



**COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.  
Location: HCA Conference Room 433

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE**

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>REPRESENTING</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>REPRESENTING</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theodore Heyming, MD (exc)	- BHPD – Children’s Hospital of Orange County		<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Lopez, EMT-P	-	Representing Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt Kaplan, MD (exc)	- BHPD – Mission Hospital		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Barry, EMT-P	-	Representing Anaheim Fire & Rescue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Granata, MD (exc)	- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Dibb (exc)	-	EMT Training Programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Dodge, MD	- BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital		<input type="checkbox"/>	Patty Gleed, RN	-	Paramedic Training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Iksoo Kang, MD	- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center		<input type="checkbox"/>	Justin Horner, EMT-P	-	Fire Chiefs’ EMS Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric McCoy, MD	- BHPD – UCI Medical Center		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Todd Costa, RN	-	Orange County Fire Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Ngo, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital		<input type="checkbox"/>	Bryan Johnson, RN	-	Orange City Fire Dept.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Unger, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cyndie Strader, RN	-	OC ED Nursing Leadership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Katzer, MD	- Anaheim Fire & Rescue		<b><u>HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u></b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shira Schlesinger, MD	- Newport Beach Fire Department		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carl Schultz, MD	-	EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julia Afrasiabi, RN	- BHC – UCI Medical Center		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	-	Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monica Layhee, RN	BHC - Orange County Global		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Karpow, RN	-	EMS Systems/Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Cross, RN	- BHC – Mission Hospital		<input type="checkbox"/>	Almaas Shaikh, MD	-	Deputy County Health Officer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Whitney Patnode, RN	- BHC – Children’s Hospital of Orange County		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philip Grieve, EMT-P	-	EMS ALS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jill Patt, RN	- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Genise Silva, RN	-	EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heidi Ragas, RN	- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruth Clark, RN	-	EMS Trauma Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janael Rosenberg, RN	BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eileen Endo	-	Office Specialist
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erica Moojen	-	Office Supervisor B
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Starr	-	Staff Assistant
<b><u>GUESTS PRESENT</u></b>							
<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>				
Shelley Brukman, RN	- CHOC	Danielle Boal	- Brea Fire Department				
Ryan Creager	- Mercy Air Service, Inc	Rob Capobianco	- Orange County Fire Authority				
Mark Martinez	- Costa Mesa Fire Dept.	Wendy Weichbach	- Orange County Fire Authority				
Josh Dean	- Premier Ambulance Service	Clayton Kazan, MD	- LA County Fire Department				
Jeffrey Nahmias, MD	- UCI Medical Center	Leu Sicairos	- CHOC				
Jayce Spiva	- Lynch Ambulance Service	Kelli Verdugo	- Huntington Beach Hospital				
Thomas Ward, RN	- Orange County Fire Authority	Kim Zaky, RN	- UCI Medical Center				

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by *Dr. Robert Katzer* at 1:02 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Carl Schultz announced that Dr. Matt Kaplan will be taking over as base hospital medical director at Mission Hospital for Dr. Jon Cline (*Editorial Note: After this meeting, Orange County EMS was notified that Dr. Cline will continue in his role as base hospital medical director*).

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Minutes from the November 8, 2023, meeting was approved as submitted.

**IV. OCEMS REPORT**

- Medical Director’s Report – *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:*

Anaheim Global Medical Center has had its emergency receiving center designation suspended for 48 hours to bring them into compliance with policy and procedures. They will be back online on Friday at 7:00 a.m.

When transporting patients from a facility to an Orange County to an out-of-county facility using 911 providers, these are not processes that we can support when the distances are long. They take providers out of service for long periods of time and places the patients in jeopardy because 911 paramedics have limits to what they can do. Doing this is an unacceptable practice. It would be acceptable to use 911 providers to transport patients short distances out of county such as to Long Beach Memorial Hospital or Lakewood Regional Hospital. However, there is a line in the sand about using 911 providers to move an inpatient to a non-Orange County facility at a great distance from the county, essentially pulling them out of service for a long period of time. Should that occur, please inform Dr. Schultz right away.

ReddiNet cannot be used as a way to turn down patients. If you are up, you must take that patient. You can go down after you accept that patient.

- Health Disaster Preparedness Report - *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:* COVID cases are up and have peaked. RSV is in a surge and has also peaked. Influenza is still going up. They are all causing a lot of pressure on the system.

There is another Statewide Health and Medical Exercise in April. This will be a tabletop exercise based on chemical/burn scenario. There is a Chempack training on May 21<sup>st</sup> hosted by CDPH. There is also a Southwest Regional Trauma Coordinator Committee meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11am, virtually and CEs are available. The MSAC conference will be May 29-30<sup>th</sup> in San Diego.

- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:* APOT and diversion were fairly normal for October and November. APOT and diversion numbers were fairly higher for December with the seasonal flu, COVID and RSV going around. APOT numbers for December were up to 90% - 38 minutes and 11 seconds. We set a new record for 911 transports at 17,195 to hospitals throughout the county. Regarding divergence, for the past two months we were right at the 6% mark, for December we were at 13.5%. Diversion hours were at 2400 and are usually at 1700.
- Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:* We have eleven hospitals that have completed the project and are on the Bi-Directional Data Exchange. By the end of February, we should have an additional 6 hospitals. We are hoping to get the remaining hospitals done by the end of the fiscal year. The project due date is June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- NEMSIS V3.5 Transition Update – *Dr. Gagandeep Grewal reported:* 100% complete. Can be taken off of the agenda.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Updating Language to 310.96 - *Dr. Carl Schultz reported:* Dr. Schultz sent out two memos in regard to the language in policy 310.96. The first issue has to do with taking a patient out of the emergency department once they have been brought in, put back into an ambulance and sent to another hospital. You cannot take a patient out of the emergency department, waiting room, any other patient care facility that is established by the hospital, including a tent, once they have been brought in. They are now marginally under the supervision of the hospital, and you cannot take them out and put them back into an ambulance. You can put them in a waiting room or on a cot, but those are your only options. The second point, the hospitals have seen one of the requirements that said if you remain in the ambulance, you may leave and go to another facility. If the patient is on the ramp for an hour, you can put them back in the ambulance and take them somewhere else.

VII. **Advisory Committee Reports**

- Base Hospital Coordinators  
There will be a No Fear Conference at CHOC on April 11<sup>th</sup> and it will focus on all pediatric topics. A new MICN class will be starting on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership – *Next meeting is January 26, 2024*
- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee  
Brian Johnson from the City of Orange has stepped into the role as president. The focus groups are getting reorganized. There have been some discussions on state approved medications. The topic has come up of ED registration and some agencies experiencing being asked to leave a patient to go register a patient. We will meet again next month.
- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee  
This Committee met yesterday and Committee members approved Mission Hospital's five designations of ERC, CCERC, CRC, SNRC and Base unconditionally for three years.
- Pediatric Collaborative  
Met on December 13<sup>th</sup> virtually as a meet and greet. The first official meeting will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We are going to start prioritizing prehospital pediatric readiness and ER pediatric readiness.

#### **ROUNDTABLE**

Fran Cohen talked about Life Line has entered the ALS program as Liberty is no longer a provider.

Kristen asked about glucose monitoring on phones.

Dave Barry announced that this is his last CPAC meeting, and Rob Stewart will be taking over. The City of Anaheim will be busy in the next couple of months due to the Disney Half-Marathon, Monster Trucks event and Super Cross.

#### VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

#### X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.