



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
Location: HCA Conference Room 433

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Theodore Heyming, MD
- Jon Cline MD
- Robert Granata, MD
- Kelly Dodge, MD
- Ikssoo Kang, MD
- Eric McCoy, MD
- David Ngo, MD
- Kelly Unger, MD
- Robert Katzer, MD
- Shira Schlesinger, MD

- Julia Afrasiabi, RN
- Monica Layhee, RN
- Laura Cross, RN
- Whitney Patnode, RN
- Jill Patt, RN
- Heidi Yttri, RN
- Janael Rosenberg, RN

REPRESENTING

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

- BHC – UCI Medical Center
- BHC - Orange County Global
- BHC – Mission Hospital
- BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange County
- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital
- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center
- BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital

MEMBERS

- Jeff Lopez, EMT-P
- Dave Barry, EMT-P
- Patrick Dibb (excused)
- Patty Gleed, RN (excused)
- Justin Horner, EMT-P
- Todd Costa, RN
- Bryan Johnson, RN
- Cyndie Strader, RN

REPRESENTING

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

HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

- Carl Schultz, MD
 - Gagandeep Grewal, MD
 - Mike Noone, NRPT
 - Almaas Shaikh, MD
 - Laurent Repass, NRP
 - Jason Azuma, EMT-P
 - Philip Grieve, EMT-P
 - Kristen Karpow, RN
 - Genise Silva, RN
 - Ruth Clark, RN
 - Kelly Starr
 - Eileen Endo
- EMS Medical Director
 - Associate EMS Medical Director
 - Assistant EMS Administrator
 - Deputy County Health Officer
 - EMS Information & Analytics Chief
 - OC-MEDS Coordinator
 - EMS ALS Coordinator
 - EMS Systems & Standards Chief
 - EMS Facilities Coordinator
 - EMS Trauma Coordinator
 - Staff Assistant
 - Office Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME

- Shelley Brukman, RN
- Ryan Creager
- Mark Martinez
- Vishal Raj

REPRESENTING

- CHOC
- Mercy Air Service, Inc
- Costa Mesa Fire Dept.
- Falck Medical Corp.

NAME

- Kristin Thompson, RN
- Henry Villan
- Wendy Weiebach

REPRESENTING

- Newport Beach Fire Dept.
- Mission Hospital
- Orange County Fire Authority

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Johnson, who acted as chair, at 1:08 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Carl Schultz introduced Ruth Clark, RN, as the new EMS Trauma Coordinator. Eileen Endo introduced Cyndie Strader, RN, the new ED Nursing Leadership representative from Hoag, Monica Layhee, RN, is taking over for Ruth on an interim basis at OC Global and Dr. Kelly Dodge from Hoag, the new Base Hospital Representative.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Minutes from the July 12, 2023, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- Medical Director’s Report – *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*
We have been observing a trend of less pediatric volume going to UCI. The problem is that volume is a critical component for any pediatric trauma center to remain designated as such. Mission cannot be the only pediatric trauma center for a population of over 3.2 million citizens. Dr. Schultz would like to see at least 60-70 more patients a year sent to UCI for them to maintain their skills. Paramedics play the biggest roll in this. Any trauma center can take peds.

There are two policies out for public comment: The first one is dealing with EMT training. The schools that are providing EMT trainings are going to have to provide specific equipment for that instruction and that costs money. The second one is #645.00, the policy that directs OCEMS in the process that we need to comply with, whether we suspend or revoke someone's designation. That goes for the entire EMS system that we regulate. We believe we have fixed some of the areas that were egregious.

- **Health Emergency Management (Disaster Report) – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:***
COVID case rates are up. No definitive numbers due to testing rates being down. Hospitalizations are elevated. The FDA has approved a monovalent booster and removed approval of the bivalent booster, and the CDC recommended that approval. The flu vaccine is now available, and the egg allergy is no longer a contraindication. The RSV vaccine for over 60 is also available. Test kits are still available from the AOC. Professional kits still need the CLIA waiver. Over the counter kits for those who are supporting the uninsured and underinsured. The Statewide Medical and Health Exercise will be on November 16th. The EMS Advisory Committee meeting was this morning, and we are looking to get increased participation. We are going over surge and disaster plans.
- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal***
Transports are significantly high – 16,000, close to record high. APOTs are on the elevated side, now above 30 minutes consistently. Diversion was over 1,000 hours in July.
- **Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal***
We are still moving forward. UCI is fully on board. Anaheim, Orange and OCFA are getting on board. By December 60% of hospitals will be on board.
- **NEMSIS V3.5 Transition Update – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal***
There is a mandate to get implementation done in agencies and ambulance companies by October 1st. Some of the smaller ambulance companies have already started the NEMSIS 3.5 project. The drop-dead date is December 18th. By December 31st, the state will no longer accept the 3.4 data. The 3.4 and 3.5 data sets are not cross-compatible.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Draft Memo for EMS Policies - *Dr. Carl Schultz***
Two things missing: Trauma Triage Policy and the algorithm in the policy. They made some changes and recommendations because of NEMSIS 3.5 on what ought to be in the triage policy. It isn't clear on what the new Trauma Triage Policy is going to look like until he hears back from the trauma surgeons. There will be 23 updated policies, procedures and standing orders.

VII. **Advisory Committee Reports**

- **Base Hospital Coordinators - *Julia Afrasiabi reported***
Starting new MICN class this month. No Fear Conference on November 10th at Mission. The topic is "Great Saves".
- **Orange County Nursing Leadership – *Cyndie Strader, RN***
No report.
- **Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee - *Justin Horner reported***
Fire Chiefs met last week. The groups are still working on their focus groups, the APOT group, Opioids, and alternate destinations and it was brought up that the assembly bill 767 would extend the community paramedicine date out to 2031 instead of it expiring. There is some work being done on collecting cardiac arrest data.
- **Facilities Advisory Subcommittee – *Genise Silva reported***

We are getting our Stroke CQI off the ground again. The first meeting will be October 19th at 11:00am, virtually. Spoke with Fire Chiefs and other participants would be a 911 medic another would be an ALS medic. If anyone is interested, please contact Genise or Philip Grieves. Meetings will be quarterly.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.