

Progress Report - December 2011 / January 2012

Steering
Committee

The OC-MEDS Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from the OC Ambulance Association, OC Fire Chiefs
 Association, OC Communications, and the Hospital Association of Southern California. The group will continue to meet on a
 quarterly basis until the system is fully implemented. Planning for the next meeting is underway and will take place in
 February or March 2012.

ePCR Software

- The most current version of the ePCR software, Field Bridge 5.1.0.1, is available for download. The latest software release provides for marked improvements to the user interface including improved PowerTools, improved call transfer capabilities, and Validity Compliance. Updated User Guides have been developed and have been posted on the OCEMS website at: http://ochealthinfo.com/ems/ocmeds
- On Dec. 1, 2011, a letter from the OCEMS Medical Director was distributed to the EMS System. The letter provides written direction that permits the use of an ePCR in lieu of a paper PCR. A copy of the letter has been posted on the OCEMS website at: http://ochealthinfo.com/docs/medical/ems/notifications/OC-MEDS_ePCR_Memo_- S. Stratton_12-01-2011.pdf
- Several agencies have been issued LIVE OC-MEDS accounts and are beginning to configure their own systems to meet their individual operational needs. As of the date of this report, at least three (3) agencies have plans to begin field pilot testing the ePCR software within the next several weeks.

ePCR Hardware

- HCA / OCEMS has completed the purchase of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant funded devices. Seventy-one (71)
 Motion Computing J3500s, twelve (12) Panasonic CF-H2s, and seven (7) HP Slate 500s have been received and have begun to
 be distributed.
- The following agencies have a completely executed MOU and have already received their devices: Costa Mesa Fire, Garden Grove Fire, Huntington Beach Fire, Orange City Fire, and Santa Ana Fire.
- The following agencies will receive their equipment soon pending a completely executed MOU: Brea Fire, Fountain Valley Fire, Fullerton Fire, Orange County Fire, and Newport Beach Fire.
- HCA / OCEMS is working to complete the purchase of UASI funded devices on behalf of <u>Anaheim Fire</u>. It is anticipated that the procurement process will be complete and the devices will be ready for distribution by late Jan. early Feb. 2012.
- HCA / OCEMS has been awarded a third and final year of UASI funding, \$500,000. The primary objective of this funding is to provide public safety based EMS providers with additional Mobile Data Collection Devices to aid with completing their equipment needs.

Training

• HCA / OCEMS has contracted with a Professional EMS Educator to provide direct delivery OC-MEDS Training Courses. EMS Provider Agencies and hospitals who use the OC-MEDS system may contact Ruth Grubb directly to schedule training. She may be reached at: (714) 296-6406 or via email at rsg@ca.rr.com.

CAD Integration

- HCA / OCEMS has partnered with the regional CAD 2 CAD project to provide a countywide OC-MEDS CAD data integration and
 continues to work with representatives from Brea, Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach, MetroNet, OCFA, and Santa Ana to define how
 the information will be utilized.
- <u>To date, CAD integrations have been completed for the following agencies</u>: Anaheim, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Orange City, Orange County, Newport Beach, Santa Ana.
- Costa Mesa CAD is nearly complete. It is projected that data will begin being sent live to OC-MEDS very soon.
- Brea CAD data will begin being sent when CAD 2 CAD testing is complete.

Base Hospital Data and Digital Audio Recorders

- HCA / OCEMS and Orange County Communications (OCC) are planning to implement digital audio recorders which will replace the audio cassette records used today to record voice communications between paramedics and MICNs during base hospital contacted calls and MCIs. OCC is working with Base Hospitals to plan to install the equipment. It is projected that the equipment will be purchased and ready to be installed by the end of the first quarter 2012.
- HCA / OCEMS is working with the Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators to form an electronic Base Hospital Report
 (eBHR) taskforce. The group is being formed to design the future eBHR which will replace the existing paper based forms and will be interoperable with the OC-MEDS ePCR. The group will begin meeting in Feb. 2012.

Hospital Dashboard

- HCA / OCEMS has begun to roll out the OC-MEDS Hospital Dashboard. The "dashboard" is a component of the OC-MEDS software which provides an online method for Paramedic Receiving Centers (PRC) to receive electronic copies of prehospital care reports that have been completed by EMS providers.
- HCA / OCEMS is working with PRCs to add their personnel to the system and has been providing brief 10-15 minute inservices to hospital staff to prepare them to receive PCRs electronically.

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