



# TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

## MINUTES

MEMBERS			
<u>NAME</u>	<u>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</u>	<u>ORANGE COUNTY EMS STAFF</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	- Base Hospital Coordinators	Carl Schultz, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Karras, Chair	- Ambulance Service Provider non-9-1-1	Gagandeep Grewal, MD	- Associate EMS Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liz Gonzales, RN	- Orange County Nursing Leadership	Adrian Rodriguez	- EMS Performance Chief
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Drueten	- Ambulance Service Provider 9-1-1	Vicki Sweet, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Oshima	- Air Transport Provider	Meng Chung, EMT-P	- BLS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Thompson, RN	- Fire Service Provider	David Johnson, RN	- Facilities Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Lopez	- Fire Service Provider (with transport)	Jason Azuma	- OC-MEDS Coordinator
		Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>			
<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Josh Dean	- Lifeline Ambulance Service	Jeff Lopez	- Huntington Beach Fire Department
Mike Dimas	- Medix	Jamin Salazar	- Horizon Ambulance
Sean Evans	- Lynch Ambulance Service	Aaron Sundstrom	- Doctor's Ambulance Service
Lance Lawson	- American Professional Ambulance		

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jim Karras.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The minutes were approved as submitted.*

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- OCEMS Report:** Vicki Sweet presented the OCEMS report which included an announcement that Los Alamitos Medical Center is closing their OB services effective May 3, 2019. Children's Hospital of Orange County is now a base hospital and conducts Regional Emergency Advisory Committee meetings and prehospital continuing education for paramedics and EMTs. A \$2.4 million grant was received by OCPRIHO to further health information exchange throughout multiple counties in California. Huntington Beach Fire Department is now participating in the bi-directional exchange of health information for patients seen in the field.
- 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract Performance: Mid-Year Report FY 2018-19 (July 1 to December 31, 2018):** Adrian Rodriguez presented the FY 2018-19 mid-year report for 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Transportation Contract performance for the five regions. All ambulance service providers exceeded the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile standard set forth in the contract. The third quarter report is expected to be released in mid-May.
- Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Report:** Attached to the agenda are APOT data for the first quarter (January 1 to March 31, 2019). Ms. Sweet reported that by publishing APOT times, hospitals are beginning to seek assistance in improving APOT times.

- **OC-MEDS Data Quality Monitoring:** Jason Azuma reported that the State EMS Authority has made significant changes in data elements that local EMS agencies are required to submit. The expectation is that EMS agencies submit 100% of the data elements.
- **Maximum Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019:** Meng Chung reported that the maximum emergency ground ambulance rates are increasing effective July 1, 2019. The change in ambulance rates were approved by the Emergency Medical Care Committee at their April 12, 2019 meeting and is expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the next two months. While changes to the Emergency Base Rate is determined by a change in State or Federal minimum wage, the changes for all other categories is based on changes to the Consumer Price Index. Changes in the table structure by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, requires the Health Care Agency to submit a request to change the current methodology to the Board of Supervisors.
- **2019 Sidewalk CPR:** Mr. Chung reported that Sidewalk CPR which will be held from June 2 to June 8, 2019. Interested providers may contact him for further information listed in the letter.
- **New Mandatory Training Requirements for EMTs:** Attached to the agenda packet is a memo regarding the new mandatory training required effective July 1, 2019 which applies to EMTs renewing their EMT certificate for the first time. EMTs recertifying for the first time are required to show proof they received training for administration of naloxone, epinephrine, and glucometer. This information must be presented on a course completion record in addition to the Skills Verification form.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Ambulance Patient Off-Load Time (APOT) Discussion:** *This item will be tabled until further notice.*

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ruth Clark reminded ambulance service providers that due to an outbreak of candida, to please implement their PPE precautions in the transport of patients with candida and also ensure their ambulance units are cleaned thoroughly afterwards.

VIII. **PUBLIC FORUM**

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.