



FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 13th, 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
- Janel Rosenberg, 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
- Jason Azuma, NRP
- Mike Noone
- Carissa Martinez

- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Associate Medical Dir
- EMS Facilities Coordinator
- OC-MEDS Coordinator
- Assistant EMS Coordinator
- EMS Office Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

- Sonam Wongyal
- Laura Cross, RN
- Amanda Collins, RN
- Whitney Patnode
- Abigail Baur, RN
- Stephanie Scott
- Ivan Rokos
- Julia Afrasiabi

REPRESENTING

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

OTHERS PRESENT

- Ziad Idriss
- Api Weinert
- Heidi Ragas
- Andrew Tran
- Karissa James
- Kim Zaky
- Erick Quintanilla
- Amanda Ramos

REPRESENTING

- Garden Grove Hospital
- Placentia Fire
- St.Jude
- OCFA
- OC Global Medical Center
- UCI
- FALCK
- Lynch

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by *Peter Anderson, MD*
 - Meeting called to order 9:10 am
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 November 4, 2025, Minutes**
4. **OCEMS REPORT**
 - OCEMS Report by *Carl Schultz, MD and Gagandeep Grewal, MD*
 - Dr. Schultz, EMS Medical Director, will retire on January 22nd; we do not yet know which direction the HCA administration will go.
 - Triage to Alternate Destination project is progressing, with Anaheim Fire piloting patient transports to a single CSU. Train-the-trainer phase underway. Full implementation anticipated by April pending fire agency and CSU participation.
 - SB43, which expands the gravely disabled definition to include substance use disorder, took effect Jan 1. County training courses are available online for hospital-specific guidance.
 - Statewide medical health exercise scheduled for April 23rd; planning meetings start Jan 27th. Focus will be on a cybersecurity event.
 - Regional planning for major upcoming events (FIFA, 2028 Olympics) is in early stages; Orange County to host surfing and volleyball.
 - Efforts continue to develop a SNF mutual aid system to avoid sending skilled nursing evacuees directly to hospitals or general shelters; planning modeled after LA's planning in response to what happened in the wildfires.

- TEEEX (Texas A&M) will host free personal protective biological event trainings Jan 28–29 at the Falk Educational Institute.
- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) and Diversion Report *by Jason Azuma*
- Ambulance off-load (APOT) times for June–October were distributed; November correction underway due to diversion data error (prelim 1,000+ hours, corrected to 700+).
- December diversion was higher (1,000+ hours); APOT remained below 30-minute benchmark, with December at 25 minutes.

5. SPECIALTY REPORTS

- CVRC *by CVRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*
- No new Reports
- SNRC *by SNRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*
- CQI meetings ongoing, invite cases for review (even from non-stroke centers). Quarterly Stroke Society meeting Jan 22, offers education and CMEs.
- Trauma *by TPM Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*
- 1st collaborative trauma system meeting held Dec 2, 2025; more planned annually.
- Pediatrics *by CCERC Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*
- National Pediatric Readiness Survey coming in March, all hospitals encouraged to participate. Pediatric dashboard available for QI tracking.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- UCI Health-Irvine initial Emergency Receiving Center (ERC) Designation *by Genise Silva, RN*
 - UCI Health Irvine opened Dec 10 as 25th emergency receiving center, granted one-year conditional status pending follow-up on accreditation and radio equipment (now resolved).

7. NEW BUSINESS

- UCI Medical Center name change to UCI Health- Orange
- UCI Health system renaming aligns all campuses (e.g., UCI Health Orange).
- Specialty Diversion during ED Diversion by Ivan Rokos, MD
 - Proposal presented to allow STEMI patients to be transported to their nearest STEMI center even if on ED diversion, mirroring LA County's practice. Not extended to stroke/CVRC due to complexity.
 - Group discussed benefits (patient outcomes, time-sensitivity) and challenges (false positive STEMIs, resource capacity, differences from trauma processes).
 - Data shows over half of field-identified STEMIs are false positives; workflow and real-time EKG review suggested for improvement.
 - Suggestion to bring the concept to STEMI CQI meetings and hospital teams for further review.

8. ROUNDTABLE

- All Facility report-outs
- Extended discussion on psychiatric patient burden, transfer delays, and bottlenecks in moving 5150 (involuntary psychiatric hold) patients from ERs to appropriate facilities.
- Reports of inefficiency with Be Well vans/facilities: patients often end up in ERs rather than direct placement.
- New psychiatric bed availability at Aliso Ridge and Anaheim Community Hospital has improved throughput, though insurance and medical complexity still limit placement.
- Acknowledgement that new state bill regarding 5150 criteria may reduce available psych beds starting January.
- Technical error in state APOD audit tool resulted in inaccurate long off-load times; facilities asked to delay input until resolved (now fixed). Facilities reminded to submit discrepancies for state review.

9. NEXT MEETING – March 10, 2026, 09:00 am

10. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am