



**COUNTY PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Amitabh Prakash, MD (exc.)	- BHPD – Anaheim Regional Med. Ctr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Grihalva, MICP	- Saddleback College
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Super MD (excused)	- BHPD – Hoag Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Roseanne Jankowski	- Pharmacists
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Unger, MD	- BHPD – Huntington Beach Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Patty Glead, RN	- Fire Chiefs' EMS Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Kozak MD	- BHPD – Mission Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Saucedo, RN	- ED Nurse Supervisors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gagangdeep Grewal, MD	- BHPD – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet Hewson RN	- Trauma Nurse Coordinators
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iksoo Kang, MD	- BHPD – St. Jude Medical Center		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph Dinglasan, MD	- BHP – St. Jude Medical Center		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric McCoy, MD	- BHPD – UCI Medical Center		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Katzer, MD	- BHP – UCI Medical Center		
<b><u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u></b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyndie Strader, RN	- BHC – Hoag Hospital	Samuel J. Stratton, MD	- Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cross, RN	- BHC – Mission Hospital	Ken Miller, MD	- Assistant Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Clark, RN	- BHC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	Mike Delaby, RN, EMT-P	- EMS Systems and Standards Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheryl Gradney, RN	- BHC – St. Jude Medical Center	Vicki Sweet, RN	- ALS/CQI Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maryle Olivier, RN	- BHC – UCI Medical Center	Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Reddy, EMT-P	- REAC – Hoag Hospital		
<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Fleming EMT-P	- REAC – Huntington Beach Hospital	<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Cass, EMT-P	- REAC – Mission Hospital	Sean Allen	- Liberty Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- REAC – Orange County Global Med. Ctr.	Josh Dean	- Lifeline Ambulance
<input type="checkbox"/> Todd McClung EMT-P	- REAC – St. Jude Medical Center	John Detviler	- Lynch Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- REAC – UCI Medical Center	Tina Heinemann, RN	- Lynch Ambulance Service
		Patrick Powers, EMT-P	- Premier Medical Transport
		Steven Wontrobski	- Private Citizen

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kozak, acting as Chair.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSC: Minutes from meetings of May 13, 2015 were approved as submitted.

III. **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dr. Kozak now serves as Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee succeeding Dr. Greg Super.

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- **Medical Director's Report:** Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County EMS is surveying the emergency receiving centers a) to determine which of the facilities are willing to accept pediatric patients; b) the availability of neonatal and obstetrical resources; . Data gathered will allow Orange County EMS to explore the establishment of pediatric receiving centers. Also, Orange County EMS will be releasing policies for 50-day public comment and encouraged Committee members to visit our website to subscribe to alerts. The EMDAC Paramedic Scope
- **Hospital Diversion Report:** Mike Delaby provided a report on hospital diversion for the period of January 1 through August 31, 2015.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Anaheim Fire Department Community Care Response Unit:** This pilot project has been active for about two months. This pilot project partners a nurse practitioner with a captain/paramedic responding to calls for patients who may be treated and released in the field. There have been no major adverse events. Orange County EMS and Anaheim Fire Department are monitoring the pilot.

- **Alternate Destination Community Paramedicine Pilot Program**: This community paramedicine pilot project is being conducted by Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach Fire Departments in which low level acuity patients meeting specified criteria are transported to alternate destinations (such as urgent care centers). Four urgent care centers will be receiving patients meeting the specified criteria. Records for these patients will be reviewed.
- **OCEMS Basic Life Support Procedure #B-05: Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) Adult/Adolescent**  
This procedure was implemented in April. Dr. Stratton asked Committee members for any feedback on the implementation of this procedure. Committee members shared their experiences on the treatment of patients meeting criteria.
- **Use of Naloxone (Narcan) by Law Enforcement Personnel**  
Dr. Stratton reported that approximately 100 Orange County Sheriffs' deputies have been trained in the administration of intranasal naloxone (Narcan) by law enforcement personnel in suspected overdoses.

#### VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **OCEMS Policy/Procedure #310.10, Determination of Transport to an Appropriate Facility**  
Attached to the agenda packet is a draft of the Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) Adult/Adolescent procedure. Dr. Stratton asked Committee members to provide any comments to either Vicki Sweet or him.
- **OCEMS Policy/Procedure #330.70, Paramedic Assessment Unit**  
Attached to the agenda packet is a draft of the Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) Adult/Adolescent procedure. Dr. Stratton asked Committee members to provide any comments to either Vicki Sweet or him.
- **Heparin/Nitroglycerine Infusion Monitoring by Paramedics**  
The EMDAC (Emergency Medical Directors Association of California) Paramedic Scope of Practice Committee approved Orange County EMS' request to add the monitoring of heparin and nitroglycerine infusions during interfacility transports. Optional scope items are approved every three years and the local EMS Agency must seek re-approval every three years. The anticipated start date is October 1, 2015.
- **Rehabilitation Standing Orders**  
These are a set of standing orders that need to be developed setting guidelines for fire service paramedics and nurse educators to assess and treat on-scene fire-line firefighters. This includes the administration of IV fluids, eye irrigation techniques, etc. Dr. Stratton indicated that an authorization process will need to be developed to allow nurse educators for this purpose.
- **OCFA/Sheriff Helicopter Upgrades**  
Mike Delaby reported that the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Sheriff's Department have submitted requests to operate as air rescue providers as required under Title 22.

#### VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Decision of New Chair**  
Dr. Kozak, who is acting as chair, asked those present whether there was anyone interested in serving as Chair. It was suggested that a review of the membership composition be reviewed and revised due to the evolution of the EMS System since the policy's last revision in 1982. Dr. Stratton indicated that a review of all bylaws will be suggested to the Emergency Medical Care Committee. He will review CPAC bylaws in order to make a final decision on appointment of the chair.

**(Note: Dr. Kozak has agreed to serve as Chair replacing Dr. Stewart Brash who served as CPAC Chair for over 30 years)**

VIII. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **Medical Advisory Committee**

– *Dr. Kozak reported:*

Much of the time was spent on the administration of Zofran and midazolam in the prehospital care setting. Committee members discussed the risk/benefit ratio on the administration of Zofran during pregnancy and the potential side effects of midazolam and the importance of the dosage given being based on the weight of the patient regardless of age.

B. **Base Hospital Coordinators**

– Sheryl Gradney reported:

Cyndie Strader, RN, has accepted the position of Base Hospital Coordinator at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian.

The next MICN class will begin in October; the Base Hospital Coordinators' next "NO FEAR" Conference will focus on Trauma. Registration for this conference will start on October 1, 2015.

C. **Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS:**

– *No report given:*

Cathy Ord, RN, is retiring and a new representative will need to be selected. Orange County EMS will advise them

D. **Orange County Nursing Leadership**

– *Vicki Sweet:*

Kristen Thompson made a presentation to the group on "wall time" and its effects from the perspective of field personnel.

E. **Facilities Advisory Committee**

– *Dr. Stratton reported:*

The Facilities Advisory Committee discussed overcrowding of emergency rooms with psychiatric patients, solutions to the problem; the Orange County Grand Jury Report on Mental Health patients and a consultant report to look at better ways of handling 5150 patients.

F. **Drug and Equipment Advisory Group**

– *Dr. Miller reported:*

DEAG discussed pharmaceutical outages; the replacement of duodotes purchased with UASI funding; patients with excited delirium; and sepsis protocol.

G. **Education & Training Advisory Committee**

– *No report (September meeting was cancelled).*

H. **Transportation Advisory Committee**

– *No report given.*

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

This committee will next meet on March 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.