



COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY
 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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FACILITIES ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 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
- VACANT
- VACANT

REPRESENTING

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

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almaas Shaikh, MD Mindy Winterswyk Gagandeep Grewal, MD Genise Silva, RN Laurent Repass, NRP Kristen Karpow, RN Genise Silva, RN Ruth Clark, RN Anjan Purohit, EMT-P Fran Cohen, RN Chad Cossey Carissa Martinez | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interim EMS Medical Director - Dir Specialized Medical Services - EMS Associate Medical Dir - EMS Facilities Coordinator - EMS Analytics Chief - EMS Clinical Chief - EMS Facilities Coordinator - EMS Trauma Coordinator - EMS Analytics Coordinator - EMS Liaison - HDP Program Supervisor - EMS Office Specialist |
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OTHERS PRESENT

- Sonam Wongyal
- Laura Cross
- Amanda Collins
- Whitney Patnode
- Abigail Baur
- Julia Afrasiabi
- Sara May
- Elizabeth Hartson
- Jeneal Rosenberg
- Todd Costa
- Sarah Vu

REPRESENTING

- Lynch Ambulance
- Mission Hospital
- Rady
- Rady
- OCGMC
- UCI - Orange
- HASC
- La Palma
- Hoag Newport Beach
- UCI – Orange
- County CSU

OTHERS PRESENT

- Heidi Ragas
- Andrew Tran
- Joshua Bobko
- Karissa James
- Shane Ryan
- Amanda Ramos
- Steve Hurdle
- Danielle Boal
- Alexandra Porath
- Kelly Peth

REPRESENTING

- St. Jude
- OCFA
- OCFA
- OC Global Medical Center
- FALCK
- Lynch
- Lifeline
- Brea Fire
- Anaheim Global
- Mission Hospital

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 09:02am by *Peter Anderson, MD*

2. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dr. Almaas Shaikh was introduced as the new Interim Medical Director
- Everyone in the room introduced themselves.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes from March 10, 2026, meeting were approved.

4. **OCEMS REPORT**

- **OCEMS Report** by *Almaas Shaikh, MD*
 - Focus on internal alignment, organization, and structure
 - Started a Standing Orders Ad-Hoc Workgroup with the main to establish consistency n ALS standing orders
 - Creation of various dashboards with the main goal to empower agencies and stakeholders with actionable information

- **OCEMS Report** by *Gagandeep Grewal, MD*
 - Chapter 6 Regulations: Changes that were finalized after the 3rd public comment period were rejected by Emergency of Law due to inconsistencies; will go back to public comment after changes made, could take a couple of months
 - NDMS Agreements: Hospitals should renew agreements which expire every 5 years; important for disaster and military patient support
- **Update on APOT and Diversion Reporting Process** by *Laurent Repass, NRP*
 - Discontinuation of previous monthly PDF reports due to: State-level reporting changes and Potential data conflicts
 - Introduction of real-time dashboards- Rolling 30-day data, Real-time operational awareness
 - Benefits: Improved efficiency, Reduced staff workload, Better situational awareness
 - Committee members approved the use of both dashboards

5. SPECIALTY REPORTS

- **CVRC** by *CVRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN* = running smoothly; CQI meetings ongoing; will go over later in the agenda with STEMI data per question posted by Dr. Rokos regarding specialty diversion.
- **SNRC** by *SNRC Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN* = currently have 8 SNRCs; CQI committee meetings continue; running smoothly
- **Trauma** by *TPM Representative or Ruth Clark, RN* = report by *Mary Slattery of UCI-Orange*: ongoing collaboration; the Trauma Program Managers meet later this afternoon, to discuss change in FAC member representative for trauma
- **Pediatrics** by *CCERC Representative or Ruth Clark, RN* = Pediatric Readiness 2026 Assessment launched on March 3rd until the end of May, every ERC is expected to complete; Recall issued for Broselow tapes, recommended by the FDA is to use the 2019 version.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Specialty Diversion during ED Diversion** by *Gagandeep Grewal, MD*

No significant time savings when bypassing for diversion. Transport delays offset by reduced offload times. Maintaining current diversion practices is appropriate.
- **Presentation by HCA Behavioral Health on Psych Placement**

7. NEW BUSINESS

- **Emergency Receiving Center Designation for Garden Grove Hospital** by *Genise Silva, RN*

Granted three-year conditional Emergency Receiving Center designation pending corrective action for three identified deficiencies (APOT, ReddiNet compliance, lack of prehospital communicable disease exposure policy).
- **Pediatric Trauma Center Redesignation for UCI Health–Orange** by *Ruth Clark, RN*

Granted two-year Pediatric Trauma Center designation after successful American College of Surgeon corrective action site visit.
- **FIFA Planning** by *Chad Cossey*
 - Regional planning underway (Orange County, LA County, City of Irvine)
 - Key considerations: Increased international visitors and potential surge in ED visits
 - Recommendations: Update triage protocols (travel screening); Review surge and transfer plans; Prepare for communicable disease risks.
- **Review of FAC Members** by *Genise Silva, RN*
 - Committee undergoing evaluation for: Effectiveness, engagement, and representation.
 - Open positions: Hospital administration representative and Base hospital physician representative
 - Feedback: Too much reporting, not enough engagement
 - Desire for: Focused topics per meeting; defined goals; increased facility participation
 - Consider structured discussions vs. open-ended reporting.

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8. SAVE THE DATE:

- National Pediatric Readiness Assessment for EDs launches March 3, 2026
- Trauma Grand Rounds: virtual lecture on April 8, 2026, from 9am-11am
- Statewide Medical Health Exercise: Cyberattack April 23, 2026
- 2026 APOT Mitigation Policy due to EMSA by June 30, 2026

9. ROUND TABLE

10. NEXT MEETING- May 12, 2026, 09:00am

11. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:07am.

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