



STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

December 2, 2005

Meeting Minutes



Members: Pat Hart, William Ferguson, Denise Giard, Helen Miller, Ameen Ramzy, Suzanne Schmele, Pete Kingsley, Jon Jui, John Mack

Absent: Shawn Baird, Erin Burnham, Charles McCart, Jim Thomas, James Giesen, T.R. Hilton, William Porter

Staff: Jeanne Arana, Tim Hennigan, Elizabeth Morgan, Kristen Turley, Leslie Lowe, Karen Baker

Guests: Peggy Andrews, Merlin Curry, John Wish, Eric Schult, Joe Worley

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A) Jon Jui called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. All were reminded of the no smoking policy. Quorum not present.
- B) March 4, 2005 meeting minutes approved with one change on Page 3. Motioned by Denise Giard, seconded by William Ferguson to accept minutes with corrected change. The committee accepted minutes with change.

2. SEMS COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A) BME – EMT Advisory Board Liaison

Jeanne Arana reported that new language has been suggested by OAR Workgroup to change from Supervisor Physician to EMS Medical Director in both the Statutory and Rule language for the BME and Public Health, EMS office. It will require a statutory change for the language in OAR 682.

Jon Jui reported that there was renewed interest for the BME-EMT subcommittee to work in more effort with the SEMSC.

B) EMS & Trauma Systems Section Report

Jeanne Arana reported that there was a new format for the agenda and combined report to the SEMSC. Introduction of Kristen Turley, Compliance Specialist 1 in Professional Standards, and Leslie Lowe, Co-Assistant to the State EMS Director, to the Public Health, EMS office. Discussion of held on the OAR/ORS Workgroup, Legislative Concepts, the upcoming NHTSA Reassessment in March 2006, and the State EMS Plan. Further detail in written report.

C) Subcommittee On EMT Certification & Discipline Report

Suzanne Schmele reported that the subcommittee met on December 1, 2005. No quorum. Discussed one new case and one other case. Discussion of self-admission to treatment program

before EMT is in trouble, looking at non-discipline guidance and counseling rather than formal process. Discussion on changes on background checks, if intern is out of State for 60 days or more, then intern should not have to go through formal background check. Medical Directors must witness skills performed before signing off on review.

D) EMT Education

Tim Hennigan reported that the final EMT-I curriculum recommendations are being presented to the SEMSC for questions and review. Hours outlined have increased in total from 120 hours to 144 hours, EMT-Basic review has been removed and hours for medication has been increased. EMT-B must have Agency sponsor and skill review before entering course. Bridge Course for EMT-I has also increased in hours. The first Instructor Bridge Course has been held. EMT-P instructors must also attend Instructor Bridge Course.

E) EMS for Children

Merlin Curry reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2006. Jon Jui requested that the EMSC Committee review and summarize the American Heart Association guidelines for children.

F) Oregon State Ambulance Association Liaison

No report.

G) Oregon ACEP Liaison

No report.

H) Oregon DMAT Unit

Helen Miller reported the unit has been busy during hurricane season, responded to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, and sent a strike team for medical oversight. Oregon Team designated primary team for December 2005 and January 2006.

I) AAMRO

Ameen Ramsey reported that the launch criteria have been developed and in the process of having them posted on the State website. Next meeting will be in January 2006.

3) OLD BUSINESS

A) Disaster Preparedness

The HRSA Grant requires us to discuss the disaster plan. Discussion of key processes including Mutual Aid Agreements for Ambulance Strike Teams and Statewide Coordination. The California Model was discussed as using it as a model for Oregon. Jon Jui requested if there could be 1) a general agreement if we should move forward, 2) send out initial documents for review and comment and 3) command and coordination as it relates to the HRSA Regions or individual agencies. Jeanne Arana reported that money from HRSA to develop a State Medical

Disaster Plan that will become part of the OEM State Plan. All in attendance agreed that we should move forward with identifying resources and create Ambulance Strike Teams.

B) State Medical Disaster Plan

Jeanne Arana requested that comments on the State Medical Disaster Plan, EMS Section be sent within the next month to the Public Health, EMS office. The EMS Plan is embedded under Critical Issues. STAB will be commenting on Appendix F-5.

C) Other Old Business

No other old business.

4) NEW BUSINESS

A) Expiring Committee Terms

Jeanne Arana reported that appointments are Department of Health Services responsibility. Her plan is to bring the SEMS Committee back into line with the current Statutes and Rules that govern the Committee. All terms, except Shawn Baird expire at the end of 2006. Public Health, EMS office will be sending out a letter of interest to those interested on serving on the SEMS Committee.

B) 2006 SEMSC Meeting Schedule

Discussion regarding the 2006 meeting dates for the SEMS Committee meeting was held. Discussion was tabled for later date to move the meeting months to January, April, July, and October. No decision was made at this time.

C) Other New Business

1. Discussion held on adding a Trauma Surgeon on the SEMS Committee. No decision made at this time.
2. Jeanne Arana reported that Public Health, EMS office proposed to the BME-EMT Advisory Committee to change Supervisory Physician to EMS Medical Director. There is also interest of having an "EMS Medical Director" seat on the full BME committee.

5) PUBLIC FORUM AND COMMENT

No comments at this time

6) ADJOURN

Motioned by Pete Kingsley, seconded by Pat Hart. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen E. Baker