



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

Tuesday, July 14th, 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
- ☐ Megan Dickson, MD
- ☐ Michael Lekawa, MD
- ☒ Stephen Gassner, MD
- ☐ Alaine Schauer, RN
- ☒ Janel Rosenberg, RN
- ☒ Augustus Ynares, RN
- ☒ Mary Slattery, RN
- ☐ Bryan Johnson, RN
- ☒ Mayra Osuna, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Cross, RN
Amanda Collins, RN
Whitney Patnode, RN
Stephanie Scott
Julia Afrasiabi, RN
Patrick Powers
Arlene Lim
Danielle Boal
Chien Sun, MD
Elizabeth Hartson
Sara May
Sharon Richards

REPRESENTING

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

REPRESENTING

Mission Hospital
Rady Children's Hospital Orange County
Rady Children's Hospital Orange County
St. Joseph Orange
UCI Health- Orange
Lynch Ambulance
OC Global Medical Center
Brea Fire
OCGME
La Palma Intercommunity Hospital
HASC
HASC

HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

- ☒ Almaas Shaikh, MD
 - ☒ Gagandeep Grewal, MD
 - ☒ Daniel McDonnell
 - ☒ Genise Silva, RN
 - ☒ Kristen Karpow, RN
 - ☐ Jason Azuma, NRP
 - ☒ Laurent Repass, NRP
 - ☒ Drew Bernard
 - ☐ Fran Cohen, RN
 - ☒ Chad Cossey
 - ☒ Kelly Asch
- EMS Interim Medical Director
EMS Associate Medical Director
EMS Director
EMS Facilities Coordinator
EMS Clinical Standards Chief
OC-MEDS Coordinator
EMS Analytics Chief
EMS Specialist
EMS Liaison
HDP Program Supervisor II
HDP Staff Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Heidi Ragas, RN
Andrew Tran
Todd Costa
Sarah Wilson
Jill Patt, RN
Shane Ryan
Megan Crumpler
Mariam Zhouwandai
Chris Zimmerman, MD
Bev Lewis

REPRESENTING

St. Jude
OCFA
UCI Health - Orange
Lynch Ambulance
Huntington Beach BHC
FALCK Ambulance
OCHCA Public Health Lab
OCHCA Public Health Lab
CDCD
TIPS

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called by Dr. Peter Anderson at 9:03 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Around the room introductions with name, title and facility represented

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Action Item: Approval of May 12, 2026, Approved** (No objections or amendments noted).

4. OCEMS REPORT

- OCEMS Report by *Almaas Shaikh, MD and Gagandeep Grewal, MD*
 - We will no longer be printing agenda packets. We encourage you to bring laptops or print them on your own.
 - Dr. Shaikh will be doing "ride-a-longs" over the next two months to get to know what it is like to be in the field. Please let your administration know.
 - An RFP is currently being drafted for a Stroke Peds Assessment to ensure that is fair, transparent, accountable and not done by anyone that's invested in the Orange County system.

- Daniel McDonnell
 - We finished up the interview process for the Medical Director position. We should have an announcement hopefully by the end of next week.
 - We are currently working with Huntington Beach Fire Department to establish a pilot program for high utilizers. We have an upcoming meeting to establish the process.
 - We will be forming an equipment work group with some of the logistics staff from both public and private ambulance companies to evaluate what the ambulances carry.
 - We are going to become a Narcan distribution center for the state. We will be working with our substance abuse disorder program to see if there's a reduction in overdoses in the areas where Narcan is left behind.
- Health Disaster Preparedness Report *by Gagandeep Grewal, MD*
 - We have a Chempak training coming up in September.
 - We are working on the high consequence of infectious disease. It is really important that we are prepared ahead of time.
 - AB40 APOT passed
 - SB43 substance abuse disorder went into effect in OC.
 - Triage to Alternate Destinations went into effect yesterday,
- APOT / Diversion Dashboard *by Kristen Karpow, RN*
 - Just a reminder that we will no longer create monthly APOT and Diversion tables for discussion and review at any meetings. They are available on our website and can be accessed at any time.
- NEMSIS 3.5.1 and CEMSIS Transition *by Laurent Repass, NRP*
 - The federal requirement for transition to NEMSIS 3.5.1 of the state requirement is November 1st. We have already completed that transition and are sending our data to the state in that format. The state has also transitioned to a new vendor for the CEMSIS system. They asked that all local EMS agencies transition to that system. We completed that transition a week ago.

5. SPECIALTY REPORTS

- CVRC *by CVRC and SNRC by Coordinator Representative or Genise Silva, RN*

Both specialties are continuing with their CQI meetings. that have that take place. The Orange County Stroke Society meeting is on August 20th, location TBD.
- Trauma *by TPM Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*

No major updates; Meet today at 11:00 a.m. The Image Sharing Collaborative meeting is on July 15th.
- Pediatrics *by CCERC Representative or Ruth Clark, RN*

Pediatric Collaborative meetings currently on hold.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Meeting Schedule and Format *by Almaas Shaikh, MD*

Starting in January 2027 we are going to begin a 12-month pilot to combine CPAC, FAC, and TAC into one joint meeting, with EMCC approval. The meeting is proposed to be on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- EMSA APOT Portal *by Laurent Repass, NRP*

The state has a portal that all hospitals log into to view all of the incidents where they've received a patient and then audit their times. The portal has been down, and most hospitals have not been able to access the data due to technical issues.
- OC Human Trafficking Task Force Presentation Slides *by Kristen Karpow, RN*

OC human trafficking task force they presented a fantastic educational presentation on the intersection of human trafficking and healthcare at our last FAC and CPAC meetings a couple months ago and we got really great feedback on it. There is a QR code available for the slides. If you would like to access it, please contact Kristen.
- Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) Presentation *by Beverly Lewis, TIP Executive Director*

Beverly gave a short presentation on trauma intervention.

- High Consequence Infectious Disease Presentation by *Chris Zimmerman, MD*
Dr. Zimmerman gave a presentation on Ebola and other infectious diseases.

8. SAVE THE DATE

- Most of the trainings are free, however the California Hospital Association Disaster Conference is not. We will be focusing on disaster at the Trauma Grand Rounds on October 14th.

9. ROUNDTABLE

- No comments

10. NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, September 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- November's meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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