



# STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 2, 2007  
Meeting Minutes  
Approved June 8, 2007



**Members:** Jon Jui; Suzann Schmidt; Shawn Baird; Erin Burnham; Helen Miller; Greg Marlar; Jennifer Mitchke; Pat Hart; John Mack

**Staff:** Susan Werner; Elizabeth Morgan; Gail Stoutt

**Guests:** Paul Rostykus; Gregg Lander; David Spiro; Kevin Cradock; Gary McLean; Jerry Andrews; Phil Moyer

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A) Jon Jui called the meeting to order. All were reminded of the no smoking policy. A voting quorum was present.
- B) Minutes: There were no minutes from the last State EMS Committee meeting in December of 2006.

## 2. SUBCOMMITTEE, LIAISON, & SECTION REPORTS

### A) BME – EMT Advisory Board Liaison

Dr. Paul Rostykus gave a brief update. Minutes of the meeting are available on the BME website.

### B) EMS & Trauma Systems Section Report

Susan Werner, Trauma Systems & Tertiary Care Manager, provided a staffing update including the status of the following vacant positions: EMS & Trauma Section Director, EMS Medical Director, Administrative Specialist 2, EMS for Children Program Manager, Prehospital Systems Manager, and Compliance Specialist 2.

Susie reported on the details of Senate Bill 162, which would change the framework of EMS/Trauma and requests a biennial \$2m for approximately 7 FTEs which adds additional staff for systems planning and quality improvement initiatives for EMS and Trauma.

Susie also provided an update on the EMS Data Systems, the transition from OPCIS to a Nemsis-compliant PCR system, Nemsis-compliant data warehouse and the expected timeline for implementation.

### C) Subcommittee on EMT Certification & Discipline Report

Suzann Schmidt reported that the EMT Certification & Discipline Subcommittee met yesterday, Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>, to interview 5 people. She reported that the committee will retain their present membership until more is known about the workload. Suzann brought up concerns

regarding EMT-I Bridge Course and the difference in scope of practice between EMT-B, EMT-I, and EMT-P. The hour requirement to complete the EMT-I bridge course was discussed and enforcement of Bridge Course rules was addressed. Finally, there was discussion regarding EMS governance over the education of EMTs.

#### **D) EMT Education**

Gregg Lander reported the need to maintain the consistency of EMT education throughout the Consortium. He stated that their goal was to have curriculum changes outlined by September 2207 and implemented by summer term 2008. Gregg addressed the concept of online courses that might improve the dissemination of education in Eastern Oregon. There was discussion regarding the National Registry “rule” that students pass their practical exam prior to being allowed to test practical stations. This is particularly important because of the timing of classes versus available tests throughout the year. The necessity to prove skills prior to internship was emphasized.

#### **E) Oregon State Ambulance Association Liaison**

Shawn Baird provided a financial impact update, along with a description of possible new requirements that might eliminate compliance issues.

#### **F) Oregon ACEP Liaison**

Erin Burnham reported on details of the state ACEP Convention that was held in late January 2007.

#### **G) Oregon DMAT**

In the absence of Helen Miller, Dr. Jui provided, a general disaster planning update.

#### **H) AAMRO**

There were no updates.

### **3) NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A) Hoscap Application for EMS**

Kevin Cradock provided an update on the HOSCAP Reporting System, a web-based portal shared with the University of Washington that allows hospitals to report their emergency department, surgical and medical resources in real time. Dr. Jui noted that this resource will be essential in the identification of hospital resources during a disaster situation and an operational policy that provides structure and direction for EMS use of HOSCAP information is necessary.

#### **B) EMS for Children**

David Spiro provided an overview of EMSC activities that included preliminary plans for the EMS-C Conference to be held the third week in October. David also reviewed the use of AEDs in the pediatric population, which raised discussion regarding the status of existing AED units, particularly those in public buildings, and plans to upgrade/update the units to accommodate

their use for a pediatric patient. Finally, he covered the EMSC Advisory Committee's active work to support legislation protecting and/or supporting children.

#### **4) OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A) SB162**

Susan Werner provided an overview of the bill and amendments, and suggested that issues and concerns be forwarded to Grant Higginson. Susie explained that the proposed amendments concerning the EMS/TS Oversight Board provide for a committee structure that will offer more balanced representation to all committees/stakeholders that are represented. Tobacco taxes have been identified as the source to fund SB162. Additional workgroups and committee meetings to further refine the amendments is expected.

##### **B) State Interoperability**

A general overview of the committee and proposed legislation to increase the interoperability of public safety and public health entities was provided. It was emphasized that this is a work in progress and is a governor-mandated attempt to secure funding to ensure that rural and urban providers can communicate. Proposed legislation will ultimately result in a change in the present fragmented infrastructure.

##### **C) Misc. Legislative Reminders**

Susan Werner reminded meeting attendees that there are several legislative bills that may be of interest. These included Tax Breaks for EMTs working in rural areas, ATV bills, and a bill to define the responsibility and authority of the Public Health Director during a disaster. Further updates are available by contacting Ms. Werner.

#### **5) PUBLIC FORUM AND COMMENT**

Jerry Andrews provided details on the 2007 EMS Conference in Bend.

Gary McLean detailed the 2007 Timberline EMS Conference.

A request was made to have draft meeting minutes posted on the website or distributed prior to the next meeting for review.

#### **6) ADJOURN**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Manchester