



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
 Location: HCA Conference Room 433

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Theodore Heyming, MD
- Jon Cline MD
- Robert Granata, MD
- Matthew Hunt, MD (excused)
- Iksoo Kang, MD
- Eric McCoy, MD (excused)
- David Ngo, MD
- Kelly Unger, MD (excused)
- Robert Katzer, MD
- Claus Hecht MD
- Shira Schlesinger, MD
- Julia Afrasiabi, RN
- Ruth Clark, RN
- Laura Cross, RN
- Meghann Ord, RN
- Jill Patt, RN
- Heidi Yttri, RN
- Kim Zaky, RN

REPRESENTING

- BHPD – Children’s Hospital of Orange County
- BHPD – Mission Hospital
- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
- BHPD – Hoag Hospital
- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center
- BHPD – UCI Medical Center
- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- Anaheim Fire & Rescue
- Orange County Fire Authority
- Newport Beach Fire Department
- BHC – UCI Medical Center
- BHC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
- BHC – Mission Hospital
- BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital
- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital
- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center
- BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange County

MEMBERS

- Capt. Brandon Grinstead
- Jeff Lopez, EMT-P
- Dave Barry, EMT-P
- Patrick Dibb
- Patty Gleed, RN (excused)
- Justin Horner, EMT-P
- Kim Nichols, RN

REPRESENTING

- Orange County Fire Authority
- Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
- Anaheim Fire & Rescue
- EMT Training Programs
- Paramedic Training
- Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee
- ED Nursing Leadership

OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

- Carl Schultz, MD
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD
- Laurent Repass, NRP
- Jason Azuma, EMT-P
- Philip Grieve, EMT
- Genise Silva, RN
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- Drew Bernard
- EMS Medical Director
- Associate EMS Medical Director
- EMS Information Systems Chief
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- EMS ALS Coordinator
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- EMS Office Supervisor
- Office Specialist
- EMS Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME

- John Maier
- Nick Berkuta
- Patrick Powers
- Colette Baeza
- Kristen Karpow
- Daniel Graham

REPRESENTING

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- San Clemente
- City of Placentia
- UCI Medical Center
- Orange County Global Medical Center
- Liberty Ambulance

MEMBERS

- Todd Costa
- Josh Dean
- Shelley Brukman
- Ryan Kreager
- William Orr
- Phil Robinson

REPRESENTING

- OCFA
- Premier Ambulance
- CHOC
- Mercy Air
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I. **CALL TO ORDER** – *Ted Heyming*

Meeting was called to order.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – *Carl Schultz*

Introduced Mike Noone, Assistant EMS Director, Genise Silva, EMS Facilities Coordinator and Philip Grieve, EMS ALS/CQI Coordinator.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *Ted Heyming*

Minutes from the November 9, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- Medical Director’s Report - *Carl Schultz*
Ebola is no more. Done with outbreak.
- Health Emergency Management (Disaster Report) – *Gagandeep Grewal*
COVID-19 numbers are stable. Thirteen cases per hundred thousand. Prior numbers were 40s 200, 70s, 80s. Past week low hospital 300s. ICU 13 patients. New variant XEE.1.5 in East. Omicron variant expected to increase. A lot of antibodies effective. Therapeutics effective, but not monoclonal vaccines moderately effective. Land increases in state. Enterovirus & Rhinovirus increasing. Agencies deactivating immunization PODS. Current ED volumes high.

- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Laurent Repass*
December APOT over 30 minutes. Busiest transports 16,701 plus. Track on daily and monthly basis. 24-hour gauges. Implement 12-hour gauges to add more degree of sensitivity. 24-hour based on data over a 24-hour period. More current data.
- Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project – *Laurent Repass*
Working with Providence & Kaiser. Document approved by Board of Supervisors. Long process involved a lot of stakeholders. Reports that have been built will have to be re-done. Run form requires new changes to align with new standards. We must manage changes for the least amount of impact.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- *Informational Item Only*: Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #714.00: Maximum Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- #4477 Refresher Memo EMS Interventions – *Carl Schultz*
- Letter #4522 NEMSIS v3.5 Implementation Plan 01.03.2023 – *Laurent Repass*
We will iron out issues the last couple of weeks of the year.

VII. **Advisory Committee Reports**

- Base Hospital Coordinators - *Heidi Yttri*
No Fear Conference is February 17th from 8-12. Registration opened today. Free education on cardiac. Pre-testing for next MICN class starting in March.
- Orange County Fire Authority – *Justin Horner*
January 5th was the first meeting of the year. New roles Jeff Lopez, HB, Barry VP, Laura Lee Secretary.
- Orange County Nursing Leadership – *Kim Nichols*
The group meets on January 27th. Amy emailed Eileen about ED Director of Fountain Valley.
- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee – *Carl Schultz*
Facilities meeting looked like what we discussed. Calling 911 for ICU transfers? How often is this going on? 911 is designed for out-patients. 911 for ICU to ICU is not preferred. Unsafe practice. Once in ICU there is a nurse on 24-hour basis. Transferring down to paramedic is not good for patients. Ok to see one or two times a year. Not more than that. Let the EMS Medical Director know if 911 is needed.
ERCs open on ReddiNet. Patient goes to nearest ERC up to paramedic whether to make base contact.
Policy 310.20 April 1st. Base Hospital Contact transfer one ER to another lifts mandate that all Base Hospital contact. Receiving Center trauma or stroke patient. Any IFT transfer all receive Base Hospital Contact. Make Base Hospital Contact optional unless, if you have to make Base Hospital Contact for stroke, STEMI. Language will change forth coming, shortly to Base Hospital Coordinators.
Drew Barry asked what type of patients are no contact. Carl replied septic patient or seizure, but controlled, stable. Various patients not trauma or stroke that do not need base contact.

IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42pm.