



FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: The Marine Way Campus
8300 Marine Way, Irvine, CA 92618
EMS Conference Room: AOC-103B

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- ☒ Peter Anderson, MD
- ☒ Michael Lekawa, MD
- ☒ Chien Sun, MD
- ☒ Alaine Schauer, RN
- ☒ Whitney Patnode, RN
- ☒ Augustus Ynares, RN
- ☐ Mary Slattery, RN
- ☒ Bryan Johnson, RN

REPRESENTING

- OCMA ED Physician Directors
- Trauma Center Directors
- Managed Care Emergency Physicians
- Base Hospital Administration
- Base Hospital Coordinators
- OC Nursing Leadership
- Trauma Program Coordinators
- Fire EMS Coordinators

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

- Carl Schultz, MD
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD
- Genise Silva, RN
- Ruth Clark, RN
- Kristen Karpow, RN
- Jason Azuma, NRP
- Mike Noone
- Carissa Martinez
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Associate Medical Dir
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- EMS Trauma Coordinator
- EMS Clinical Chief
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- Assistant EMS Coordinator
- EMS Office Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Sonam Wangyal
Laura Cross, RN
Amanda Collins, RN
Abigail Baur, RN
Janel Rosenberg
Stephanie Scott
Kim Nichols
Julia Afrasiabi

REPRESENTING

- Lynch Ambulance
- Mission Hospital
- Rady-CHOC
- OCGMC
- Hoag
- St. Joseph Orange
- UCI- Placentia Linda
- UCI

OTHERS PRESENT

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Andrew Tran
Karissa James
Kim Zaky
Shane Ryan

REPRESENTING

- Placentia Fire
- OCFA
- OC Global Medical Center
- UCI
- FALCK

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by *Peter Anderson, MD*
Meeting called to order 9:07am
2. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** by *Carl Schultz, MD*
Around the room introductions with name, title and facility represented
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Action Item: Approval of September 9, 2025, Minutes by Laura Cross
4. **OCEMS REPORT** by *Carl Schultz, MD and Gagandeep Grewal, MD*
 - The Triage to Ultimate Destination Project is on hold due to funding issues, but progress is being made on finalizing the training contract. Updates to policies, procedures, and standing orders for the next six months have been released; some late postings expected due to nuanced changes, particularly pediatric stroke policies. The EMS advisory group will soon review the nearly final draft of these changes for clarity and consensus. SB43, a new law regarding substance use disorder as criteria for grave disability (potential 5150), is in effect. Trainings are being rolled out for first responders and facilities, emphasizing the need to keep contact info updated. Newly discovered state law (Business & Professions Code 18708) gives ringside physicians at sanctioned boxing, wrestling, and martial arts events the authority to direct ambulances to trauma centers without base hospital contact. Discussion highlighted resulting risks, operational issues, and lack of notification for EMS agencies. The problem is statewide and being monitored for potential policy solutions.
 - **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) and Diversion Report** by *Jason Azuma, NRP*
August and September reports for ambulance patient offload times (APOT) were reviewed: 90th percentile

APOT is below benchmarks (22 min 51 sec); volumes stable at 550 per day; September diversion slightly above threshold at 6.2%. AB40 audit tool process was explained: facilities receive monthly data packets via the state tool, are expected to review, and may contest discrepancies. Disputes trigger virtual meetings; unresolved cases default to initial electronic PCR documentation. Strategic advice: facilities should primarily contest egregious outliers that impact percentile calculations, not minor discrepancies. Facilities requested reminders about audit tool emails and guidance on use, especially with recent changes and staff turnover. Process reminders: during contested meetings, the absent party will forfeit the decision; HIPAA prevents multi-agency meeting consolidation.

5. **SPECIALTY REPORTS**

- CVRC *by CVRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*
CVRC and stroke CQI meetings are ongoing; 911 provider and IFT-ALS representation needed for both.
- SNRC *by SNRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*
SNRC meetings are ongoing
- Trauma *by TPM Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*
- The countywide Trauma Systems of Care meeting is scheduled December 2nd, 2025, building on ACS recommendations for stakeholder engagement, with a focus on injury patterns, trauma/non-trauma centers, and data sharing. Discussion around ER admissions for injuries not meeting trauma criteria but still requiring high-level care. Interest expressed in mapping which ERs can handle higher-acuity cases and monitoring outcomes. Pediatrics *by CCERC Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*
Announcement of CHOC's name change to Rady Children's Health Orange County. Ongoing transition may cause some confusion in documentation and communications.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Action Items:

- UCI Health-Placentia Linda Emergency Receiving Center (ERC) Designation *by Genise Silva, RN*
UCI Health-Placentia Linda site visit, no deficiencies, with a recommended three-year unconditional endorsement.
- UCI Health-Irvine to open December 10, 2025, as an ERC *by Genise Silva, RN*
Announcement of the new UCI Health hospital in Irvine (tentative opening December 10) as an ERC (not trauma), pending policy review and site verification. Potential for confusion between UCI Orange and UCI Irvine locations; ongoing efforts to clarify naming for EMS and dispatch systems.

Motion approved to accept all recommendations listed above for this designation as stated. No opposition to the recommendations.

8. **ROUNDTABLE**

- Gagandeep Grewal, MD -ER and ambulance volumes are higher at several hospitals, attributed to higher ICU admissions and general patient acuity, rather than flu or seasonal surges.
- Andrew Tran, OCFA- ALS No Contact pilot feedback: Most participants found cell phone-based communication with facilities easier and more effective than radio, despite some initial hiccups with correct contact numbers. The process is generally seen as positive by both field crews and base hospitals.

9. **NEXT MEETING** - January 13, 2026, 09:00 am

10. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am

Contact EMS Facilities Coordinator, Genise Silva, for any questions or comments at 714-834-8961 or gsilva@ochca.com