

**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & SYSTEMS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 11, 1999**

MEMBERS: Brian Bay, Pat Hart, T.R. Hilton, Jon Jui, Pete Kingsley, Charles McCart, Helen Miller, Ken Parsons, Suzann Schmele, Jim Thomas.

STAFF: Roger Fox; Raymond Jester, Juanita Moore, Luke Terrell; Donna Wilson.

ABSENT: Terry Griffith, William Porter, Richard Straw.

GUESTS: Craig Warden, OHSU; Paul LeSage, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue; Markley Drake, Gresham Fire; Jan Glarum.

Chair, Mr. Jui called the meeting to order, introduced guests, and announced the “No-Smoking” policy.

M/S/C (Jui/McCart)

Accept the March 12, 1999 meeting minutes.

REPORTS

B.M.E./EMT Advisory Board Liaison

No meeting to report on at this time.

Suzann Schmele reported the BME received two recommendations for John Whitney’s committee replacement: Gary McClain (*self*), and David Cook (*OSPA recommendation*). Committee members questioned the BME’s process of obtaining recommendations. Ms. Schmele reported to her knowledge, the BME polled the state for nominations, and these were the only names suggested. Historically, the BME recommends the SEMSC liaison replacement. Concern was expressed to the lack of BME participation at the SEMSC meetings, and interest concerning the replacement of John Whitney’s committee position.

Jon Jui requested Suzann Schmele write a letter to Kathleen Haley and investigate the process by which the two recommendations were obtained. Question whether this was a public or private process governed by the board’s decision.

Subcommittee on Discipline

The subcommittee met on June 10, 1999. During executive session the committee reviewed six probationary EMT’s. All probationers are abiding by the conditions of probation.

The subcommittee also clarified the questions on the EMT Recertification Questionnaire. Question two asks, “Have you been **convicted** of any criminal offense under the laws of the” The confusion is with the word “convicted.” If a person has been charged, not convicted, or had a diversion, does this require the person to report it to the State Health Division. By the next recertification process these questions will be reviewed and revised by the subcommittee to clarify whether the applicant has specifically been in a diversion program, or convicted of a criminal offense.

EMT Education

All paramedic education programs must be an AAS-EMT Degree level by the fall of 1999, and must also implement the new national curriculum by the year 2000.

Subcommittee Assignment: Jon Jui requested the subcommittee review with Ed Opitz the OAR rules and regulations and submit revisions to the committee by next session, September 23, 1999.

System Development and Finance Subcommittee

The subcommittee met on June 10, 1999 and all agreed their main objective for this quarter is to begin the process of immediately reviewing the OAR's. Ken Parson's requested the committee make suggestions on a unified plan through revision of the statutes or OAR rule changes governing ambulance services, licensing of these agencies, and ASA plans. The issue of stretcher cars was discussed and the subcommittee will review the statutes governing these agencies to revise and resolve many issues. Raymond Jester suggested forming a task force with a cross section of members throughout the state for additional input.

Subcommittee Assignment: Jon Jui requested Ken Parson create a state-wide selection process of interested parties from resources such as: State EMS Committee, OHD-EMS, ambulance service, county EMS administration, 911 Center representative, police, EMS educator, Oregon fire service, volunteers, EMS agency and administration to form an action team. This team's focus, in conjunction with Oregon Health Division's Director, Raymond Jester will review/update the OAR's and statutes. Both Raymond Jester and Ken Parson will develop a mission statement which Ken will include in correspondence to this agencies requesting their participation.

EMSC

Craig Warden reported interest in coordinating a cohesive subcommittee dedicated to state-wide interest of pediatric EMS issues. Mr. Warden reported to Jon Jui the interest in areas such as gathering of state-wide data, grants for education, and pediatric equipment education to rural area paramedics. The committee suggested focusing on prehospital care and education. View the needs which direct choices governing pediatric care. Poll areas for identification of need, and further education through resources such as OHD-Medical Training Units, hospital providers, trauma and delivery service. Jon Jui also reported possible funding through the SB-911 for rural area education through this committee.

Committee Assignment: Jon Jui requested Craig Warden write a brief encompassing pediatric needs throughout the state, and to also suggest potential members to sit on the EMSC Subcommittee. Mr. Warden will submit the brief, and potential members list to Raymond Jester within two weeks.

Department of Education Liaison

Brian Bay officially resigned from the committee as of June 8, 1999. Jon Jui thanked him for his continual service and dedication since the formation of the committee, and also mentioned Mr. Bay has always been a pivotal point regarding educational issues facing this committee.

Mr. Bay reported almost all of the community colleges have completed their site visit. Three remain and should complete by July 1, 1999.

The EMT Consortium is a committee comprised of state-wide educators, and institutions currently working on all aspects EMT education. Mr. Bay recommended the EMT Consortium act as the SEMSC advisory on

educational issues and also suggested this group submit a recommendation for his replacement. The committee accepted Mr. Bay's recommendations.

ACEP

No official report submitted. AED bill passed and signed.

Disaster Preparedness

C Paul LeSage reported the subcommittee met June 11, 1999 in the morning session. The subcommittee is looking at the Fire Conflagration Act and how it operates when we deploy disaster manpower. Review the FLA & CA's statutes and how they relate.

Subcommittee Assignment: Jon Jui requested the committee draft a list of ideas, key contacts, obstacles and resources.

C The State EMS Committee agrees that OHD and OREMS has a responsibility to meet/coordinate requests for significant portion of ESF8 responsibilities. This would be particularly pertinent in multi-county disaster coordination. OHD has a plan and annex (see attached for EMS) which address the structure of this but it may not; be well distributed or understood.

Subcommittee Assignment: Jan Glarum will look at the task to be accomplished (i.e. forms, procedure, protocols) and even a schematic of how it may fit in an existing ICS structure at the county level. Physician credentialing, regional communication standards, coordination of state medical resources, State DMAT teams, State USAR capability, tactical medical groups...etc.

C Creation of Oregon DMAT. Helen Miller informed the committee that a non-profit (501(3)C) organization has been formed in order to promote the creation of an Oregon Team. The application process requires a letter of support from the State.

Subcommittee Assignment: Jon Jui requested OHD submit a letter of support for the creation of an Oregon based DMAT team.

OLD BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Ray Jester updated to committee on EMS / Health related bills currently remaining in the legislative process. OHD remains confident that SB 911 will be successful.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE & SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Juanita Moore distributed Committee and Subcommittee rosters and requested all information be reviewed and clarify existing members and their roles with the committee. The following changes were noted: Remove Brian Bay (*due to his resignation*), Charles Johnson and Jack Stump from the committee roster. Jon Jui also suggested the creation of two additional subcommittees: "Communication" and "Data".

- # **SEPTEMBER 10, 1999 CHANGED:** The next scheduled meeting of September 10, 1999 was voted to be combined with the EMS Conference activities on September 23, 1999, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel Columbia River.

Written Staff Reports Submitted for Committee Review

- a. Director (Raymond Jester)
- b. Trauma System (Lisa Irwin)
- c. EMS Operations (Roger Fox)
- d. EMS Outreach Program (Donna Wilson & Luke Terrell)
- e. Training (Position Currently Not Filled)
- f. Medical Preparedness (Steve Myren)

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Juanita Moore