



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY  
 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
 8300 Marine Way, Suite 200  
 Irvine, CA 92618



**COUNTY PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.  
**Location: 8300 Marine Way, Irvine CA 92618**

**EMS Conference Room: AOC-103B**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS**

- Theodore Heyming, MD
- Bryan Johnson, MD
- James Price, MD
- Robert Granata, MD
- Joshua Bobko, MD
- Kelly Dodge, MD
- Iksoo Kang, MD
- Eric McCoy, MD
- David Ngo, MD
- Kelly Unger, MD
- Robert Katzer, MD
- Shira Schlesinger, MD

**REPRESENTING**

- BHPD – Rady Children’s Hospital Orange County
- Orange City Fire Department
- BHPD – Mission Hospital
- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.
- Medical Director – OC Fire Authority
- BHPD – Hoag Memorial Hospital
- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center
- BHPD – UCI Medical Center
- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital
- Medical Director - Anaheim Fire & Rescue
- Medical Director - Newport Beach Fire Dept

**HCA/OCEMS STAFF PRESENT**

- Mindy Winterswyk, MD - Director of Specialized Medical Services
- Almaas Shaikh, MD - Interim EMS Medical Director
- Gagandeep Grewal, MD - Associate EMS Medical Director
- Kristen Karpow, RN - EMS Clinical Chief
- Laurent Repass, NRP - EMS Analytics Chief
- Genise Silva, RN - EMS Facilities Coordinator
- Ruth Clark, RN - EMS Trauma Coordinator
- Chad Cossey - HCA Program Supervisor II
- Drew Bernard - EMS Specialist
- Carissa Martinez - Office Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT**

**NAME**

- Julia Afrasiabi, RN
- Jenael Rosenberg, RN
- Justin Horner, EMT-P
- Patrick Dibb
- Matt Armstrong
- Danielle Ogaz
- Bijan Arab
- Steve Hurdle
- Rhonda Rosati

**REPRESENTING**

- BHC – UCI Medical Center
- BHC – Hoag Memorial Hospital
- Fire Chiefs EMS Committee
- EMT Training Programs
- Premier Ambulance
- LA County Fire Department
- Falck
- LifeLine Ambulance
- Fullerton Fire Department

**NAME**

- Jocelyn Casillas
- Andrew Tran
- Amanda Collins
- Donald Rugglos
- Stephanie Scott
- Katrina Navarro

**REPRESENTING**

- Orange County Fire Authority
- Orange County Fire Authority
- Rady Children’s Hospital Orange County
- Lynch Ambulance
- St. Joseph Hospital Orange
- Kaiser-Irvine

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Johnson at 1:05pm.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Everyone around the room introduces themselves with name, title and facility represented

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- *Minutes from January 14, 2025, approved*

**IV. OCEMS REPORT**

• **OCEMS Report by Almaas Shaikh, MD**

- Internal Focus: Emphasis on organizational alignment and structure; no major external projects currently underway.
- Standing Orders Workgroup: Formed to address inconsistencies and needed updates; includes representatives from fire, hospitals, EMS personnel, and physicians; updates will be brought to MAC and CPAC for approval.
- Review of all EMS Committee meetings to improve: Purpose, Efficiency, Representation

• **Health Disaster Preparedness Report by Gagandeep Grewal, MD**

- Chapter 6 Regulations (Specialty Centers): Rejected by Office of Administrative Law due to inconsistencies. Will be revised and re-released for public comment.
- Controlled Substance Reporting: New requirements for documentation of ordering provider; may impact EMS documentation practices.

- DEA Registration: Potential future ability for EMS agencies to register independently (not yet implemented in California).
- Olympics Planning: Regional coordination underway. Focus on increased number of visitors and potential risks.
- State-wide health Exercise: Date: April 23 Scenario: Cyberattack with patient surge simulation (400 patients)

• **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) and Diversion Reports** by *Laurent Repass*

- Discontinuation of printed monthly APOT and Diversion reports.
- Transition to real-time dashboards
- Demonstration provided
- 30-day rolling metrics: APOT (arrival to transfer of care), Transport times, Signature timing compliance, Back-in-service times, Real-time updates from system data
- Motion to approve public posting of dashboard: Approved by majority vote
- Pending additional committee approvals.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Intraosseous alternate sites** by *Almaas Shaikh, MD*
  - Expansion to include distal femur and humerus.
  - Next meeting: Draft policy, Training and QA requirements
- **Magnesium use in pregnancy emergencies based on the NAEMSP/ACOG guidelines** by *Almaas Shaikh, MD*
  - Under internal review.
  - Decision expected at next meeting.
- **ALS no contact by cell phone, systemwide use** by *Almaas Shaikh, MD*
  - Proposal to allow systemwide use of cell phones instead of radios.
  - Considerations: Limited hospital phone lines Backup via radio remains available
  - Policy update to be drafted and reviewed next meeting.
- **Cardiac Arrest SO proposal change** by *Almaas Shaikh, MD*
  - Redline SO to be brought back to next meeting

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project 2024 Assessment Results** by *Ruth Clark, RN*
  - All Orange County EMS agencies participated.
  - Results published nationally.
  - Agencies encouraged to improve readiness based on findings.
  - Upcoming ED Pediatric Readiness Assessment for Hospitals open through end of May; participation strongly encouraged.

VII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Base Hospital Coordinators: MICN training ongoing; CQI project; participation in standing orders review
  - Orange County ED Nursing Leadership: nothing to report
  - Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee: progress updates on system improvements; discussion of public safety animal protocols
  - Pediatric Collaborative Meeting: on hold
  - Facilities Advisory Committee
    - Garden Grove ERC redesignation for 3 years conditional approved
    - UCI Health – Orange PedTC redesignation for 2 years approved
    - Behavioral Health presentation
    - Open members: Hospital Administration representative and Base Hospital Physician representative
  - Prehospital agencies decide on agenda topic(s).
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VIII. **ROUNDTABLE**

- Vendor (Stryker) experienced cyberattack. System temporarily disconnected as precaution. No confirmed data compromise. Systems restored after containment.
- Request for Q&A and teaching points to be added to future CPAC meetings.

IX. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

X. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting Adjourned at 2:26pm

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