



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Regular EMCC Meeting:
Friday, October 28, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
Location: 405 W. Fifth Street – Conference Room 433
Santa Ana, CA 92705

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
MEMBERS	CATEGORY REPRESENTED	OCEMS STAFF	REPRESENTING
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- Board of Supervisors, First District	Terre Duensing	- HDM Division Manager
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- Board of Supervisors, Second District	Sam Stratton, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Anas, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Third District	Tammi McConnell	- EMS Program Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Gilwee	- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Kathy Hiller	- Office Supervisor C
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Ruzich	- American Red Cross, OC Chapter		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Wanstreet, RN	- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.	OTHERS PRESENT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Botticella	- Hospital Association of So. Calif.	Holly Veale	- HCA – Medical Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Tom, MD	- Society of OC Emergency Physicians	Ron Norby	- HCA – Medical Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Philip Davis	- Ambulance Association of OC	Erik Lowman	- HCA-HDM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Nagel	- League of California Cities	Brian Cotter	- Anaheim General
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Bastone	- OC Business Council	Ian Powers	- Lynch Ambulance
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Pulone	- OC City Managers Association		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Kris Head	- OC Fire Chiefs Association		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Hoynak, MD	- OC Medical Association		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Paul Henisey	- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.		
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council		

1. **EMCC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

2. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3. **ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIR**

Jon Gilwee volunteered to chair the meetings as interim chair until a new chair is elected.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSC The June 24, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

5. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**

OCMEDS Update: *reported by Dr. Samuel Stratton.*

There are three keys updates: The OCMEDS system is able to run reports from the Base Hospitals, have ordered the tablets for the fire departments, and revising the protocols so they will be up-to-date in the systems. They will be available on the right hand side of each tablet to provide the protocols in the field and eventually migrate from paper.

Disaster Preparations: *reported by Terre Duensing*

The POD exercise was on November 21, 2011, and took place in Placentia, Anaheim and Dana Point providing 1200 free flu vaccines to the public. Received help from the cities, nursing schools, MRC volunteers and the Health Care Agency. Gearing up for the statewide exercise on

November 17, 2011, working with hospitals, long term care facilities, specialty centers and clinics.

Hospital Diversion: *reported by Dr. Samuel Stratton*

Looking at the bar chart on the attachment you can see the trend is going down slightly and diversion is not an issue at this time.

2010-2011 Influenza Season: *reported by Dr. Samuel Stratton*

There have been occasional cases of flu showing up in the emergency rooms. The flu vaccine is readily available for the public in a number of formats at local pharmacies: standard muscular injection, a higher dose for people over 65, intradermal injection for 18-64 year olds and intranasal that could be used for children afraid of the needle.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Ground Ambulance Service Basic Life Support (BLS) Rates Adjustment and Advanced Life

Support (ALS) Rate: *reported by Ron Norby*

A brief history was reported on how the BLS and ALS rates are calculated using the current and past methodologies. The Agenda Staff Report is on the Board of Supervisors' agenda for November 8, 2011 asking the Board to consider changing the ordinance whereby the future rate adjustments would be directed to the Health Care Agency for approvals using the current methodology as long as the CPI didn't go above 10%.

EMS Trauma Plan: *reported by Tammi McConnell*

In June the updated trauma plan was sent to the state and awaiting for endorsement by the state. Will update with any recommendations from the state in the five-year trauma plan that is due to the state next year.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment of Nominating Committee for Slate of Officers for EMCC Calendar Year 2012

Steve Nagel, Philip Davis and Chief Kris Head volunteered to serve on the nominating committee to select nominees to vote for the chairman and vice chairman for calendar 2012 to present at the next EMCC meeting on December 9, 2011.

Disaster Advisory Group Bylaws (DAG): *reported by Dr. Samuel Stratton*

At the last DAG meeting they decided to disband the group due to changes in MCI Plan which fire operations over sees based on State standards and leaves the Disaster Advisory Group with unclear objectives. There is a need to change the focus of the group to a communications group that is more up-to-day with the current communications such as hospitals on Reddinet, the OCMEDS system, HAMS radio communication, Surge OC and Orange County Communications.

MSC **Change the Disaster Advisory Group to the Communication Advisory Group and draft new bylaws that will be presented to the EMCC members for consideration.**

Paramedic Receiving Center Designation

MSC **Approve Anaheim General for one year (November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012) as a Paramedic Receiving Center as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Committee on September 13, 2011 and OCEMS.**

- MSC Approve Los Alamitos Medical Center and Western Medical Center – Anaheim for three years (March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2014) as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Committee on September 13, 2011 and OCEMS.**

EMCC Annual Report

Annual report given to members for information only and is being submitted to the State as required.

8. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

A. Facilities Advisory Committee:

Discussed the PRC designation applications. Still discussing and considering the call panels requirements for specialty services at the PRCs, dropping neuro surgery and psychiatry, still discussing the need for ophthalmologist.

B. County Paramedic Advisory Committee:

Working on the updating of the guidelines to shift to standing orders to minimize radio contact with Base hospitals which will make managing the field more efficient.

C. Education & Training Advisory Committee

D. Transportation Advisory Committee

E. Disaster Advisory Group

F. Trauma Operations Committee:

Adopted the national standards for trauma triage March 28, 2011. Dr. Miller doing a study with the trauma data and will present the results of the study which we believe will show decreased in missed diagnosis of trauma patients. Completed the trauma survey at Mission and Western Medical – Santa Ana by the American College of Surgeons where they were verified as Level 11 Trauma Center and OCEMS re-designated them.

G. Quality Assurance Board

8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Jon Gilwee reported that UCI is having its grand opening of the Trauma Resuscitation Unit today.

9. PUBLIC FORUM (non-agendized)

10. NEXT Meeting – December 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.