



**FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>	<b><u>HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF PRESENT</u></b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Anderson, MD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lekawa, MD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chien Sun, MD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaine Schauer, RN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenael Rosenberg, RN <input type="checkbox"/> Frank MaaKathryns, RN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Slattery, RN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Johnson, RN	- OCMA (ED Physician Directors) - Trauma Center Directors - Managed Care Emergency Physicians - Base Hospital Administration - Base Hospital Coordinators - OC Nursing Leadership - Trauma Program Coordinators - Fire EMS Coordinators	Carl Schultz, MD Laurent Repass, NRP Adrian Rodriguez Kristen Karpow Genise Silva, RN Ruth Clark, RN Justin Newton Eileen Endo Kelly Starr	- EMS Medical Director - EMS Information Systems Chief - EMS Performance Chief - EMS ALS/CQI Coordinator - EMS Facilities Coordinator - EMS Trauma Coordinator - HDP Program Supervisor II - Office Specialist - Staff Assistant
<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>
Abigail Baur Shelley Brukman, RN Laura Cross, RN Todd Costa, RN Rollan Dy, RN Julie Mackie, RN Heidi Ragas, RN Kim Zaky, RN	- Orange County Fire Authority - CHOC Children's Hospital - Mission Hospital - Orange County Fire Authority - La Palma Intercommunity Hospital - Mission Hospital - St. Jude Medical Center - UCI Medical Center	Whitney Patnode Thomas Ward Gina Aquino, RN Rotch de los Santos Kathryn Krebs Jill Patt, RN Dana Stradling, RN	- CHOC Children's Hospital - Orange County Fire Authority - La Palma Intercommunity Hospital - La Palma Intercommunity Hospital - CSUF Visitor - Huntington Beach Hospital - UCI Medical Center

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by Peter Anderson, MD at 9:04 a.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS by Carl Schultz, MD**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**IV. OCEMS REPORT**

- OCEMS Report by Carl Schultz, MD

Policy 645 was updated and sent out for public comment. There were no comments returned so it is now an official policy, and it is posted on the website.

Epi Report by Kristen Karpow

COVID numbers are decreasing due to the number of tests people are taking. Overall, we are showing that hospitalizations are still low. We are moving into influenza season, but we are at low levels in California and it's the same for RSV.

On the Health Disaster Preparedness side, Chad Cossey mentioned the Statewide Health and Medical Exercise will take place on Thursday. Hospitals and ambulance companies will be participating. Patients will be simulated through ReddiNet.

- Specialty Centers (CCERC, SNRC, CVRC, Trauma)

CCERC are creating respiratory guidelines, education and management.

The Stroke CQI initial meeting was in October. The next meeting is in January. We will present some cases then. The next Orange County Stroke Society Meeting is November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Authority.

Trauma Centers had a couple of pediatric meetings regarding pediatric trauma distribution, and we will be revisiting that quarterly to see how that works. Trauma program managers are busy with reverifications with the new standards with the gray book.

- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) and Diversion Report by Laurent Repass

APOT times are still essentially flat. They were at 31 minutes and 59 seconds for August and 31 minutes and 58 seconds for September. Transport volume has also been essentially flat, right around 16,000 per month or about 500 per day. We are still working on the October numbers. I do have a preliminary for APOT: 33 minutes and 32 seconds and 16,175 transports. Not a very big increase for October.

Diversions – we like to see the ED diversion threshold at 6%. The countywide diversion for August was 7.7% but we were right at 6% for September.

- Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project by Laurent Repass

UCI went live in June. Kaiser went live on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Prime Health is going live on November 28<sup>th</sup> and the four Providence hospitals are going live on December 6<sup>th</sup>. All in all, this project has to be completed by the end of June. We are hopeful every hospital is able to meet that deadline.

- NEMSIS 3.5 by Laurent Repass

The new version of Nemsis will be 3.5 by January 2024. 88% of EMS providers have implemented their plans at this time. 95% should be by November 15<sup>th</sup>. We should be 100% complete by the end of the year. December 18<sup>th</sup> is the deadline and if they miss the date their license could be in jeopardy.

## V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

## VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- La Palma Intercommunity Hospital Redesignation as an ERC by Genise Silva, RN

La Palma had a site visit and found three deficiencies:

1. Response on ReddiNet as far as MCIs, (real and drills), polls, daily HAVbed and patient census. We are asking for a Corrective Action Plan to be sent within the next 60 days.
  2. APOT Times – We'd like to see a Corrective Action Plan to be sent within the next sixty days to decrease this number. We are not expecting that number to go down in sixty days, just that they are working on it and they are providing us a plan on how they are going to start to decrease that and level out their APOT with their diversion.
  3. EMTALA Adherence – we would like them to provide all of their emergency department staff, including their registration and MDs with further education on EMTALA, including
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giving us the curriculum they are providing. We are expecting this to be done within the next 90 days.

We also had a couple of recommendations that are not contingent on their designation but would like to have some action:

1. They are 100% on their H.E.A.R., which we acknowledge and would like to continue that.
2. Building a working relationship with their specialty centers to get more clinical education and collaboration.
3. Develop a policy regarding a facility's possession of a Chempak and provide education to staff regarding usage and deployment to outside facilities.

We are asking for an endorsement of three years conditional on these three deficiencies, so we will need a motion for that. Motion was approved.

We also visited Mission Hospital for their five designations, everything minus trauma. You can expect to see their facility designation summary at the January FAC meeting.

#### VII. **NEXT MEETING**

- January 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

#### VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.
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