



STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 3, 2005
Meeting Minutes



Members: Pat Hart, Shawn Baird, Erin Burnham, William Ferguson, Denise Giard, Charles McCart, Helen Miller, Ameen Ramzy, Suzanne Schmele, Jim Thomas

Absent: James Giesen, Terry Griffith, Jon Jui, T.R. Hilton, Pete Kingsley, William Porter

Staff: Jeanne Arana, Debbie Danna, Tim Hennigan, Elizabeth Morgan, Susan Werner, Catherine Schmitz

Guests: Peggy Andrews, Paul Rostykus

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A) Jim Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. All were reminded of the no smoking policy.
- B) March 4, 2005 meeting minutes approved with no changes. Motioned by Chuck McCart, seconded by William Ferguson to accept minutes. The committee accepted minutes.
- C) Jim Thomas, Vice-Chair, introduced Jeanne L. Arana, State EMS Director to the group. Ms. Arana provided a brief overview of her vast experience in medicine in both the prehospital and hospital settings including military service. Ms. Arana stated she looks forward to becoming engaged in a number of “front burner” projects and discussions with EMS stakeholders and thanked all for working to strengthen EMS in Oregon. The committee and guests introduced themselves including length of service with the group and area of interest.

2. SEMS COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A) BME – EMT ADVISORY BOARD LIAISON

Paul Rostykus reported that the new EMT-I scope of practice was approved by the BME intact. The curriculum content is completed and the learning levels are being identified. Peggy Andrews reported the EMT-I committee would meet in 1½ weeks. A plan to bridge existing EMT-I's and students currently enrolled in classes is targeted for Fall 2005, to the schools November 2005, and implemented for Winter term 2006. Details including cost, distribution, and authority are yet to be determined.

Dr. Rostykus also reported John Tardiff's term with the BME's EMT subgroup is ending. Toni Grimes, Jane McLoughlin and Terry Nye have been submitted for consideration.

Dr. Rostykus requested consistency when referring to an EMS supervising physician. Current terms referenced include; medical director, medical advisor, physician advisor, supervising physician and others. There will be a Supervising Physician Forum on Friday September 16, 2005 at the Oregon EMS conference in Portland.

B) SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMT CERTIFICATION & DISCIPLINE

Suzanne Schmele reported on the Executive Session of the EMT Certification and Discipline Committee. Two (2) probation cases were present, discussion was held. The committee recommended termination of probation for one (1) with recertification as terms of agreement were met. The committee also recommended termination of probations for the other, pending urine analysis results. Ms. Schmele stated the backlog of pending and open cases before the prehospital standards unit is staggering. The unit currently has two (2) open positions; a Compliance Specialist 1 and 2 are in recruitment process with DHS.

C) EMT EDUCATION

Tim Hennigan reiterated much of the information provided by Dr. Rostykus regarding EMT-I changes. The EMS and Trauma Systems Office has begun the implementation of License 200 (L2K), a licensing and database program that will be utilized by state agencies. Despite efforts to increase the number of Paramedic exams to six (6) per year, Oregon students are testing elsewhere. The posting of Compliance Specialist 2 closes June 21, 2005.

D) EMS Database

Susie Werner reported OPSIS is ready for release; the final product has been used by testing agencies and will include a data dictionary. Ms Werner stated progress with the Oregon Trauma Registry also. Ms. Arana shared information about an ODOT grant to bridge the databases.

E) EMS for Children

Debbie Danna reported the group met June 6, 2005. Dr. Craig Warden has resigned as chair; open positions include pediatric physician, and ambulance director. The EMS-C conference will be held October 9, 10, 11, 2005 at Valley River Inn, Eugene Oregon. 30 scholarships will be available. Ms. Danna stated she is working with Indian Health Services managing school emergencies. There was a BT drill in Paisley including a pediatric component.

F) OREGON STATE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Shawn Baird reported that the Oregon Ambulance Association is keeping updated on the Legislative Session.

G) OREGON ACEP LIAISON

No report. Committee member Erin Burnham volunteered to report in the future.

H) OREGON DMAT UNIT

Helen Miller reported the unit has gained level 1 status with FEMA and has 501c3 exemption. There are current openings for physician assistants and nurse practitioners. The unit participated in a BT drill last month in Paisley, Oregon. Dr. Miller stated the drill was a good learning experience for all identifying areas of need for improvement.

I) AAMRO

Ameen Ramsey reported that the Resource Guide is published on the State EMS website. Vern Bartley is retiring and has resigned as chair. Ken Parsons of Mercy Flights was elected chair. The group will meet next in July.

3) OLD BUSINESS

a) Comments on Draft Strategic Planning Report

No information or comment was provided. Ms. Arana will follow up with staff to retrieve documentation from the March 2005 planning session. She shared information regarding ODOT grants and the need for an updated NHTSA assessment. Ms. Arana will attend the Executive Chiefs meetings with the Governor.

b) Other Old Business

No other old business was discussed.

4) NEW BUSINESS

a) Disaster Planning

- i. There was discussion of developing an EMS strike force similar to ones used in wildland firefighting including transportation; resources and incorporation of current ASA plans. A subgroup of the committee; Shawn Baird, Denise Giard, and Jon Jui will report back to the group. The committee urged all now was not the time to sit on this, but the time to move.
- ii. Information was provided on the use of EMS Chemical Pack.
- iii. EMS-MCI is an online resource available with REAL time status of available resources. There was discussion of validity.
- iv. HPAC legislation models the fire configuration model.

b) State Medical Disaster Plan

Ms. Arana provided copies of the State of State Medical Disaster Plan and encouraged bedtime reading.

c) Other New Business

Dr. Ramzy will represent the committee by assisting the section in selecting this year's award recipients June 9, 2005.

ADJOURN

Motioned by Dr. Miller seconded by Pat Hart. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J Schmitz