Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee

Wednesday, January 4, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Location:
405 W. Fifth Street, Conference Room 433
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Mission Statement: “To advise and endorse efforts to implement quality initial educational programs, continuing education and ongoing updates for prehospital care personnel.

THE COMMITTEE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE OR DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM, AND ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST WHICH ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA, BUT WHICH ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   • September 7, 2016 (Attachment #1)

IV. OCEMS REPORT
   • OCEMS Report

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   • EMT Regulations Released for Public Comment (45-day Public Comment period ending January 15, 2017)
   • EMS Fee Study
   • EMT Optional Scope

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   • Level of Service by Agency (Attachment #2)
   • Selection of Committee Chair and Vice Chair for calendar period 2017-2018

VII. OTHER BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE

VIII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
   • April 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (Attachment #3)

IX. ADJOURNMENT
I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Patrick Powers, as an ad hoc meeting as there is no quorum.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Vicki Sweet introduced David Johnson, RN, Orange County EMS’ new Facilities Coordinator. David’s background includes working in the emergency departments of Saddleback Memorial and Mission Hospitals and as an educator at both Fountain Valley Hospital and Los Alamitos Medical Center.

Laura Cross announced the Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators will present their “NO FEAR” Trauma conference on November 18, 2016 at Mission Hospital. Information may be found on the Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators’ website with registration opening up soon.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting were submitted for approval.

IV. OCEMS REPORT – Orange County EMS staff reported:
- Orange County EMS Website: The Orange County EMS website has been updated to access all Policies and Procedures and Standing Orders that become effective November 1, 2016; and a number of new reports (including the ambulance contract performance). Users may also subscribe to system announcements and notification of Committee meetings.
- Data Compliance Update: Attendees were reminded that all public and private providers are required to transition to NEMSIS 3.4 by January 1, 2017 under State law.
- OCEMS Policy/Procedure #330.51: This policy has been changed to include the new “End of Life” option signed into law by Governor Brown. Changes to this policy became effective August 15, 2016.
- Law Enforcement Use of Narcan: The Orange County Sheriff’s Department has completed a “Train the Trainer” which allows its educators to train Orange County Sheriff deputies in the use of Narcan using a .1 ml spray in suspected drug overdoses.
V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **EMT Regulations Released for Public Comment:** The EMS Authority has released a draft of the EMT regulations for a 45-day public comment period which will end on September 27, 2016. Currently, Orange County EMS is reviewing the draft regulations.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **EMS Fee Study:** Mike Delaby reported that Orange County EMS will be releasing a letter this week to the EMS System on the proposed fees to be charged. There are nine new fees being proposed. This item is expected to go before the Emergency Medical Care Committee in October and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

- **Universal Precautions Training:** Dr. Stratton reported that Orange County EMS has received feedback from patients and their families expressing concerns on the lack of universal precautions taken by ambulance personnel when transporting a suspected MRSA patient. OCEMS asks that providers and training programs stress the importance for field personnel to take universal precautions when transporting patients.

- **Influenza Vaccinations:** Dr. Stratton reminded attendees that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that individuals get their flu vaccinations during the month of October using the injectable influenza vaccine. The CDC does not recommend the nasal spray influenza vaccine due to concerns regarding its effectiveness. The Orange County Health Care Agency will hold two point of dispensing exercises in mid-October to administer flu vaccine at no cost.

- **Accreditation:** Patrick Powers asked for follow-up in the potential of using ImageTrend for purposes of providing an online training for the accreditation of EMTs. Attendees discussed the advantages in the standardization of training for Orange County EMS to conduct the training with the development of an online EMT accreditation training with each agency providing skills training; current practices by public and provider agencies; and the burden being placed on OCEMS in conducting the training.

- **EMT Optional Scope:** Changes in the EMT regulations include the addition of naloxone, glucometers, and an increase in the amount of EMT didactic education hours. Dr. Stratton reported there are no plans to incorporate any expanded scope items included in the draft EMT regulations. In certain cases, such as EMTs administering naloxone, the cost of training and the drug does not make it cost effective for inclusion in the BLS inventory since it would be rarely used. If data outcomes indicate differently, Orange County EMS may consider inclusion in the BLS inventory.

- **Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Period 2017-2018:** Dr. Stratton stated that anyone expressing interest in either serving as chair or vice chair for this committee to please contact Eileen Endo by phone or e-mail (eendo@ochca.com).

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE**

- **NREMT Updates for the EMS Community:** Attached to the agenda packet is an update from the National Registry and is an informational item only.

- **Certification Actions:** Mike Delaby reported that federal mandates require the reporting of disciplinary actions taken be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank as well as to the State EMS Authority.

- **Qualifications for Certification:** Gordon Levine asked whether there are any physical requirements that preclude a student who is physically handicapped from becoming certified as an EMT. Dr. Stratton reported that nothing precludes certification of an individual who fulfills the requirements for certification.

VII. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 433.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.
### Level of Service Provided by Agency
OC-MEDS (IT5.49)/CY2015  
December 12, 2016

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**Source:** Prehospital Care Reports posted by EMS Providers into Orange County Medical Emergency Data System (OC-MEDS) for CY2015

**CY 2015**

- ALS assessment calls = 168,125 (Columns A + B + C)
- ALS escort calls = 75,015 (Columns A + C)
- BLS calls = 21,159 (Column D)
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2017 Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, January 4
- Wednesday, April 5
- Wednesday, July 5
- Wednesday October 4

Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.

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