



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



## REGULAR MEETING

Friday, January 9, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.  
8300 Marine Way, Irvine, CA 92618  
Meeting Room 103-B

## MINUTES

Name	Representing	Health Care Agency Staff	
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael S. Ritter, MD	– Orange County Medical Assn. (SOCEP)	Mindy Winterswyk	– Director, Specialized Medical Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Van Vu, MD	– Board of Supervisors, First District	Almaas Shaikh	– Deputy Health Officer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Grihalva, MICP	– Board of Supervisors, Second District	Carl Schultz, MD	– EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Munzing, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Third District	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	– Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Loeser, Fire Chief	– Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Mike Noone, NRP	– Assistant EMS Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Theodore Heyming, MD	– Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Laurent Repass, NRP	– EMS Performance Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Armstrong	– Ambulance Association of Orange County	Genise Silva, RN	– EMS Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Firey	– American Red Cross	Meng Chung	– EMS Management Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Albright, LMFT	– Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	Adrian Rodriguez	– EMS Performance Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Killebrew	– Orange County City Managers Association	Drew Bernard	– EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Eric McCoy	– Orange County Fire Chief Association	Damien Cyphers	– EMS Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Gibbs, MD	– Orange County Medical Association	Carissa Martinez	– EMS Office Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Stu Greenberg	– Orange County Police Chiefs' & Sheriffs Assn.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Zaky, DNP	– Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luke Schademan, RN	– Hospital Association of Southern California		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	– Orange County Business Council		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blair Stewart, Mayor	– City Selection Committee		
Guests Present			
Bill Weston	– Emergency Amb	Vicki Sweet	– OCSD Air Support
Erick Quintanilla	– FLACK	Joshua Bobko	– OCFD
Julia Afrasiabi	– UCI	Rhonda Rosati	– FFD
Laura Cross, RN	– Mission Hospital	Heidi Ragas	– St. Jude
Amanda Collins	– Rady	Jenael Rosenberg	– Hoag Hospital
Ryan Creager	– Mercy Air	Monica Layhee, RN	– OC Global Medical Center
Steve Hurdle	– Lifeline EMS	Jill Plat	– Huntington Beach Hospital
Sonam Wangyul	– Lynch EMS	Pamela Decker	– UCI-Irvine
Danielle Boai	– Brea Fire	Mike Summers	– OCFA

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Timothy Munzing, MD

### 2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fullerton Fire Chief Adam Loeser moved from Orange County Fire Chiefs Association Seat to represent the Board of Supervisors, Fourth District on the EMCC.
- Huntington Beach Fire Chief Eric McCoy represents the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association on the EMCC.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Recommended Action: Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve **October 10, 2025**, EMCC Minutes by Timothy Munzing, MD

Approved: 1<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> none opposed.

#### 4. OCEMS REPORT

- **Medical Director's Report** by *Carl Schultz, MD*
- Triage Alternate Destination Project-Funding secured, program moving forward. Trainer arriving next week, train the trainer course. Anticipated launch: April 1. No major roadblocks identified
- Push Dose Epinephrine Policy- No longer requires base hospital contact. Paramedics may administer per standing order.
- **Health Disaster Preparedness Report** by *Gagandeep Grewal, MD*

##### **SB 43 Update (effective Jan 1)**

- Expands 5150 criteria to include:
- Grave disability due to substance use disorder and inability to obtain necessary medical care
- Training videos posted on Behavioral Health website.
- Early reports from other counties indicate minimal impact so far.

##### **Statewide Medical Health Exercise**

- Scheduled for **April 23**
- Topic will be **Cybersecurity**
- Planning meetings: Jan 27, March (midterm), and early April (final)

##### **Shelter Medical Needs / SNF Coordination**

- Early discussions with SSA & Public Health regarding medical support for evacuees.
- Model may follow LA County's SNF mutual aid system.

##### **Major Events Planning**

- Preparing regionally for: **FIFA events, 2028 Olympics** (Volleyball at Honda Center; Surfing in San Clemente)

##### **Respiratory Virus Update**

- Influenza cases increasing.
- COVID stable after September surge.
- EMS reports increased transports for cold/flu.

##### **Ambulance Patient Off-load Time/Diversion Data Report** by *Laurent Repass, NRP*

- Reporting period: August–November
- Average APOT at 90th percentile: 23–24 minutes
- 3–7 hospitals exceeded 30-minute APOT threshold.
- Diversion levels generally within target (~6% countywide).
- Notable issue: State software errors caused APOT discrepancies; county working with state to resolve.

#### 5. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

##### **Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) by Genise Silva, RN**

- Meeting held November 4.
  - CHOC name change to Rady Children's Hospital – Orange County.
  - Trauma system meeting held December 2-very successful
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**County Prehospital Advisory Committee (CPAC)** by Genise Silva, RN

- Meeting held November 12
- Protocol updates (effective April 1 implementation date).
- AMA policy updates for clarity and consistency.
- Pediatric stroke standing order under development.
- Implementation of AB 40 APOT audit process reviewed.
- Reminder: dispute meetings required for APOT discrepancies.

**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** by Matt Armstrong, SCAA

- Updated facility names (CHOC/Rady, UCI campuses).
- Reminder to verify destination name prior to transport.
- Further discussion on APOT discrepancy procedures.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

**Implementation of Ketamine for pain management-**

- Policy issued, Fire departments may implement at their discretion.

**Business and Professional Code 18708**

- Band-Aid policy allowing paramedics to provide lifesaving care at sporting events without mandatory transport continues to function smoothly.

**Final outcome for review of OC Global Medical Center’s designation as an SNRC**

- Revocation expires **January 18**.
- Future solicitation will be opened for designation of a **9th Stroke Neurological Receiving Center**.

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – *Recommended Action: Approvals*

**UCI Health- Placentia Linda ERC Designation by Genise Silva, RN**

- Site visit: October 8
- No deficiencies.
- Recommendation: 3-year unconditional endorsement

• **UCI Health- Irvine Initial ERC Designation by Genise Silva, RN**

- Official opening: December 10
- Deficiencies: Accreditation pending (due by March 10) and initial radio communication issue (now resolved)
- Recommendation: 1-year conditional endorsement

Motion to approve both designations

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*Approved: 1<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> none opposed.*

**UCI System Name Changes**

- All UCI hospitals now rebranded as **UCI Health – [City]**.
- Update rollout ongoing across policies & ReddiNet.

**Committee decides on the future location of the EMCC Meeting for April, July, October 2026.**

- Options: Current location at 8300 Marine Way or CAN building MPR at 400 West Civic Center Drive
- Parking at Santa Ana requires reimbursement
- Group consensus: Remain at current location 8300 Marine Way.

Motion to approve

*Approved: 1<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> none opposed.*

**8. MEMBER COMMENTS** – None

**9. PUBLIC FORUM** –no public comments

**10. NEXT MEETING** –Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2026, 09:00am at HCA, Marine Way Campus

**11. ADJOURNMENT** –meeting was adjourned at 9:44am

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