



## STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 2, 2004  
Meeting Minutes



**Members:** Jon Jui, Shawn Baird, William Ferguson, Denise Giard, Pat Hart, Pete Kingsley, Helen Miller, William Porter, Ameen Ramzy, Suzann Schmele, Jim Thomas

**Absent:** Erin Burnham, James Giesen, Terry Griffith, T.R. Hilton, Charles McCart, Richard Straw

**Staff:** Gail Shibley, Administrator for the Office of Public Health Systems, Paul Bollinger, Karen Baker, Debbie Danna, Timothy Hennigan, Catherine Schmitz, Susan Werner

**Guests:** Merlin Curry, Gregg Lander, Ken McGinnis, John Mack, Gary McLean, Pontive Roster, Eric Shult, Jon Shields

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A) Jon Jui called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. All were reminded of the no smoking policy.
- B) December 5, 2003 meeting minutes approved with no changes. the minutes. Motioned by Denise Giard and seconded by Helen Miller to accept December 5, 2003 minutes. The committee accepted minutes.
- C) Introduction new staff member of the EMS & Trauma Systems Section, Paul Bollinger, Prehospital Systems Manager and Gail Shibley, Administrator for the Office of Public Health Systems.
- D) Statement read by Paul Bollinger regarding Jonathan Chin on administrative leave. All EMS issues will be handled by Paul Bollinger and all Trauma and Tertiary Care issues will be handled by Susan Werner. Gail Shibley reiterated that Mr. Bollinger addressing EMS issues and Ms. Werner addressing Trauma and Tertiary Care issues. Discussion was led by Dr. Jui and Suzanne Schmele regarding the stability of the State EMS and Trauma Systems Section.

### 2. SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON SECTION – REPORTS/COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

#### Subcommittees

- A) **EMT Certification and Discipline**

Jim Thomas reported for the Executive Session that four probation cases were reviewed, two initial visits and two individuals at the end of their probation. There was a lack of quorum. The Prehospital Standards performed very well at their job and represented the State in a professional manner. Ms. Schmele reported on the Certification subcommittee that there was also a lack of quorum. Discussion held on review of EMT-I curriculum, Oregon Department of Education changes in process, EMT-B testing issues, and review of BMS meeting in which Jonathan Chin presented a presentation on the EMT-I Scope of Practice and the survey results. Discussion on designing a draft package for the BME that presents potential changes to the Scopes that includes what, why, research, costs, effects in Oregon, and effects on agencies.

**B) EMS Database**

Mr. Bollinger reported that the Oregon Prehospital Registry is moving forward. OPCIS 1.25 will be out in April. Working with NHTSA data points and working with Oregon data points to create State defined data points. State also is addressing HIPAA issues. Currently, 52 agencies are participating and 23 actively using EPCIS.

**C) Health Services**

Denise Giard, Shawn Baird, and Richard Straw will meet with Dr. Jui to discuss the Health Services subcommittee.

**D) Disaster Planning**

The EMS component of the HRSA is still very unclear, who is participating and what needs to be done. The Committee will send a letter to Alan Visnick and Mike McGuire asking what will be done with the EMS monies and what information they need from the SEMSC. There is no clear guidance coming from the HPIC/HPAC for EMS. We have engaged the group twice and have gotten nowhere.

**Liaisons**

**A) B.M.E. - EMT**

BME met a few weeks ago and discussion held regarding EMT-I Scope of Practice, PAED, and Morphine.

**B) EMS for Children**

Debbie Danna reported that the EMSC program received a thank you letter from the Oregon American College of Emergency Physician's. Awaiting on CV and letters for two positions on the EMSC committee. The 2004 EMSC Conference has been scheduled for October 22 and 23 in Eugene. Notification of award for

Year 2 of the EMSC grant was received on February 27, 2004. Working with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department on their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit. Eight \$2,500 mini-grants are available to conduct PEPP courses. Information is available for agencies regarding Safe Transportation of Children with Special Healthcare Needs.

- C) **Oregon State Ambulance Association**  
Written report submitted by Shawn Baird.
- D) **Oregon Fire & Medical Administrators Association**  
Written report submitted by Denise Giard.
- E) **Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association**  
No report at this time.
- F) **EMT Consortium**  
Gregg Lander reported that the Consortium is working with Oregon Department of Education in the accreditation process to reduce costs to the colleges. Also working with the EMT-I Workgroup on the EMT-I curriculum.
- G) **Oregon ACEP**  
Dr. Jui reported that the OR ACEP is heavily involved in liability CAP reform.
- H) **Oregon DMAT Team**  
Helen Miller reported that the DMAT Team transferred under DHS, now under FEMA. The National office was cut by 2/3 staff and 1/2 budget. Oregon has managed to stay in the National rotation. Working collaboratively with Dr. Higginson to establish four state caches. There is no formal plan in the State for a medical mutual aid plan.
- I) **Oregon Air Medical Association**  
Dr. Ameen Ramzy reported that the Association is focusing on the Resource Guide, process formation, and charter.

### 3. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A) **NHTSA**  
The 1992 NHTSA Report points out areas of strengths and weaknesses in the State EMS System. The SEMSC will review the report, from the State point of view, and provide strategic planning to the infrastructure in the State.

*Trauma Systems* – Report given by Dr. Miller and Bill Porter. Reports attached. .

*Facilities* – Report given by Pete Kingsley and Pat Hart. Written report to follow.

After all NHTSA issues have been reviewed, they will each be summarized and an executive summary will be written.

**B) EMT-I Program**

The EMT-I workgroup will be addressing three areas: Educational Modality headed by Peggy Andrews; Clinical Approach headed by Dr. Jui; and Program Structure headed by Jonathan Chin and Paul Bollinger.

**C) EMT-I MS**

The EMT-I Morphine program was rolled out at the Course Director Update. The use of morphine is currently restricted to long-bone fractures.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) ODOE**

The ODOE is trying to streamline their process of accrediting the EMS programs. ODOE has several options and are exploring those options at this time. The SEMSC will provide a written recommendation to ODOE once a taskforce (headed by Ms. Schmele and Mr. Lander) has further investigated this issue. The taskforce needs to report back to the SEMSC. There was an informal census for a modified accreditation process only reviewing the EMS portion of the College assuming that they meet the Northwest Accreditation standards.

**B) Committee Membership**

Legislative idea to establish three new voting members on the SEMSC: Oregon Air Medical Association; EMSC; and STAB. No word if idea will move forward.

**C) Attendance and Participation**

Two consecutive absences is grounds for removal from SEMSC. One member will be removed and his position vacated. There will be five vacancies on the committee later this year. Public notice needs to be sent out.

**D) Rules and Regulation Workgroup**

Mr. Bollinger will follow-up with Associations.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

Accepted as written.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM AND COMMENT**

No comments.

**7. ADJOURN**

Motioned by Ms. Giard and seconded by Mr. Kingsley. Meeting adjourned.