



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY  
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# TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 – 9:00a.m.

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS

**NAME**    **CATEGORY REPRESENTED**

- VACANT, Chair –
- Ryan Creager – Air Transport Provider
- Sonam Wangyal – Ambulance Service Provider non-9-1-1
- Chad Druten – Ambulance Service Provider 9-1-1
- Chris Childress, RN – ED Nursing Leadership
- Bryan Johnson, RN – Fire Service Provider (with transport)
- Jacob Wagoner – Ambulance Service Provider non-9-1-1
- Jill Patt, RN – Huntington Beach Hospital
- Kristin Thompson – Fire Service (non-transport)

**ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF**

- Carl H. Schultz, MD – EMS Medical Director
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD – Associate EMS Medical Director
- Adrian Rodriguez – Ambulance Performance Chief
- Laurent Repass, NREMT-P – Information Systems Chief
- Genise Silva, RN – Facilities Coordinator
- Ruth Clark, RN – Trauma Coordinator
- Jason Azuma – OC-MEDS Coordinator
- Juan Alvarez, EMT – EMS Specialist
- Drew Bernard, EMT – EMS Specialist
- Justin Newton – HEM Program Supervisor II
- Sarkis Sarkisian, EMT – EMS Coordinator
- Lisa Wilson – IPT

### GUESTS PRESENT

**NAME**    **REPRESENTING**

- Laura Cross – Mission Hospital
- Ernesto Barajas – American Professional
- Vishal Raj – Falck

**NAME**    **REPRESENTING**

- Jenael Rosenberg – Hoag
- Patrick Powers – City of Placentia

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 9:02 by Bryan Johnson.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** by Carl Schultz – No introductions.

Dr. Schultz was hoping to announce who the new chair would be but that is still in the works.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- *Action Item: Approval of July 3, 2024, Minutes by Bryan Johnson* – No issues or discussion. No opposition. (Attachment #1)

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- Medical Director Report by Carl Schultz
  - This is the time of year that we issue updated policies, procedures & standing orders. They have been issued. There is not as many as there have been in the past; about 8 or 9. Changed dose for first does epi and made some modifications for the reporting of elder & child abuse. Those are now in place. They are optional for the next 6 months & become mandatory in April 2025. There are no questions or comments.
  - Dr. Schultz sent a letter to all hospital CEOs with emergency departments asking them for level of interest in potentially at some point in the distant future becoming a trauma center. He let all of the trauma medical directors know that this is coming before it's sent out, so

they are not blindsided. They are not particularly enthusiastic which he understands. It is OCEMS's responsibility to ensure that we adequate trauma care. It behooves us to start to plan for that eventuality if that should occur.

- Patrick Powers inquired if, historically, St. Jude was a trauma center at one time? Dr. Schultz stated that going back to the 1980's, that yes, St. Jude was & Fountain Valley was. We have settled into a comfortable situation where it has lulled us into a false sense of security in the last 10 years. Other things are surfacing that give us concern. Looking at where things are heading, we need to prepare & establish options. If no one wants to do it, we need to know that, too, so we can come up with other options.

- EMS Report and Training Opportunities *by Gagandeep Grewal*

- Nothing further from last time. Still waiting for the grant cycle requirements.
- Ruth reported that October 9<sup>th</sup> is the next South West Regional Trauma Committee Trauma Ground Rounds. Two hours. Starts at 9am, is virtual & free. CE credits available. Chad can send the registration flyer out. Dr. Duncan from Ventura County will speak on Geriatric trauma & Dr. Goodman from CHOC will speak on Pediatric trauma.

- Bi-Directional Data Exchange *by Laurent Repass*

(Attachment #2)

- This will probably be the last time that we have this on the agenda. We have 21 hospitals that are up & running. We are currently working with Anaheim Regional to bring them up & running. We have a meeting with them today. We just went live for a pilot with Orange City Fire. Two more agencies to go – OCFA & OCSD. Don't think we are going to get Orange Coast Memorial or Saddleback up & running any time soon, so we'll continue to work with them. At least 80 to 85 percent of our 911 transports are now going through the data exchange so we're receiving outcome data & hospitals are receiving copies of PCRs into their electronic health records through this exchange. We're the first county in the state to do anything like this. We're one of the only large metropolitan areas in the country that are doing something at this level. It's been very positive for us. Laurent is looking forward to it being completed. Congrats to Laurent & Jason.

- APOT *by Laurent Repass (Laurent Repass/Jason Azuma reporting).*

(Attachment #3)

- The last three months, not including September. June, July & August. We did a great job through the summer. The volume was quite high, atypical for summer. But typical for our 911 system as a whole right now to have volumes above 16,000/month. The hospitals did very well to accommodate that. They kept their APOTS under our benchmark of 30 minutes. If there are any questions regarding the reports in the packet, Jason would be happy to respond to anything. The only other thing to mention is that AB40 was passed into law & the state is putting a code into place in regard to AB40 in terms of what is required for the legislation. Nothing has been finalized yet however he is letting the transport providers know that there will be some sort of validation component involved in APOTs per AB40. If you don't already have a good process for validating your documents & APOT times, you should start thinking about how you would go about validating your APOT times whether or not it's with CAD data or GPS tracking. A number of agencies in the room have been requested by OCEMS to validate your times. The potential for where & what we will ask you to validate is up in the air. Timeframe for reporting is under discussion. Timeframes as tight as 15 days have been proposed. If we asked you to validate a time from 3 months ago, that's potentially going to be much more difficult than if we ask you to validate a time from yesterday. September 1<sup>st</sup> was the hospital deadline for reporting.

- Policies 720.30, 720.40, 720.50, 720.60 & 720.70 50-Day Comment *by Adrian Rodriguez (Or Drew Bernard)*

- We have some policies up for 50-day comment. You can go to [ohealthinfo.com](http://ohealthinfo.com) to make comments regarding the policies & we will take a look at them at the end of the 50-day comment period.
- Ambulance 2025 License Renewals update *by Drew Bernard*.
  - The site & vehicle inspections for all of our providers are still ongoing. The vehicle make-ups for any providers that miss make ups, they are tentatively scheduled for the end of this month. Information will be sent out to the providers, so they know when & where. They can pick their day & time. For the providers in the room, if you have a type one type one failure on your unit, Drew & Juan will work with you with getting that inspected a lot sooner.
- Ambulance Inspection Updates *by Drew Bernard*.
  - This is just for the ongoing regular 2024 year.
  - We have 20 ground ambulance providers. We have 1 air ship – Mercy Air. We have 426 permitted ground ambulances & 4 air ships. We have one company in the process of getting licensed.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- No report.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Carl Schultz: Horizon Ambulance Service has been designated as transport ventilator capable. They will be using ventilators for their ALS-IFT transports.
- Adrian: We set a new record in single day transports in September. Things have been really busy. This not Covid related. We are at 611, 612 transports.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

- January 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Bryan Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.