Attachment 3

Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes
August 23, 2013
**Regular Meeting**

Friday, August 23, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

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

**MINUTES**

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| Vacant  | - Board of Supervisors, First District  
- Board of Supervisors, Second District  
- Board of Supervisors, Third District  
- Board of Supervisors, Fourth 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 | Ryan Creager  
Jon Detviller  
Michael Dimas  
Adrian Donaldson  
Rosemary Dudevoir  
Walter Garcia  
Nicole Haney  
Michelle Honeycutt  
Jim Ignacio  
Steve Katanich  
John Latha  
Greg Lewin  
Kathleen Moran  
Greg Pate  
Dave Rose, EMT-P  
Bill Weston  
Stephen Wontrobski | Mercy Air Service  
Medix Ambulance Service  
Medix Ambulance Service  
Pacific Ambulance Service  
PMT Ambulance Service  
Medix Ambulance Service  
Pacific Ambulance Service  
Lynch Ambulance Service  
Premier Medical Transport  
Schaefer Ambulance Service  
OC Firefighters’ Association  
Orange Fire Department  
Board of Supervisors 2nd District Public  
Orange County Fire Authority  
Care Ambulance Service  
Public |

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| Richard Sanchez  
Holly Veale  
Lydia Mikhail  
Sam Stratton, MD  
Ken Miller, MD  
Tammi McConnell, RN  
Mike Delaby, RN | - Assistant Director  
- Medical Services  
- Division Manager  
- EMS Medical Director  
- EMS Assistant Med Director  
- EMS Program Manager  
- EMS Facilities Coordinator | Jane Elder, RN  
Mike Noone, NREMT-P  
Vicki Sweet, RN  
Fran Cohen, RN  
Erica Moojen  
Melissa Murphy  
Eileen Endo | - EMS Coordinator (ALS)  
- EMS Coordinator (BLS)  
- EMS CQI Liaison  
- EMS Nurse Liaison  
- EMS Office Supervisor  
- EMS Specialist  
- Office Specialist |

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Meeting called to order by Jon Gilwee, Chair.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

   Self introductions were made by Committee members.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   **MSC:** June 28, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.
4. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**
   
   Informational item only.

5. **EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**
   
   No reports given.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

   A. **Interfacility Transport Advanced Life Support (IFT-ALS) Pilot**

   Public comments supporting and opposing the pilot program from John Latta, Stephen Wontrobski, Greg Lewin, Michael Dimas, Steve Katanich, Jim Ignacio, Michelle Honeycutt, Dave Rose, and Greg Pate. After hearing public comments, Dr. Stratton made a presentation regarding the IFT-ALS pilot program to address the purpose and design of the system, and to address any concerns and questions expressed here by members of the EMS community and the public at large.

   Member Comments:

   - **Dr. Anas:** Addressed the importance of patients being transported safely and in a timely manner. This would enable patients to have a better outcome which translates into lower costs.
   - **Chief Knabe:** Expressed concerns of the Orange County Fire Chiefs' Association. He stressed the importance of limiting IFT-ALS transports to take place between acute care facilities.
   - **Dr. Hoynak:** Agreed that the IFT-ALS transports should only take place between acute care facilities. Concurred with Dr. Stratton on the lengthy wait times for CCT units to transport patients to another acute care facility.
   - **Chief Paul Henisey:** While supportive of fire personnel and works closely with those stationed near the University of California, Irvine and UCI Medical Center, Chief Henisey supported this proposal as it would allow fire personnel to respond to 9-1-1 emergencies.
   - **Jon Gilwee:** The implementation of the program is to ensure that Orange County residents receive quality patient care. He is supportive of this program which would allow physicians an option to transport patients from an acute care facility in this manner.
   - **Kenneth McFarland:** Stressed the importance of no delay in patient transport. He indicated the proposal has been well thought out to ensure quality patient care.
   - **Mayor Reese:** Supportive of the proposal and stated the intent of the program is not to replace the existing 9-1-1 system but to augment it to allow fire paramedics to respond to emergencies.
   - **Margie Harrier:** Expressed concerns on the level of care, costs, and the quality of care.

   **Note:** Patrick Powers recused himself from comments and any votes taking place on this subject.

   Dr. Stratton thanked those expressing their concerns by addressing this Committee, and the input from Committee members as they have been very helpful. Dr. Stratton has made the decision to implement the IFT-ALS program effective October 1, 2013.
Any entity (public or private) meeting the requirements may submit an application for this program.

Committee members have requested that Orange County EMS provide a report in six months.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **MEMBER COMMENTS**
   - Patrick Powers: recommended that Ambulance Ordinance 3517 be revised.

9. **PUBLIC FORUM** (non-agendized)
   Kathleen Moran: Oral Comments on maximum ground ambulance service rates.

10. **NEXT MEETING** - Friday, October 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
     Commission Hearing Room - 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana 92701

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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