOT regarding arrival on scene. Tammi McConnell answered that the County in response to EOA January report taken down. May bring this up at the end of the agenda. We have APOT & Diversion dashboards. We had information internal - reluctant to share it. Asked by hospitals to put it up so they could see their own APOT by day and compare themselves to other hospitals.

Dr. Grewal reported that the COVID-19 case rates are decreasing to under seven per gradual decline. Swapped variant for another one. Hospital admissions declined. Flu season is significant in Australia. Still mild in California. Everyone is encouraged to get the flu vaccine. Omicron variant is substantial. Ebola reared its ugly head of 70 cases with 39 deaths. Virus spread to capitol. It might spread across us. Dr. Schultz is monitoring communication with local health department and will advise prehospital if things change.

AOC is winding down, still supporting vaccine mobile pods. The AOC has excess surplus. Hospitals can place an order, if any surplus items are needed. Training on Radiation is November 17. Mobile field shelter training is October 25, 26 & 27. National HCC conference is October 29 through November 1. Virtual 27-28, EMSA conference is November 3.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report and Diversion Report: July to December 2022**

APOT & Diversion times in July through December were higher than normal. We are monitoring closely. 36 minutes last 3 months. Greatest amount of transport we have ever seen in the last 3 months. This correlates to diversion. Data display busier out there indicators of Stress. The numbers are updated every day.

- **Bi-Directional Exchange Project**

Laurent Repass Bi-Directional countywide project funded by CDC. Quality Assurance, System Surveillance due date by end of next year. Two-thirds of hospitals signed contract. Working with several hospitals. UCI is leader of the pack. Memorial Care and Kaiser engaged with them. Laurent will continue to give updates about the project.

- **EMCC Correspondence**

Tammi McConnell Correspondence - Medical changes of policy  
Laurent Repass Several documents reflect on what has been going on since October 1. Every 6 months April New policies – updates or deleted. Most are optional for 6 months then mandatory after 6 months. Synopsis of what was done for each policy document has been around for a while.

- **FY 2021-22 EMCC Report**

V. **EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS** by Carl Schultz

- **Facilities Advisory Committee (September 12, 2022) by Carl Schultz**

Facilities Advisory Committee meeting discussed the major topics that were mentioned today. The next Facilities Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2022.

- **County Prehospital Advisory Committee (September 14, 2022) by Carl Schultz**

This Committee discussed policy #300.30, which went into effect in April 2022, but remained optional until October 2022. The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2022.

- **Transportation Advisory Committee (October 5, 2022) by Rob Viera**

Annual inspection time. One Hundred Thirty Seven ambulances were inspected with only one failure. OC MEDS system align. Supply chain issues delay. Ambulance rate adjustment. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2023.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Proposed Ambulance Rate Adjustment by Tammi McConnell**

**Recommended Action: *Endorse Recommendation***

Agenda items and what is done for the year is sent to the state and filed. No action needed on that part.

Endorsement of proposal at bottom of page 25 EMCC representative on phone. Call if any more questions.

- Mike Killebrew Public comments from Fire Authority question. Steve Capobianco meeting with Fire next week outstanding issue – *understand position, should not wait regarding BLS Rate holding up in County could help in cities. City relies on methodology increase in county rates.*
- Mike Killebrew Medical supply rate issue between OCFA and County – *still working on it.*
- Mike Killebrew Cities members of contract – *County Contracts covers 19 cities. Historically County Fire Dept and County transportation. OCFA 24 cities. Not all equal rates. Did not start on the same plane. County \$200. Anaheim \$300. Part of the dispute that we have now with medical supplies rate costs payback to OCFA. Years of Medicare billing and kickback of bill Medicare no longer allowed for indirect costs in cost of medical supply – drive car to station, ambulance companies that bill Medicare at risk regarding anti-trust program. They have to start paying.*
- Kristin Thompson from Newport Beach Fire department Public agencies that transport do not look at county rates for fee studies. All internal fee studies for rates.
- Dave Barry from Anaheim Fire department Standby Hospital Rate starts the minute of arrival at hospital to standby. We aligned timing to be the same as LA County.
- Robert Viera made motion to approve – Art Pedroza 1<sup>st</sup> – David Gibbs 2<sup>nd</sup>

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

**VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS**

*None*

**IX. PUBLIC FORUM**

*None made.*

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (location to be determined)

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.