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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee

Wednesday, March 2, 2016
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.*

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A G E N D A

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- January 6, 2016

(Attachment #1)

IV. **OCEMS REPORT**

- OCEMS Report

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- BLS/EMT Preceptor Training Program

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE**

- Potential EMT Regulation Revisions
 - Naloxone (Narcan)
 - Glucometer
 - Tactical EMS
 - Change in EMT Didactic Education Hours

VIII. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

- May 4, 2016

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**



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MINUTES

| Committee Membership | | | |
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| <u>ATTENDEES</u> | | <u>ATTENDEES</u> | |
| Patrick Powers, EMT-P | Chair | Christine Waddell, RN | Huntington Beach Hospital |
| Laura Cross, RN | Mission Hospital | Robert Williams | Training Educational Services |
| Patrick Dibb | Santa Ana College | Dan Zimmerman | Coastline ROP |
| Larry Grihalva, MICP | Saddleback College | <u>OCEMS STAFF PRESENT</u> | |
| Tina Heinemann, RN | Lynch Ambulance Service | Mike Delaby, RN | - EMS Systems and Standards Chief |
| Jerry Melendrez | Care Ambulance Service | Laurent Repass, NREMT-P | - EMS Information Systems Chief |
| Paul Miller | First Med Ambulance | Vick Sweet, RN | - ALS/CQI Coordinator |
| Thanh Nguyen, EMT-P | North Orange County ROP | Meng Chung, EMT-P | - BLS Coordinator |
| Maryle Olivier, RN | UCI Medical Center | Andrew Roberts | - EMS Specialist |
| Rikin Patel | Premier Medical Transport | Adrian Rodriguez | - EMS Specialist |
| Dennis Smith | Royalty Ambulance Service | Kirstin Wong | - EMS Specialist |
| Kristin Thompson, RN | Newport Beach Fire Department | Eileen Endo | - Office Specialist |
| Rob Viera | Care Ambulance Service, Inc. | | |

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 announced the addition of a new EMS Coordinator, Jason Azuma, EMT-P, who serves as the OC-MEDS Coordinator and a new EMS Specialist, Kirstin Wong, who assists in the performance component of the ambulance contracts.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 4, 2015 meeting were submitted for approval.

IV. OCEMS REPORT

- **OCEMS Report:** Ms. Sweet announced the addition of a new link for system activity reports to the OCEMS website; reminded attendees of the parameters of OCEMS Policy/Procedure #310.00 regarding the reopening of hospital emergency departments when the three closest emergency departments are closed due to ED saturation; and gave status reports on the pilot projects regarding the administrative of naloxone by law enforcement in the field; the Anaheim Fire CCRU pilot and the alternate destination pilot sponsored by the Orange County Fire Chiefs' Association. Several policies have been released for public comment. The public comment period for these policies ends on Friday, January 8, 2016.
- **OC-MEDS Elite Report:** Laurent Repass provided a report on the OC-MEDS Elite system which will replace the existing system. One ambulance provider and two fire service provider agencies are piloting the new system. A letter from the State EMS Authority was distributed regarding the capture of all medical records electronically. The training programs should focus their education on the NEMSIS standards and quality of documentation and not a specific platform (such as OC-MEDS). Ms. Sweet recommended that the training programs stress the importance of spelling, medical terminology, and not to write the narrative in the same manner in which the user sends text messages. Training programs were invited to request an OC-MEDS account for training purposes. They may contact Mr. Repass to do so. Members discussed

the importance of documentation and stressed the importance that the patient care record be completed accurately since it reflects on the quality of care given to the patient.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **BLS/EMT Preceptor Training Program:** Provider agencies have expressed an interest in establishing a standardized EMT preceptor training program. The goal of this program would allow interested provider agencies to build leadership skills which would enable EMTs to further career goals by training new EMTs. Committee members discussed the development of the training program by using an existing program to assist in the development. Volunteers included: Patrick Dibb, Thanh Nguyen, Paul Miller, Maryle Olivier, Larry Grihalva, and Patrick Powers.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Scene Control and Patient Management:** Committee members discussed the role of an EMT who arrives first on scene and who holds the responsibility for management of the scene. A copy of Riverside County's "Scene Management" policy was submitted for review.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE**

- **Online NREMT Transition Course Information:** Attached to the agenda is a letter sent to the local EMS agencies regarding approved online NREMT transition courses.
- **Pediatric QI Indicators:** Patrick Powers stated that the EMSC group has asked for feedback on different pediatric QI indicators for BLS indicators. He suggests that one indicator to review is for measuring pediatric patient safety (for patients under the age of 8 years of age) in the back of ambulances.
- **Purview of Education and Training Advisory Subcommittee:** This Committee is currently meeting on an ad hoc basis as a quorum of Committee members is not present as indicated in the bylaws. Currently Orange County EMS is reviewing the bylaws of each of the subcommittees of the Emergency Medical Care Committee and will make any necessary revisions.
- **Pediatric Disaster Education:** Dr. Michele Chung, who oversees the Health Care Agency's pediatric disaster preparedness needs, has advised that funding for pediatric related education focused on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommendations on the safe transport of pediatric patients is now available. The funds must be spent by the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2016). HCA is accepting suggestions on way to provide education in the safe care and transport of pediatric patients (both ALS and BLS). Committee members discussed methods on providing on-line training to both ALS and BLS prehospital care providers.
- **Background Checks and Discipline:** Mike Delaby stated that while interviewing EMT applicants with negative criminal histories, it has been found that educational institutions have advised their students they will be notified by Orange County EMS if a negative criminal history is found. If notification is not received, applicants are not obligated to divulge criminal history. He further stated that criminal history is reviewed at the time an application has been submitted, if criminal history (despite its age) is not divulged, an application may be denied by OCEMS. The basis for denial is that an applicant is attempting to procure a license by submitting a fraudulent application. In addition, it is in the best interest of an applicant/EMT does not respond to a request sent by our office, the lack of response can result in revocation of their EMT certificate.

VII. **NEXT MEETING**

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

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.