



Education & Training Advisory Subcommittee

Wednesday, November 5, 2014
 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

| MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE | | | |
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| <u>MEMBERS</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> |
| Patrick Powers, EMT-P | Premier Medical Transport, Inc. | Suzie Speirs, RN | South Coast ROP |
| Ernest Foster, EMT-P | AmeriCare Ambulance Service | Ashley Tuuao | Training Educational Services |
| Walter Garcia, EMT-P | Lynch Ambulance Service | Melissa Torres | NPSC |
| Patrick Hernandez | CalMed Ambulance | Curtis Walker | CTEP |
| Jana Kendall, RN | Mission Hospital | Robert Williams | PMT |
| Gordon Levine, EMT-P | CTEP/Orange County Fire Authority | Dan Zimmerman | Coastline ROP |
| Lori Mayfield | NPSC | | |
| Jerry Melendrez | Care Ambulance Service | <u>STAFF PRESENT</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> |
| Rikin Patel | Premier Medical Transport | Vicki Sweet, RN, | ALS Program Coordinator |
| Stacy Robison, RN | Coastline ROP | Adrian Rodriguez | EMS Specialist |
| Rhonda Rosati, RN | Hoag Memorial Hospital | Eileen Endo | Office Specialist |

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Patrick Powers at 9:05 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vicki Sweet announced that Meng Chung is the new BLS Program Coordinator effective October, 2014.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from the September 3, 2014 meetings were approved as submitted.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **OCEMS EMT Accreditation Curriculum Revision Update:** Vicki Sweet reported that a task group has begun meeting to determine the short and long term goals in the revision of the EMT Accreditation curriculum. She presented both long and short term goals included revision of the written exam.

Committee members discussed the web-based accreditation program done through UCLA Center for Prehospital Care. It was suggested that the training program be contacted to determine any difficulties experienced in having a web-based program. They also discussed the capabilities of the current OC-MEDS program to provide the training; and the advantages and disadvantages in implementing this type of program.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Ebola Updates:** Vicki Sweet provided a report on the preparedness of ALS and BLS providers in their response to Ebola. Updates on Orange County's Ebola Response Plan may be found on the Orange County EMS website. Committee members shared their current teaching curriculum regarding personal protective equipment to students taking an initial EMT training program.

- **Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair:** Vicki Sweet indicated that only one nomination for Chair had been received and that was for Patrick Powers.

MSC: Recommended that Patrick Powers, EMT-P continue as chair of the Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS / ROUND TABLE

- **NREMT Transitions Course (Information Only):** Attached to the agenda is the suggested curriculum for local EMS Agencies for use in approving NREMT transition courses for those EMTs or paramedics wishing to maintain their NREMT certification. Orange County EMS had determined in 2011 that approving transition courses was not mandatory.
- **Goals of the Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee:** Committee members discussed concerns expressed on the need to have more participation of EMT training programs, continuing education programs, and ambulance service providers in attending meetings so that EMTs and EMT training program students are better prepared. Ms. Sweet suggested that any concerns or questions be brought up during the round table discussion.
- **California Council of EMS Educators (C²E²):** Ernie Foster extended an invitation to Committee members to attend meetings of the California Council of EMS Educators (C²E²). He mentioned that this group had previously had a voice with the State of California EMS Authority. Mr. Foster announced that Elaine Dethlefsen intends to retire at the end of the current school year.
- **American Heart Association BLS for Prehospital Providers Course:** Committee members discussed the differences between the existing BLS for Healthcare Providers and the new BLS for Prehospital Providers course.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2015 in Conference Room 433. A list of meeting dates has been attached to today's agenda packet.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.