



FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: 405 W. Fifth Street, Conference Room 433
Santa Ana, CA 92701

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Members list including Peter Anderson, Michael Lekawa, Chien Sun, Laura Cross, Jill Patt, Augustus Ynares, Mary Slattery, and Bryan Johnson.

REPRESENTING

- Representing list including OCMA ED Physician Directors, Trauma Center Directors, Managed Care Emergency Physicians, Base Hospital Administration, Base Hospital Coordinators, OC Nursing Leadership, Trauma Program Coordinators, and Fire EMS Coordinators.

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

- Health care agency staff present list including Tammi McConnell, Carl Schultz, Gagandeep Grewal, Kristen Karpow, Ruth Clark, Genise Silva, Chad Cossey, Kelly Starr, Eileen Endo, and Lisa Wilson.

OTHERS PRESENT

- Others present list including Abigail Baur, Danielle Boal, Monica Layhee, Julie Lisbin, Heidi Ragas, and Luke Schademan.

REPRESENTING

- Representing list including OC Global Medical Center, Brea Fire Department, St. Joseph Hospital, St. Jude Medical Center, and Saddleback Memorial Medical Center.

OTHERS PRESENT

- Others present list including Kelly Petka, Gita Patel, Dana Stradling, David Thomas, and Api Weinert.

REPRESENTING

- Representing list including Mission Hospitals, Huntington Beach Hospital, UCI Medical Center, Foothill Regional Hospital, and Placentia Fire & Rescue.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No new introductions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from the May 14, 2024, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- OCEMS Report by Carl Schultz, MD

In 2021, the state specifically addressed trauma centers and the language they selected essentially said board eligibility is no longer a criterion for being able to practice in a trauma center. There are some exceptions, but they are very convoluted. Dr. Schultz reached out to the state EMS agency and discussed the language with the medical director. He said within a year they are going to revamp that chapter and essentially going to defer to the American Colleges of Surgeon, currently called the Grey Book, and in the new language, board eligibility and board certification will be considered equivalent. Trauma centers can employ a specialist if they are board eligible or board certified. We will effectively be permitting it, until the language comes out. I will not be changing our policy just yet. Consider this matter resolved.

Dr. Schultz issued a policy change to allow the scope of practice by paramedics while they are on the wall in the emergency department. He sent it to EMSA and EMSA's interpretation was

the hospitals have not formally taken control of the patient that the patient is still in transport, and as such paramedics are authorized to continue their scope of practice. Effective immediately, paramedics may use their scope of practice on the wall after attempting to get support from medical personnel within the emergency department. There may be more discussion about this.

- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) and Diversion Report by *Jason Azuma*

We are under benchmark for April and May. June report is still in review, but it looks like we are going to meet the benchmark of 30 minutes. We are seeing continued elevated volume of over 15,000 transports for April and over 16,000 for May. For diversion for April and May we came down under 1,000 hours and made our 6% benchmark. It looks like for June we also be down under 1,000 hours.

- Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project by *Jason Azuma*

We are wrapping up the first phase of this project, which is onboarding all of our hospitals and EMS agencies. We had a big go-live today where we added the Anaheim Global, OC Global, South Coast Global, Fountain Valley, Los Alamitos, and Placentia Linda. We connected them with Costa Mesa, Newport Beach Huntington Beach, Anaheim, CARE and Emergency Ambulance. We have another big go-live planned for June 30<sup>th</sup> when we will add the remaining EMS providers. We will have a third go-live which will include hospitals that operating outside the OC MEDS system. OCFA also still needs to be onboarded. As far as hospitals go, we are at 21 of 24 ERCs onboarded.

## V. **SPECIALTY REPORTS**

- CVRC – No changes. We are continuing to meet quarterly. We have our next meeting next week. We typically review data issues that CVRCs are having.
- SNRC – The next Orange County Stroke Society meeting is in September. UCI will be touching base with all other sister hospitals regarding education events coming up. Stroke CQI is still going strong and we meet next Thursday. Just a reminder, if you have a stroke case that you would like us to review, please submit it to us.
- Trauma – Mission & OC Global recently completed their ACS reverification surveys, awaiting final report. CHOC, LBM, and UCI are focusing their time for their surveys which will occur soon. The next Trauma Collaborative meeting is later today. The Southwest Region Trauma Coordinating Committee does twice a year grand rounds are being moved to the first week in October. The Southwest Regional Trauma Committee's proposed next Ground Rounds will be on October 9th virtually from 9am to 11am. The topics will be Geriatric given by Dr. Duncan from Ventura County Trauma Center and on Pediatric given by Dr. Goodman from CHOC Trauma Center. Ruth talked about image sharing with emphasis on the non-trauma centers working with the trauma centers in establishing a connection to send images for their higher level of care trauma transfers.
- Pediatrics – The Western Pediatric Conference starts tomorrow in Utah. CHOC's site visit is August 15th for their CCERC and Base redesignation. The Pediatric Collaborative is still meeting discussing news and education to help prepare all ERC's and EMS Providers for pediatric readiness.

## VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Huntington Beach Hospital ERC, and Base Hospital Redesignation – There were three deficiencies for the ERC. They have been requested to have correction action plans for each. There are six recommendations. For the ERC the Endorsement Consideration would be three-years conditional, pending the correction action plans. For their Base, we found no deficiencies. The Endorsement Consideration would be three-year unconditional. Motions were voted on for approval. Motions were approved.
- Updated Policy #650.00 *by Dr. Schultz* – The policy now clarifies that tele-neurology is an acceptable form of care for stroke patients calling 911 only in the emergency department . The patient will get immediate evaluation because not every hospital can have a neurologist immediately available. However, once they get admitted to the hospital, an in-person neurologist needs to be involved. This does not apply to someone who was admitted for pneumonia and then has a stroke. Since this was a substantive change, this had to go out for a 50-day comment period and we received three comments. Motion was voted on for approval. Motion was approved.

VIII. **ROUNDTABLE**

- Genise stated that St. Joseph's submitted their Corrective Action Plan for their ERC for their deficiencies. On Friday it will now be a motion to be a three-year unconditional. UCI had a deficiency for CVRC which they have met their Corrective Action Plan. There will be a motion for a three-year unconditional as well.

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

- September 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 433

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.