

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Regular EMCC Meeting: Friday, October 26, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. Location: 405 W. Fifth Street – Conference Room 433 Santa Ana, CA 92705

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
☐ Chan Le Nguyen, MD ☐ Patrick Powers ☐ Nick Anas, MD ☐ Jon Gilwee ☐ vacant ☐ Monica Ruzich ☐ Julie Wanstreet, RN ☐ Mary Botticella ☐ Michelle Tom, MD ☐ Philip Davis ☐ Brad Reese ☐ Margie Harrier ☐ vacant ☐ Chief Kris Head ☐ Bryan Hoynak, MD	CATEGORY REPRESENTED - Board of Supervisors, First District - Board of Supervisors, Second District - Board of Supervisors, Fourth District - Board of Supervisors, Fourth District - Board of Supervisors, Fifth District - American Red Cross, OC Chapter - Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn Hospital Association of So. Calif Society of OC Emergency Physicians - Ambulance Association of OC - League of California Cities - OC Business Council - OC City Managers Association - OC Fire Chiefs Association - OC Medical Association - OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council	HDM STAFF Lydia Mikhail Sam Stratton, MD Tammi McConnell, RN Ken Miller, MD Mike Delaby Kathy Hiller Others Present Bill Weston Phil Robinson Walt Lynch JT Rapport Michael Dimas Drew Dimas John Detviler Greg Boswell Tom Coppolino Jim Ignacio Cathy Ord Matt Marchese Robert Camarena Julie Puentes Aaron Oshima Robert Williams Stephen Wontrobski	REPRESENTING Division Manager EMS Medical Director EMS Program Manager EMS Asst. Medical Director EMS Facilities Coordinator EMS Office Supervisor Care Ambulance Doctor's Ambulance Lynch Ambulance Lynch Ambulance Medix Ambulance Medix Ambulance Medix Ambulance Medix Ambulance Medix Ambulance Medix Ambulance Geff Fountain Valley Fire JVI Consulting, LLC Newport Beach Fire Healthcare Compliance Gentle Care Transport HASC Mercy Air Impulse Ambulance public

1. <u>EMCC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>

Meeting called to order by Jon Gilwee, Chair.

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reese and Margie Harrier were welcomed to EMCC as new members.

Mike Delaby, EMS Facilities Coordinator and Lydia Mikhail, Health Disaster Management Interim Division Manager were introduced.

Stephen Wontrobski, representing the pubic, reported that his information he spoke about at the June 22, 2012 was missing from the minutes. He spoke on the issues of conflict of interest of the Orange County Fire Authority handling the bidding process for RFPs and he recommended that the Orange County Health Care Agency Emergency Medical Services handle the bidding for ambulance services in Orange County. He provided a written packet of his concerns for the members.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSC The June 22, 2012 minutes were approved.

4. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

Medical Director Update: reported by Samuel Stratton

The state paramedic regulations are out again for the 4th public comment period as well as new stroke and cardiac regulations and are available on the Emergency Medical Services Agency website.

A memo went out last week to the EMS system regarding morphine sulfate that will only be approved as of November 1st, for intravenous use because of formulary changes and lack of FDA approval for the two primary producers in the United States. The ALS standing orders have been revised and will be posted on the EMS website by November 1.

Newport Beach Fire has proposed a trial study for increased PAU dispatch and the EMS office. The trial will envolve tiered the dispatch system that has been use at the North Net Metro dispatch center.

Policies are posted on the OCEMS webpage for 50-day (October 26 – December 17) comment period, Paramedic Receiving Center Criteria, Base Hospital Criteria, Cardiovascular Receiving Center, Stroke-Neurology Receiving Center Designation Criteria, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Authorization and a new policy Children's Receiving Center Designation Criteria.

The Fast Mag trial, being done conjointly with Orange County and L. A. County is progressing. 1700 patients are required for total enrollment. The trial is on track for completion in December.

A new trial has been proposed to evaluate stroke victim elevated blood pressure in the field. Nitroglycerin patches will be used in the field to lower blood pressures.

Will be submitting a survey to look at the CQI process asking for provider plans as required in policy and procedures and will revamp the entire Q. I. improvement program early next year.

Early this week a letter was signed to revoke Alpha Ambulance's license based on the EMS internal investigation.

OC-MEDS Update: reported by Tammi McConnell

The OC-MEDS progress report was supplied to members. Ten fire departments, three ambulance companies and all the paramedic receiving centers are involved with the OC-MEDS process. System has collected data for 3,000-4,000 patient care records. Orange County Fire Authority is now participating and the system should see a substantial increase the prehospital care records. The Stencil recorders have been installed in three of the six base hospitals and the last three will be installed in December. The base hospital software for MICN documentation of prehospital care and medical directives will be delivered by the end of this month. Discussions with hospitals and other health information exchanges have occurred to consider integration with OC-MEDS. Currently, system is beta testing the on-line EMT licensure module with EMT that will go line in December.

<u>Disaster Preparations</u>: reported by Tammi McConnell and Lydia Mikhail

November 15 is the statewide exercise and is designed to assess how healthcare systems responds to communication failures in the event of a widespread power outage. It is an earthquake scenario and over 50 participants in the county that will be exercising.

Health Disaster Management had the POD drive-thru and walk-ins exercise at five cities locations; Westminster, Stanton, Anaheim, Laguna Niguel and Placentia from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 2,250 participants were vaccinated with flu shots.

Hospital Diversion: No report, see attachment 2

EMCC FY2011-2012 Annual Report:

Supplied to members for information only.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Policy 777.00 and 778.00 reported by Samuel Stratton

These policies are going out again for 15-day public comment period (October 26 – November 9) and will be posted on our webpage today. Biggest changes were adding OC-MEDS as a requirement, changing the name of the policies from CCT-P to IFT-P and training requirements.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment of Nominating Committee for EMCC Calendar Year 2012 Slate of Officers
Volunteers for nominating committee are Patrick Powers, Chief Paul Henisey, and Dr. Nick Anas and will present the nominees at the December 14, 2012 meeting. If anyone is interested in the Chair or Vice Chair you can contact Dr. Stratton or Jon Gilwee.

MSC The Proposal to change 12/14/12 EMCC meeting location to Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)

7. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

- A. Facilities Advisory Committee reported by Mike Delaby Introduced a pdf form-fillable questionnaire for the pre-designation review for Base hospitals and Specialty Centers. Kaiser opened up their new facility in Anaheim on September 12, and OCEMS provided them with a 6-month PRC designation.
- B. County Paramedic Advisory Committee did not meet
- C. Education & Training Advisory Committee reported by Tammi McConnell
 The expanded EMT training hours will be passed into the new State regulations and all
 training programs have reported that they will be able to meet those expanded hours. The
 regulations will go into effect early next year. They are working on revising the 4-hour
 Orange County accreditation course and updating the new standing orders and protocols
 changes. The new officers were elected and Patrick Powers is the new chair.
- D. Transportation Advisory Committee reported by Tammi McConnell

 The new policy for ambulance equipment and design will go into effect January 13, 2013, the new ambulance licensing period. This will require ambulance companies to modify or add equipment within the inventory to be in compliant. Committee reviewing policies specific to ambulance company licenses renewals.
- E. Trauma Operations Committee *did not meet*UCI has completed the American College of Surgeons (ACS) trauma reverification survey and received ACS verification as a Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.
- F. Quality Assurance Board did not meet

8. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chief Paul Henisey recognized the fire services for their participation in active shooter fire response policy with the Orange County Sheriffs. The policy assigns the Orange County Fire Authority with a provider rescue group that works conjunction with law enforcement to provide protection within a response area and includes recovery and patient removal during an active shooter situation. The policy is going thru review with the Orange County Sheriffs and Police Association.

Chief Kris Head announced his retirement from the fire department today and will continue representing the Fire Chiefs' Association on EMCC until a replacement is appointed.

Dr. Sam Stratton addressed item 8 on the June 22, 2012 minutes where there was a request for OCEMS to present information on the RFP process for ambulance companies:

The responsibility of the county is to assess and recommend to the State EMS Authority that the RFP process is competitive. It is unclear why the responsibility was delegated this way from the Health Care Agency and given to the Orange County Fire Authority and the cities. It appears to be a decision by the Board of Supervisors or Health Care Agency during the bankruptcy and the development of the Orange County Fire Authority.

The reason for ambulance RFPs under the Health and Safety Code 1797.224 is to allow for the state to provide anti-trust protection in a region where EMS is being provided. A LEMSA (Orange County EMS) can determine whether they have exclusive areas or non-exclusive areas. An exclusive area is an area where there is State sanctioned anti-trust protection. That means that a provider selected in an exclusive area who is providing services as the exclusive provider as determined by the State. In Orange County, the operating areas are based on cities. This allows a city to generate a RFP for ambulance services, which includes 9-1-1, BLS and emergency provider status.

In the city of Westminster the city generated a RFP and their ALS provider the Orange County Fire Authority was delegated to write the RFP in conjunction with the city of Westminster police department. The RFP was submitted to OCEMS to ensure that it was a competitive process and then was sent to the EMS Authority to determine also if it's a competitive.

In Orange County exclusive operating areas are limited to 9-1-1 BLS ambulances. The county does have the option of declaring the county non-exclusive and allowing cities that are providing 9-1-1 services to put out contracts without the county's and State's review for competiveness.

- 9. PUBLIC FORUM (non-agendized)
- 10. **NEXT Meeting –** December 14, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at CHOC hospital
- 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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