



**FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS**

**CATEGORY REPRESENTED**

**OCEMS STAFF PRESENT**

**REPRESENTING**

- Peter Anderson, MD, Chair – OCMA (ED Physician Directors)
- Markie Cowley – PRC Hospital Administrators
- Shelley Brukman, RN, – Base Hospital Coordinators
- Michael Lekawa, MD – Trauma Center Directors
- Stephanie Lush, RN, (exc.) – Trauma Nurse Coordinators
- Cathy Ord, RN – Fire EMS Coordinators  
*Represented by Patty Gleed, RN*
- Anu Signh, MD – Managed Care Emergency Physicians  
*Represented by Terri Siaca, RN*
- Denise Woolson, RN – ED Nurse Supervisors  
*Represented by Kim Zaky, RN*
- Greg Super, MD – Base Hospital Physician Directors

- Samuel J. Stratton, MD – EMS Medical Director
- Mike Delaby, RN, EMT-P – Facilities Coordinator
- Jane Elder, RN – ALS Program Coordinator
- Vicki Sweet, RN – EMS CQI Liaison
- Jody Nguyen, RN – HPP Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**REPRESENTING**

- Patrick Powers, EMT-P – Lynch Ambulance Service

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Anderson, MD.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jane Elder announced that she will be retiring effective March 6, 2014.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The OC-MEDS report should read “. . . Vicki Sweet presented data on the types of patients being seen via ePCRs, how long patients are in the emergency department, and the types of patients transferred to a higher level of care.”*

**MSC: Minutes from the November 12, 2013 meeting were approved as revised.**

**IV. OCEMS REPORT**

- **Hospital Diversion Hours:** Attached to the packet are diversion hours for 2013. Diversion hours have increased dramatically and will continue to be monitored.
- **Disaster Preparations:** Orange County EMS is in the process of revising the medical surge plan this will include the development of pre-determined evacuation plans. Jody Nguyen provided Committee members with an update on the allocation of funding to each hospital to allow funding for a disaster coordinator position and training.
- **Flu Season Update:** A copy of the Epidemiology newsletter, “Eye on Influenza”, is included in today’s agenda packet.
- **OC-MEDS:** Included in today’s packet is the December/January edition of the OC-MEDS newsletter. Vicki Sweet presented data transmitted from the field. This data included those patients transferred to a higher level of care.

**V. PILOT PROJECTS AND STUDIES REPORT**

Dr. Stratton reported on the following pilot projects and studies

- Anaheim Nurse Practitioner/Paramedic Field Community Care Response Unit Pilot  
 This pilot project will be conducted by Anaheim Fire in conjunction with Kaiser Permanente Anaheim. This pilot is in the planning stages only. After much discussion, Dr. Stratton proposed to invite Joelle Samsel to make a presentation regarding this pilot project.

- **OC Fire Chiefs Association Community Paramedicine Pilot**

The OC Fire Chiefs Association submitted a community paramedicine pilot project that has been accepted by the State EMS Authority on the transport of patients who have accessed the 9-1-1 system. Patients meeting criteria would be transported to alternate destination sites with the purpose of offloading emergency departments.

- **Emergency Out-of-Scope Drug Administration Study**

This study is geared towards pediatric patients needing hydrocortisone in an emergency with pre-written instructions by a physician.

- **IFT-ALS Program**

This program allows for the transport of patients needing ALS monitoring on a physician order. A six-month report will be presented by Dr. Stratton at the next EMCC meeting.

- **FAST-BP Study**

Four patients have been enrolled into the study over a seven month period of time. The study may be terminated due to a lack of enrollment.

- **FAST-MAG Study**

This study has been completed with the study results being presented at the International Stroke Conference in San Diego.

## VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **OCEMS Policy/Procedures: 50-Day Review (October 29 through December 17, 2013)**

A large number of policies were reviewed and public comments received. Several of these policies may be re-released for an additional 15 day public comment period.

## VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Upcoming RFPs for 9-1-1 BLS Ambulance Transport**

The Orange County Fire Authority has 19 RFPs to be released for 9-1-1 BLS ambulance transports.

- **Standing Order Revisions**

Minor revisions made to the standing orders. Dr. Stratton outlined changes regarding patients transported to a CVRC.

- **Children's Hospital of Orange County Pediatric Trauma Center Proposal**

A letter of intent has been received from CHOC to apply as a pediatric trauma center. After a meeting with CHOC officials, meetings with various groups will meet to determine catchment areas, trauma triage criteria, and the impact on other trauma centers. It should also be noted that the state is developing pediatric regulations (including those for pediatric trauma cases).

**MSC:** The Facilities Advisory Committee recommended that the Trauma Operations Committee develop criteria for the designation of pediatric trauma centers.

## VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

## IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.