



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
Location: HCA Conference Room 433

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Theodore Heyming, MD (exc)
- Jon Cline MD (exc)
- Robert Granata, MD
- Kelly Dodge, MD
- Ikssoo Kang, MD (exc)
- 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 Ragas, 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
- Patty Gleed, RN
- 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 City Fire Dept.
- OC ED Nursing Leadership

HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

- Carl Schultz, MD
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD
- Mindy Winterswyk
- Regina Chinsio-Kwong, DO
- Mike Noone, NRPT
- Almaas Shaikh, MD
- Laurent Repass, NRP
- Adrian Rodriguez, EMT
- Philip Grieve, EMT-P
- Drew Bernard, EMT
- Genise Silva, RN
- Ruth Clark, RN
- Eileen Endo

- EMS Medical Director
- Associate EMS Medical Director
- Assistant Agency Director
- County Health Officer
- Assistant EMS Administrator
- Deputy County Health Officer
- EMS Information & Analytics Chief
- EMS Performance Chief
- EMS ALS Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- EMS Trauma Coordinator
- Office Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME

- Shelley Brukman, RN
- Ryan Creager
- Mark Martinez
- Josh Dean
- Jeffrey Nahmias, MD
- Jayce Spiva
- Thomas Ward, RN

REPRESENTING

- CHOC
- Mercy Air Service, Inc
- Costa Mesa Fire Dept.
- Premier Ambulance Service
- UCI Medical Center
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Orange County Fire Authority

NAME

- Danielle Boal
- Rob Capobianco
- Wendy Weichbach
- Clayton Kazan, MD
- Leu Sicairos
- Kelli Verdugo
- Kim Zaky, RN

REPRESENTING

- Brea Fire Department
- Orange County Fire Authority
- Orange County Fire Authority
- LA County Fire Department
- CHOC
- Huntington Beach Hospital
- UCI Medical Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Johnson.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No new introductions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- Medical Director’s Report – *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*
Dr. Schultz has begun working with Capt. Barry on a long-term project to deflect movement of psychiatric patients from the field to the emergency department but from the field to a crisis stabilization unit or another facility that is equipped to handle psychiatric patients. There is a huge amount of work to be done on this and the odds of success are small, but we are going to try and make this happen. The state has passed legislation that enables triage to alternate destinations. This process might take one to two years if we are successful.

- Health Disaster Preparedness Report - *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:*
The Statewide Medical Health Exercise is on November 16th. OCEMS will be participating. We are currently updating our plans. A lot of the plans have stakeholder involvement and there is a necessity to know what the stakeholders are doing to help us organize what we are doing, so we will be reaching out to various stakeholders to get an idea of how they work their operations in disasters. We are seeing a very small uptick in RSV and the Flu. COVID is decreasing.
- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*
APOT times are stabilizing. At one point we had an excellent APOT at the 26-minute range. Due to COVID and subsequent increases in volume, that has drifted upwards. Our number has now plateaued around 32 – 34 minutes. Ideally, we'd like to get below 30. State law says we have to get below 30, however, the state law does not say what happens if you don't get below 30.
- Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:*
We are working on getting most of the hospitals on board by the end of the year. UCI is live and going well. Kaiser just went live. We are hoping to get the Prime and Providence hospitals on board by the end of this month.
- NEMSIS V3.5 Transition Update – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:*
Most of the agencies are now on board, approximately 75%. All but a couple of our fire agencies are on board and complete and just a handful of ambulance companies are working to get to that standard. The state is sticking to the January 1st deadline.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Adding Traumatic Brain Injury Actions to SO-T-05 & SO-P-015 - *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*
These are two standing orders that currently exist in the system. They are designed for the overall management of trauma patients. There is nothing specific in them that codifies an approach to patients with a traumatic brain injury. The issue of traumatic brain injury of the best pre-hospital approach has been kicked around for ten to 15 years. There is substantial enough evidence that we need to update that particular issue within our general trauma policy and we need to have a section on pre-hospital management for traumatic brain injury. We have drafted some language, presented it to the medical directors this morning, and received some feedback. We would appreciate our review and thoughts. We will try to push it forward for further review. Comments can be made here for the minutes or send them in to me.
Will they be adding base contacts? Not all patients are trauma center patients.
- Field Hemorrhage Control – *Dr. Jeffry Nahmias, Professor of Surgery, UCI*
Dr. Jeffry Nahmias gave a presentation and led a discussion on field hemorrhage control.
- Versed Shortage – *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*
There are two options to manage the shortage:
 1. Extend the expiration date; but even that might not be sufficient.
 2. Purchasing 10mg per 2ml vials. We would be leveraging safety for children versus the possibility of additional risk for adults, but I am willing to take that risk.

VII. **Advisory Committee Reports**

- Base Hospital Coordinators
They will be circulating a new REAC calendar for 2024.
- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership
They met on October 27th and discussed NAMI. They also discussed staff resilience during the winter.
- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee

The subcommittee met to finalize the ROSC. Study. Once it is officially approved, Dave Barry will be the new president and Lauren from Fountain Valley will be the new vice president.

- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee
The next meeting is Tuesday, November 14th at 9am.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**
Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned.