



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



## REGULAR MEETING

Friday, October 26, 2018 – 9:00 am

*Location: Hall of Administration: Commission Hearing Room  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, California 92701*

## MINUTES

### MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

#### MEMBERS

- Arturo Pedroza
- Timothy Greco, MD
- Michael Ritter, MD
- James Karras
- Linda Voss
- Letitia Clark
- Karen Sharp, RN
- Trez Gutierrez, RN
- Margie Harrier
- Michael Killebrew
- Chief Tom Schultz (*excused*)
- Chief Charles Celano, Jr.
- Rebecca Gomez

#### CATEGORY REPRESENTED

- Board of Supervisors, First District
- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District
- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District
- Ambulance Association of Orange County
- American Red Cross
- City Selection Committee
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association
- Orange County Business Council
- Orange County City Managers Association
- Orange County Fire Chiefs Association
- Orange County Police Chiefs & Sheriffs Assn.
- Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

#### HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF

- Sam Stratton, MD, MPH
- Carl Schultz, MD
- Michelle Cheung, MD
- Steve Thronson
- Mike De Laby, MSN, RN
- Adrian Rodriguez
- Vicki Sweet, MSN, RN
- Maria Nava
- Justin Newton
- Kirstin Wong
- Erica Moojen
- Eileen Endo
- Lisa Wilson
- EMS Medical Director
- Associate EMS Medical Director
- Deputy Medical Director, Epidemiology
- Deputy Agency Director, Regulatory/MHS
- Assistant EMS Administrator
- EMS Performance Chief
- ALS/CQI Coordinator
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Specialist
- EMS Office Supervisor
- EMS Office Support
- EMS Office Support

### GUESTS PRESENT

#### NAME

- Whitney Ayers
- Ruth Clark, RN
- Diane Crosswell
- Chad Druten
- Sean Evans
- Melanie Golda, RN
- Janet Hewson, RN
- Michael Lekawa, MD

#### REPRESENTATIVES

- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Orange County Global Medical Center
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- Emergency Ambulance
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- St. Jude Medical Center
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- UCI Medical Center

#### GUESTS PRESENT

- Chris Leo
- Kenneth McFarland
- Maryle Olivier, RN
- Rochelle Silsbee
- Aaron Sundstrom
- Jacob Wagoner
- Bill Weston
- Kim Zaky, RN

#### REPRESENTATIVES

- UCI Medical Center
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
- UCI Medical Center
- Providence St. Joseph
- Doctor's Ambulance Service
- Lynch Ambulance Service
- Care Ambulance Service
- Children's Hospital of Orange County

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Michael Ritter.

### **II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dr. Ritter wanted to thank personnel from Orange City Fire Department and the Orange County Fire Authority for their response to a fatal car accident involving a trauma surgeon from Mission Hospital.
- Dr. Stratton introduced Police Chief Charlie Celano representing the Orange County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association. Chief Celano is retiring from the City of Tustin after a 27 year career in law enforcement for the city.
- Danielle Ogaz was introduced as the new EMS Systems and Standards Chief. Previously, Danielle worked at Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA).

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 13, 2018 Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

### IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

- **Medical Director's Report:**

– *Dr. Stratton reported:*

The Medical Director's report included the report of pilot studies in progress or that have concluded with their outcomes; the October 18, 2018 point of distribution (POD) exercise held at the Irvine Great Park. The exercise was city generated with participation from seven south county cities. Many things were learned from the exercise that was effective. Dr. Stratton introduced Alison Kellman who coordinated the exercise on behalf of the Health Care Agency.

- **Epidemiology Report:** Dr. Michelle Cheung, Assistant Medical Director of Epidemiology, presented a report on the impact of influenza in the County; West Nile Virus activity; a report on typhus cases in Orange County and on cases of acute flaccid myelitis seen throughout the U.S.
- **Orange County Hospital Diversion Report (January 1 to September 30, 2018):** Hospital Diversion hours for the period of January 1 to September 30, 2018 are presented in the Orange County Hospital Diversion Data Report as seen in Attachment #2.
- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report (January 1 to September 30, 2018):** Ambulance Patient Off-load times through September 30 are presented in the Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) report as seen in Attachment #3.
- **9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance Report: Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-18:** Adrian Rodriguez presented the Annual Report for the 2017-18 fiscal year is presented as seen in Attachment #4.
- **2019 Ambulance Request for Proposal Evaluation Panel Pool:** Adrian Rodriguez reported that a memo is expected to be released for those individuals interested in becoming an evaluator for the upcoming 2019 Ambulance RFP.
- **Orange County EMS System Report FY 2017-18:** Attached to the agenda packet is the EMS System Report for fiscal year 2017-18 (Attachment #5).
- **Legislation:** Dr. Stratton reported that legislation has been passed for local EMS agencies to allow for the transport of law enforcement canines injured in the line of duty. He reported that a procedure will be developed, reviewed and discussed through the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee. This procedure is expected to include administering first aid and transport to a veterinary clinic at the direction of the canine officer. Dr. Stratton also reported on AB1973 (EMS personnel are considered reporters of elder and child abuse cases); and AB2961 (Local EMS agencies must report APOT data to the State EMS Authority. The State EMS Authority must then report data to the State Legislature).

### V. EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

Dr. Stratton reported on the discussions held at the Facilities Advisory Subcommittee and County Paramedic Advisory Committee meetings held in September.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **OCEMS Policy/Procedure #310.05 (Comprehensive Children’s Emergency Receiving Center Contact and Transport Criteria (Pilot Project 2018-2019):** Dr. Stratton reported currently Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) is not a base station. However, during the trauma verification process, the American College of Surgeons recommended that CHOC be directly involved in the management of acute pediatric patients with field personnel. This policy outlines the pilot project that will allow CHOC online medical control with field personnel for those patients whose destination is CHOC. Orange County EMS is currently in discussion with another facility to offer the same type of pediatric patient management.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

*Informational Items Only*

**A. American College of Surgeons Trauma System Survey**

Tammi McConnell stated that the attached report presents background information on Orange County’s trauma system. Several inquiries have been made from facilities who have expressed interest in receiving designation as a trauma receiving center. As a result, Orange County EMS is in negotiation with the American College of Surgeons to assemble a team of national trauma system experts to conduct an on-site trauma system evaluation.

*Karen Sharp asked if all emergency receiving centers will be participating in the process. Tammi McConnell reported that all facilities will be asked to participate in site meetings.*

Dr. Stratton indicated that the ACS team will focus on widespread input from facilities as well as from first responders.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**IX. PUBLIC FORUM**

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.