



COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.
Location: 8300 Marine Way, Irvine CA 92618

EMS Conference Room: AOC-103B

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>REPRESENTING</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>REPRESENTING</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theodore Heyming, MD	-	BHPD – Rady Children’s Hospital Orange County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Dibb	-	EMT Training Programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Price, MD	-	BHPD – Mission Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patty Gleed, RN	-	Paramedic Training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Granata, MD	-	BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Justin Horner, EMT-P	-	Fire Chiefs EMS Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Bobko, MD	-	Medical Director – OC Fire Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colin Wood	-	Anaheim Fire & Rescue
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Dodge, MD	-	BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bryan Johnson, RN	-	Orange City Fire Dept.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Iksoo Kang, MD	-	BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cyndie Strader	-	OC ED Nursing Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric McCoy, MD	-	BHPD – UCI Medical Center	<u>HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Ngo, MD	-	BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carl Schultz, MD	-	EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Unger, MD	-	BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	-	Associate EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Katzer, MD	-	Medical Director - Anaheim Fire & Rescue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Noone, NRP	-	Assistant EMS Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shira Schlesinger, MD	-	Medical Director - Newport Beach Fire Dept	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Genise Silva, RN	-	EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julia Afrasiabi, RN	-	BHC – UCI Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruth Clark, RN	-	EMS Trauma Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Cross, RN	-	BHC – Mission Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Azuma, NRP	-	OC MEDS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Whitney Patnode, RN	-	BHC – Rady Children’s Hospital Orange County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drew Bernard	-	EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jill Patt, RN	-	BHC – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carissa Martinez	-	Office Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heidi Ragas, RN	-	BHC – St. Jude Medical Center				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jenael Rosenberg, RN	-	BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abigail Baur, RN	-	BHC – OC Global Medical Center				
<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>							
<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>				
Andy Janis	- Newport Beach Fire Department	Amanda Collins	- Rady Children’s Hospital Orange County				
Kristin Thompson	- Newport Beach Fire Department	Mildred Cureton	- Foothill Medical Center				
Brandon Grinstead	- Newport Beach Fire Department	Glenda Parrish	- West Anaheim Medical Center				
Andrew Tran	- Orange County Fire Authority	Stephanie Scott	- St. Joseph Hospital				
Kristen Gates	- Orange County Fire Authority	Rombod Rahimian MD	- Huntington Beach Fire				
Ashley Pineda	- Orange County Fire Authority	Jonathan Lopez	- Premier Ambulance				
Deanna Lynch	- Orange County Fire Authority	Vishal Raj	- FALCK Ambulance				
Danielle Ogaz	- LA County Fire Department	Shane Ryan	- FALCK Ambulance				
Heather Hogelund	- LA County Fire Department	Bijan Arab	- FALCK Ambulance				
Jeremy Jones	- LA County Fire Department	Patrick Powers	- Paramedic/ no agency				
Clayton Kazam, MD	- LA County Fire Department						
Ryan Creager	- Mercy Air						

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Johnson at 1:03pm

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Everyone around the room introduced themselves with name, title and facility represented
- Dr. Carl Schultz announced his upcoming retirement, effective January 22, but transition of responsibilities have not yet been determined.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Minutes from November 12, 2025, approved*

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

OCEMS Report by Carl Schultz, MD

- *Triage to Alternate Destination project is moving forward, train the trainer course will begin this month.*

Health Disaster Preparedness Report by Gagandeep Grewal, MD

- Upcoming statewide medical health exercise on April 23rd will focus on cybersecurity; related planning meetings announced.
- Work continues on evacuation planning for SNFs and long-term care facilities, hoping to align with LA's mutual aid model.
- Early discussions started regarding response planning for major upcoming events (Olympics, FIFA), with stakeholder involvement encouraged.
- SB-43 training available, please complete if you have not already done so.
- Flack hosting free training by Texas A& M TEEK January 28, 2026

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

- APOT/diversion reports (June-October) shared; November data was retracted due to errors and will be republished later this week.
- November saw lower-than-typical diversion and APOT times; December patient volumes increased but metrics remained below thresholds.
- No hospitals have yet required AB-40 collaborative meetings with EMSA; only validation meetings between hospitals and transport agencies have occurred.
- Discussions around data disputes focused on definitions of arrival times and need for better documentation by both facilities and paramedics.
- Request made for feedback on what data/dashboards would be useful to present at future meetings, especially around IFTs.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

• **PR-120 CPAP update**

CPAP policy updated: pediatric patients identified as age 8 and above, starting at 5 cm H2O; equipment concerns resolved, awaiting feedback.

• **Updates on ALS no contact by phone**

ALS no-contact by telephone: Pilot deemed successful; proposal to expand county-wide discussed, pending coordinator and ERC input before wider rollout.

• **Update on isolated head trauma on thinners going to SNF**

Isolated head trauma on thinners: Project to allow certain neuro/stroke centers to accept these cases has been mothballed but may be reactivated; discussion continues about balancing trauma center standards and practical EMS/resource concerns.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Ketamine dosing and route of administration**

Ketamine is no longer a pilot and is now an optional practice for agencies under policy 325, with administrative flexibility in method and dosing.

- **Intraosseous alternate sites**

IO alternate sites: Proposal submitted for proximal humerus (adults/peds) and distal femur (peds) IO sites; EMS reviewing data and process for

- **Push dose epinephrine as a standing order**

Push-dose epinephrine in adults is now a standing order (no base hospital contact required); remains a base order for pediatrics.

- **Magnesium use in pregnancy emergencies based on the new NAEMSP guidelines**

Magnesium sulfate for eclampsia/preeclampsia in the field, pending proposal development and review with OC EMS upon coordinator's return.

VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Base Hospital Coordinators

New class starts soon, no major updates.

- Orange County ED Nursing Leadership

Nothing new

- Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee

First meeting scheduled for February 5th at North Net; SOC 10 protocol submitted collaboratively.

- Pediatric Collaborative Meeting

Focused on prepping hospitals for National Pediatric Readiness Assessment, aiming for full compliance this round.

- Facilities Advisory Committee

UCI Health Irvine opened as new ERC in December, bringing the total number ERCs to 25. UCI Health hospitals are streamlining facility names to all be UCI Health followed by the city they are located in. ongoing diversion policy discussions and upcoming mental health facility collaborations.

- Prehospital agencies decide on agenda topic(s)

EMS transport of working dogs (beyond police K-9s) to include peer support dogs. Request by Fire to update Policy 309 (Transport of Policy K9 Dogs Injured In Line Of Duty) to include Fire service dogs

VIII. **ROUNDTABLE**

- Genise Silva, RN- Reminders to communicate IFT delays to coordinators and for facilities to ensure no unnecessary waiting for 911 IFT transfers.
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IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

X. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting Adjourned 2:28pm
