



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.
Location: HCA Conference Room 433

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Theodore Heyming, MD (exc)	BHPD – Children's Hospital of Orange County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Price, MD	- BHPD – Mission Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jon Cline, MD (exc)	- BHPD – Mission Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Granata, MD	- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Bobko, MD	- Medical Director– Orange County Fire Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Dodge, MD	- BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Iksoo Kang, MD	- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric McCoy, MD (exc)	- BHPD – UCI Medical Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Ngo, MD (exc)	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Unger, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Katzer, MD (exc)	- Medical Director - Anaheim Fire & Rescue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shira Schlesinger, MD	- Medical Director - Newport Beach Fire Dept
<input type="checkbox"/>	Julia Afrasiabi, RN (exc)	- BHC – UCI Medical Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura Cross, RN (exc)	- BHC – Mission Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whitney Patnode, RN (exc)	- BHC – Children's Hospital of Orange County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jill Patt, RN (exc)	- BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heidi Ragas, RN (exc)	- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenael Rosenberg, RN	- BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abigail Baur, RN	- BHC – OC Global Medical Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cyndie Strader, RN	- BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monica Layhee, RN	- BHC – OC Global Medical Center

MEMBERS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Lopez, EMT-P	- Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Dibb	- EMT Training Programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patty Gleed, RN	- Paramedic Training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Justin Horner, EMT-P	- Fire Chiefs EMS Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin Wood	- Anaheim Fire & Rescue
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bryan Johnson, RN	- Orange City Fire Dept.

REPRESENTING

HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mindy Winterswyk	- HCA Assistant Agency Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regina Chinsio-Kwong, MD	- HCA Health Officer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carl Schultz, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	- Associate EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Karpow, RN	- EMS Systems/Standards Chief
<input type="checkbox"/>	Laurent Repass	- OC-MEDS Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Genise Silva, RN	- EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruth Clark, RN	- EMS Trauma Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Azuma, NRP	- OC MEDS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie King	- EMS Prehospital/CQI Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chad Cossey	- HCA Program Supervisor II
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Justin Newton	- HCA Program Supervisor II
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Erica Moojen	- Office Supervisor B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Wilson	- Information Processing Technician
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Asch	- HDP Staff Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT

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REPRESENTING

Matt Armstrong	- Premiere Ambulance
Kimberly Abalos	- Mercy Air
Vismal Raj	- Falck Medical Health
Bob Campbell	- Falck Medical Health
Nick Daneri	- Foothill Regional
Donald Ruggles	- Lynch Ambulance

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REPRESENTING

Mildred Cureton	- Foothill Regional
Patrick Powers	- City of Placentia
Amanda Collins	- Children's Hospital of Orange County
Alister Stewart	- West Anaheim Medical Center
Stephanie Scott	- St Joseph Medical Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by *Bryan Johnson at 1:07pm.*

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Stephanie King was introduced as the new EMS Prehospital/CQI Coordinator.
- Dr. Price was introduced as the co-director along with Dr. Cline at Mission Hospital.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from the January 8, 2025, meeting was approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- Medical Director's Report – *Dr. Carl Schultz*
 - Tammi McConnell has resigned from OC EMS and taken a position with ReddiNet. We are currently in the process of trying to find her replacement.

- The state is reviewing documents on the health and safety code and California Code of Regulations. Chapter six of the CC&Rs, which address specialty units are being changed. Please review this as this is the public comment period and comments are due by April 3rd.
- Health Disaster Preparedness Report – *Justin Newton and Chad Cossey*
 - The AOC will be moving to Irvine approximately April 14th.
 - We participated in conjunction with the USPS in a BDS exercise.
 - There will be a NDMS exercise with Camp Pendleton in which we will participate in.
 - The Statewide Medical and Health Exercise will take place on April 24th from 8am – 12pm being a loss of water scenario.
 - The mid-term planning meeting will be on March 18th.
- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time – *Jason Azuma*

January was our worst month ever with over 18,000 911 transports and increased diversion hours of over 4000 hours. February was published yesterday and is available online. It looks like we are out of the seasonal surge now.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- The addition of Toradol as a pain medication for use in the prehospital arena is approved. Changes have been made to 325, the mandatory pharmaceutical cache that paramedics carry. The procedure for administering Toradol (PR-75) will be included in the update that comes out next week.
- The Triage Alternate Destination project procedure is missing the formal request by the CSU. Dr. Schultz has to receive and approve the application. The application should be ready by April 1st.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Impending Updates – There is a draft letter of new policies and revisions of policies and procedures as language was changed or accidentally omitted. These changes will not go out for the 50-day comment period and will be coming out in the next couple of days.

VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Base Hospital Coordinators
Whitney Patnode from CHOC: There are MICN classes in session right now. We are in the second week of six. Ride-a-longs will be held after the sixth week and be doing radio time. No Fear will be in April at Orange County Global. Tomorrow is Orange County's REAC. CHOC has their Fair Necessities Conference will be in April.
- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership
The last meeting was in January. Teresa Polinski stepped down as chair and Nicole Bryant was named the new chair. The next meeting is April 25th at 1:00pm.
- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee
Justin Horner from Costa Mesa Fire: We met last week. We have been working with OCEMS and BHC on language to ensure the field and hospitals are interacting more efficiently in times of diversion. We are also working with the BHC group on MCI policy language and communication on best practices.
- Facilities Advisory Subcommittee
Bryan Johnson from Orange City Fire Department: We met yesterday. Approvals were discussed.
- Pediatric Collaborative
Ruth Clark from OCEMS: Has not met since November. The next meeting will be in June.

- Agenda Topics: If you have any agenda topics you would like to discuss at upcoming meetings, please email them to Stephanie King at stking@ochca.com.

VIII, **ROUND TABLE**

- The Hoag Golf Classic will be in May.
- St. Joseph Medical Center has been having issues trying to upload the OC Hub. It was suggested to reach out to their BHC.

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. – Location to be determined.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm.