I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Peter Anderson.

II. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes from the November 8, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT
- **Medical Director’s Report:** Attached to the agenda packet is the January 6, 2017 edition of “Eye on Influenza” (Attachment #2). Epidemiology reports that influenza activity has increased throughout Orange County in the past few weeks. It is likely that hospitals will see high diversion hours until influenza activity subsides.

- **Hospital Diversion Hours (2016 Annual Report):** Attached to the agenda packet is the 2016 annual hospital diversion report. This report shows ED saturation data (in the total # of days and percentage of time) for the years 2014-2016.
V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Pediatric Readiness Survey
  Dr. Stratton reported that twenty of twenty-four hospitals have responded to the survey. In comparison to state and federal medians from surveys conducted in 2012 and 2014, Orange County’s median score is 70 (State median was 71 and the federal median was 69). In addition, hospitals were asked whether they wish to accept 9-1-1 pediatric patient transports. Of those hospitals surveyed, four facilities requested that pediatric patients not be transported to their facility. Dr. Stratton reported that two of these four facilities did not have pediatric coverage available.

- Trauma Triage Guidelines for Elderly Fall Victims
  Dr. Stratton reported that the trauma triage guidelines were revised in November with regard to the triage of patients 75 years of age or greater. Currently, Orange County EMS is tracking elderly fall victims to determine whether these types of patients are over-triaged or under-triaged since changes to the trauma triage guidelines were implemented.

- Interfacility Transports
  Dr. Stratton reported that an increase in the number of inter-facility transports has been noted. This may be attributed to patients being transported to repatriate them to a facility approved by their health care provider. Patients may be seen at a medical clinic (non-hospital) and require a higher level of care. In some cases, a PAU may be called on-scene to escort a patient (base contact may or may not be made) to a facility.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Emergency Receiving Center Designations
  David Johnson reported that Orange County EMS has been streamlining the process for hospital designations/re-designations. A report on the approval of five facilities for re-designation for a three year period (November 2016 through December, 2019) was presented. The facilities presented were: Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, West Anaheim Medical Center, Hoag Hospital-Irvine, Kaiser Hospital-Anaheim, and Mission Hospital Laguna Beach. During the survey process, no deficiencies were noted.

  MSC: The Facilities Advisory Committee recommended that Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, West Anaheim Medical Center, Hoag Hospital-Irvine, Kaiser Hospital-Anaheim, and Mission Hospital-Laguna Beach be approved for designation as presented.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. NEXT MEETING
  The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
  With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.