

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



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. Location: HCA Conference Room 433

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE							
<u>MI</u>	Jon Cline MD - Robert Granata, MD - Matthew Hunt, MD - Iksoo Kang, MD - Eric McCoy, MD - David Ngo, MD - Kelly Unger, MD - Robert Katzer, MD - Claus Hecht MD -	- - -	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 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 – Children's Hospital BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital		MBERS Jeff Lopez, EMT-P Dave Barry, EMT-P Patrick Dibb Patty Gleed, RN (excused)	-	REPRESENTING Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept. Representing Anaheim Fire & Rescue EMT Training Programs Paramedic Training
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	Julia Afrasiabi, RN Ruth Clark, RN Laura Cross, RN Cyndie Strader, RN Whitney Patnode, RN Jill Patt, RN Heidi Yttri, RN	- - - -				-	
GUESTS PRESENT							
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	helley Brukman, RN Iyan Creager		Children's Hospital of Orange County Mercy Air	Kim	ı Zaky	-	UCI Medical Center, Burn

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order by Dr. Shira Schlesinger who acted as Chair.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim Zaky, RN announced that she has accepted the position as Coordinator of the UCI Medical Center Burn Program and Whitney Patnode, RN was introduced as the new Base Hospital Coordinator at Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Shira Schlesinger

Minutes from the March 8, 2023, meeting approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

Medical Director's Report – Gagandeep Grewal reported:

Some hospitals have experienced issues with throughput and a few hospitals have experienced high APOT times. Jason Azuma will present more details with the APOT report.

• Health Emergency Management (Disaster Report) – Dr. Grewal reported:

Vaccination and travel mandates are being eliminated as COVID numbers have declined, making travel from outside of the U.S. much easier. The Federal Drug Administration has approved the administration of the RSV (Respiratory Syncital Virus) vaccine for those over the age of 60 years.

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The Health Care Agency's Operation Center is participating in the Statewide Medical Health Exercise held on November 16, 2023 which will include treating chemical burn and trauma patients and the Health Care Agency will be holding an educational planning meeting in June. The EMS Authority has cancelled both the Stroke and STEMI Summits scheduled for the end of June. The EMSA Trauma Summit is scheduled for October 3, 2023 and the EMS for Children's annual conference is scheduled for November 2, 2023. The EMS Administrators Association of California will host its annual conference from May 31 to June 1, 2023. The Southwest Regional Trauma Committee will host its grand rounds on September 6, 2023.

• Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – Jason Azuma

Attached to the agenda packet are March and April APOT and hospital diversion data reports. He praised providers for submission of data in an accurate and timely manner as this made providing the April reports in a timely manner.

Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project – Jason Azuma

The project is moving forward and a pilot should begin by the end of May. Testing with UCI Medical Center has gone well and another test pilot is expected to begin in the coming days. Dr. Schlesinger asked about demographic data. Mr. Azuma reported that during COVID, data was reviewed to determine the locations of vaccination clinics.

Transition to NEMSIS V3.5 – Jason Azuma

A run report form has been prepared using the NEMSIS V3.5 and Orange County EMS is asking for feedback from the provider agencies to determine what type of assistance may be needed to merge information from both forms as they are very different with the intention to make the transition to v3.5 much easier.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

• Status of Chapman Global Medical Center's ERC Designation – Dr. Grewal

Chapman Global Medical Center has decided not to appeal Orange County EMS' decision to revoke their designation as an Emergency Receiving Center. They are eligible to apply for designation in August, 2023. The hospital continues to receive walk-in traffic and nonemergency transport. Orange County EMS plans to revise Policy #645.00 and release it for public comment.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

• Use of Levalbuterol During Albuterol Shortage – Dr. Grewal

Dr. Schultz released a memorandum regarding the use of Levalbuterol in place of Albuterol due to the Albuterol shortage. There is also a shortage of Levalbuterol.

• Burn Procedures – Dr. Grewal reported

Dr. Schultz has would like to revise PR-03 and requested feedback from Committee members regarding the criteria and the number of diagrams needed to determine if a potential patient needs to go to a burn center. The conversation at the Medical Advisory Committee was primarily concentrated on pediatric burn patients. number of released a memorandum regarding the use of Levalbuterol in place of Albuterol due to the Albuterol shortage. There is also a shortage of Levalbuterol.

VII. Advisory Committee Reports

• Base Hospital Coordinators - Heidi Yttri reported

The base hospital coordinators discussed on IFT-ALS contacts, gave a reminder on the appropriate phone lines to use when a base hospital no contact is made, and doing additional MCI drills.

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• Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee -Justin Horner reported

Much of the discussion taking place here has been discussed, the release of policy updates similar to those made by LA County; and distribution of naloxone.

• Orange County Nursing Leadership - No report

The ED Nursing Leadership has not selected a new representative as of yet.

• Facilities Advisory Subcommittee - Genise Silva reported

The Facilities Advisory Committee met on May 9, 2023 and recommended the re-designation of Anaheim Regional Medical Center as an ERC and CVRC.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Phil Grieve asked for suggestions on improving meeting attendance and the variety of prehospital care personnel who attend meetings. Committee members suggested that the meeting could be considered as a REAC; have input on the items placed on the agenda; and also provide speakers for educational opportunities.

IX. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.