



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS

NAME	CATEGORY REPRESENTED	ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Karras, Chair	- Ambulance Association of Orange County	Carl H. Schultz, MD - EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Patt, RN	- Base Hospital Coordinators	Gagandeep Grewal, MD - Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Wagoner	- Ambulance Service Provider non-9-1-1	Ruth Clark, RN - EMS Trauma Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Maas, RN	- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership	Laurent Repass, NREMT-P - EMS Information Systems Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Druten	- Ambulance Service Provider 9-1-1	Meng Chung, EMT-P - BLS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Creager	- Air Transport Provider	Jason Azuma, NRP - OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Barry, PM	- Fire Service Provider (with transport)	Drew Bernard, EMT - EMS Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Rosati, RN	- Fire Service Provider (non- transport)	Justin Newton - HEM Program Supervisor II
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Johnson, RN	- Orange Fire Department	Kirstin Wong, EMT - EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Thompson, RN	- Newport Beach Fire	Eileen Endo - EMS Staff Support
		Lisa Wilson - IPT

GUESTS PRESENT

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Josh Dean	- Premier Ambulance Service	Ken Liebman	- Doctor's Ambulance Service
Armen Akopyan	- Horizon OC	Anjan Purfnit	- Orange County Fire
Shelley Brukman, RN	- CHOC	Paul Scarborough	- Premier Ambulance Service
Bob Campbell	- Falck Medical Services	Alejandro Martinez	- Horizon OC
Todd Costa	- Orange County Fire	Jenael Rosenberg, RN	- Hoag Memorial Hospital
Phil Davis	- Emergency Ambulance	Raj Vishal	- Falck Medical
Ken Kaufmann	- Shoreline Ambulance	Bill Weston	- Emergency Ambulance

CALL TO ORDER by Jim Karras (Chair) – Meeting called to order at 9:06.

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** by Carl Schultz – Dr. Schultz wanted to introduce Ruth Clark, but she is at a meeting in Sacramento.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Action Item: Approval of July 12, 2023 Minutes by Jim Karras – No issues or discussion. No opposition. (Attachment #1)
- III. **OCEMS REPORT**
 - OCEMS Report (Includes Medical Director report by Carl Schultz and EMS report by Gagandeep Grewal) – Dr. Schultz reported that it's time to release new policy updates. 23 – Most ever issued. Trauma triage will be posted in the next day or two. Two policies not posted yet in reference to ambulances. SB-40 – 30 minutes is standard. Initially it was 20 minutes. Patient offload times are higher than 30. They've been that way for a while. Dr. Grewal reported that COVID numbers are stable & decreasing. New vaccine out. RSV is prominent in southeast. Numbers of APOT & diversion are elevated. Ready to get into respiratory season. Statewide medical health exercise in November. Healthcare Next Healthcare Coalition meeting is December 13, 2023. Collaborate with different stakeholders for surge events.

- Bi-Directional Data Exchange by *Jason Azuma or Laurent Repass* – Laurent reported the project is funded by CDC. Data linkage between ambulance ePCRs & hospitals. Care, Anaheim & Huntington are exchanging data with UCI. 10 additional hospitals to be live by December. Project needs to be completed by May 2024. Estimating 50%-80% of hospitals to be done by end of year.
- NEMSIS v3.5 Update by *Jason Azuma or Laurent Repass* – Jason reported that the v3.5 data standard went live at the OC-MEDS system level over the weekend & went smoothly. 13 agencies are on the new standard as of Monday (10/02). Progress Chart (Attachment 2) posted online. Number of agencies going live on October 24, 2023. Looking to move all agencies to the new data standard by end of October. If 3.5 data standard is not fully implemented complete by Dec 18th, the provider agency will NOT be licensed to operate in 2024. Ambulance companies need to communicate with crews to ensure issues are identified. Attachment 2 (Progress Chart) posted online. (Attachment #2)
- 2024 Ambulance Inspections update by *Meng Chung* – 19 ground providers, 397 permitted vehicles. Renewal inspections to date: 18 providers, 226 ambulances. No hiccups expected. Also discussing NEMSIS 3.5 when out & inspecting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- OCEMS Policy Drafts by *Carl Schultz*.
 - 720.30: Ground Ambulance Design/Documentation/Equipment – Adrian reported language cleaning in the section. Section 3, ambulance design. Companies shall have same company paint/wrap designs unless contracted with city, PSA announcement. Otherwise, needs to have same design. Specialty ambulances may also have designs. (Attachment #3)
 - 720.50: Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspections & Permits – Cleaning standards under B. Hospital grade disinfectant to be used on ambulances. (Attachment #4)
9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services Request for Proposal Public Comment – 9-1-1 Basic Life Support Emergency Ambulance Response, Transportation and Related Services Agreement comments.
- (Attachment #5)
- Ambulance Strike Team Leader Program by *Jim Karras* – Bill Weston reported that program has been around since 2006. Local O.C. & L.A. have started doing ASTL training. 2 active ambulance strike team leaders trained in O.C. Down from 50. EMS Authority made unilateral changes at their level. Approximately 25 EMTs at training session. EMSAs changes have made it difficult to certify any new Ambulance Strike Team Leaders. Jim asked if committee had comments. No comments. Adrian asked Bill Weston to email him & Mike Noone. He will talk to them. Paul Scarborough reported EMS leadership seminar to be conducted next Thursday – October 12, 2023.

VI. NEXT MEETING

- January 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
2024 Meeting Schedule (Attachment #5)

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Jim Karras adjourned the meeting at 9:48am.