



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



REGULAR MEETING

Friday, July 14, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: County Administration North (CAN) Multipurpose Room
400 West Civic Center Drive, First Floor, Room 101, Santa Ana, CA 92701

M I N U T E S

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Health Care Agency Staff</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael S. Ritter, MD (excused)	– Orange County Medical Assn. (SOCEP)	Tammi McConnell MSN, RN	– EMS Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Cichon, MD	– 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, MPH	– Deputy County Health Officer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Munzing, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Third District	Mike Noone, NRP	– Assistant EMS Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis Estevez	– Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Kristen Karpow, RN	– EMS Systems & Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Heyming, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Adrian Rodriguez	– EMS Performance Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Karras	– Ambulance Association of Orange County	Denamarie Baker	– Sr. Emergency Management Coord.
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Firey (excused)	– American Red Cross	Jason Azuma	– OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Kalmick	– City Selection Committee	Drew Bernard	– EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Killebrew	– Orange County City Managers Association	Erica Moojen	– EMS Office Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Adam Loeser	– Orange County Fire Chief Association	Irma Chavando	– EMS Staff Assistant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Gibbs, MD	– Orange County Medical Association	Eileen Endo	– Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Stu Greenberg	– Orange County Police Chiefs' & Sheriffs Assn.		
<u>Guests Present</u>			
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Tiffany Sanders	– Falck Medical
Bryan Johnson, RN	– Orange City Fire Dept.	Jacob Wagoner	– Lynch EMS
Rhonda Rosati, RN	– Fullerton Fire Department	Heidi Yttri, RN	– St. Jude Medical Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ted Heyming, who acted as chair.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kristen Karpow, RN joined Orange County EMS staff as the new EMS Systems and Standards Chief. Kristen previously served as the Emergency Room Director at Orange County Global Medical Center.
- Dr. Patrick Cichon was introduced as the new representative from the office of Supervisor Andrew Do. Dr. Cichon serves as the representative for the First District and replaces Arturo Pedroza whose term ended on June 30, 2023.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 14, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.

4. OCEMS REPORT

- **Medical Director's Report** by Dr. Carl Schultz

Treatment Guidelines/Standing Orders have been revised so that both IFT and ALS paramedics follow the same standing orders and guidelines.

- **Health Emergency Management Report**

Denamarie Baker presented the report from Health Emergency Management which included the availability of professional use and personal use COVID test kits and a reminder that the Statewide Medical Health Exercise is planned for November 16, 2023.

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report and Diversion Report**

Jason Azuma reported on the June APOT data which still requires review before the report is available. Mr. Azuma reported that while there is a higher number of transports, APOT times are only a little higher than prior to the pandemic. Dr. Schultz reported on diversion data. The majority of hospitals are reporting under 200 hours per month with a few reporting greater than 200 hours.

- **Bi-Directional Exchange Project** by Jason Azuma

The Bi-Directional Data Exchange pilot between UCI Medical Center and Anaheim Fire is moving out of the pilot phase. Providence (Mission, St. Joseph, and St. Jude), Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser Anaheim and Kaiser Irvine) and Prime Healthcare (Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, La Palma, and West Anaheim Medical Center) systems are moving into the pilot component of project after having completed the test phase. He also reported that grant funding for this project is available through June 2024. Orange County EMS anticipates project completion by the end of 2023. Mr. Azuma answered questions asked by Committee members.

- **NEMSIS v3.5 Transition Plan Update** by Jason Azuma

Mr. Azuma presented a report on the status of the transition plan for NEMSIS v3.5. The agenda packet includes a status update on agencies' as they transition to NEMSIS v3.5. He reported that personnel will need to be trained on approximately 50 data elements.

5. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

- Kristen Karpow reported on items discussed at the Facilities Advisory Committee including OCEMS Policy/Procedure #645.00. She presented the reports for the re-designation of West Anaheim Medical Center's Cardiovascular Receiving Center and the re-designation of Anaheim Regional Medical Center.

Ms. Karpow reported that the Facilities Advisory Committee recommends that West Anaheim Medical Center's re-designation for a period of one year and that Anaheim Regional Medical Center be re-designated for a period of three years with each required to meet the conditions as outlined in the report.

The Emergency Medical Care Committee supports the recommendation made by the Facilities Advisory Committee that the EMS Medical Director re-designate West Anaheim Medical Center's CVRC for an additional one year. They also supported the recommendation that Anaheim Regional Medical Center be re-designation for a period of three years provided the facilities meet the conditions outlined in the report.

- The County Prehospital Advisory Committee (CPAC) met on July 12, 2023 and heard a presentation made by Jewel Loff from Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian on the hospital's sepsis study. Committee members made suggested changes to standing orders and procedures expected to be released on October 1, 2023.
- Transportation Advisory Committee also met on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 and discussed ambulance rates, upcoming 2024 ambulance inspections, and the challenges that ambulance service providers are facing in regards to the shortage they have been facing on units greater than ten years of age. The ambulance rates that are going into effect on July 1, 2023 require a review of the CPI tables that were changed and the new rates will be released in the next two weeks.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS – Reported by Dr. Schultz

- **Discussion on Proposed Update to Policy 645.00**

Dr. Schultz reported that OCEMS Policy/Procedure #645.00 outlines the suspension or revocation of a specialty center, emergency receiving center, training program, base hospital or 9-1-1/IFT ALS Provider designation. This policy will be released for public comment for a 50-day period and then brought to EMCC for final approval once public comments have been received and the policy revised.

8. PUBLIC FORUM *None heard*

9. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, meeting was adjourned.