

**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARCH 2, 2001 MINUTES**

- MEMBERS:** Denise Giard; Terry Griffith; Pat Hart; T.R. Hilton; Suzann Schmele; Jon Jui; Pete Kingsley; Ken Parsons; William Porter; Linda Quackenbush; Jim Thomas
- Absent:** Eric Brunswick, William Ferguson, James Giesen, Richard Straw
- OHD Staff:** Russ Harper; Catherine Schmitz; Nancy Gillen; Jerry Andrews; Fred Neis; Susan Werner;
- Guests:** Ken McGinnis, Pontine Rosteck, Gregg Lander, Shawn Baird, Peggy Andrews, Michele Moore

1. Call to Order

- A) No Smoking Policy
- B) Approval of previous meeting minutes
- C) Introduction of Susan Werner, Trauma Manager

2. Subcommittee & Liaison Section - Reports/Committee Discussion

A) Board of Medical Examiners EMT Advisory Board Liaison

Suzann Schmele reported that the Board of Medical Examiners met in January 2001. The board would like to interface better with the EMS system, and see the EMS Update as a regular publication. The Board supports start-up of the combi-tube at the EMT-Basic level within six months to a year with OHD & BME coordination. Use by agency would be optional and training would not be required in the initial EMT-B course work. Ms. Schmele also reported the Board's minutes are available on-line and will be linked to OHD-EMS home pages in the future.

B) Subcommittee on EMT Certification and Discipline

Pat Hart reported that the subcommittee met in an executive session on March 1, 2001. Of the five (5) individuals scheduled to appear before the committee, four (4) were present. They made recommendations on all files. Mr. Hart reported the committee also met on March 2, 2001 in a public session. There was discussion of three (3) scenarios currently presented to the Division by individuals seeking

certification either through endorsement or standard education processes. Revisions are under way for the EMT-I 1995 and EMT-I 1999 curriculum. Suzann Schmele will be going to National Registry later this year for question revisions. Russ Harper reported a review of the First Responder authorizing language is underway by the Attorney General's office. We anticipate an update by Fall 2001, no anticipated changes to the individual contract process, however, personal history questions are now consistent with other Division applications, and the Division vs. individual agencies may issue certificates.

C) **EMT Education**

Linda Quackenbush reported concerns of rural providers' ability to fill Paramedic positions, removal of the A.A.S. requirement vs. changes to increase the scope of EMT-Is. Jon Jui referenced a study done by Gail Madsen during 1993-95 that showed lack of Paramedics in the rural area before the A.A.S. requirement.

D) **EMS for Children**

Fred Neis reported EMSC grant for fiscal year three (3) approximately \$100,000.00. Majority of Oregon's pre-hospital care providers are on board. The state of Maryland is using Oregon as an example for their program. Oregon's EMSC conference is scheduled June 1-2, 2001 in Keizer, Oregon. Cost is \$75.00 for non physician and \$100.00 for physicians. We will grant hour for hour CEU. Mr. Neis is currently accepting nominations to form an EMSC subcommittee of 12-15 persons. Jon Jui asked if we link the OHD-EMS website to any other agencies for pediatric protocols. Mr. Neis stated that currently that is not within the Divisions policy of internet use. Mr. Neis will attend the Family Advocacy Network Meeting April 3-4, 2001 in Silver Springs, Maryland.

E) **Oregon State Ambulance Association Liaison**

Ken Parsons reported HCFA has not released any new information, implementation is on hold until July 1, 2001. Senate Bill 813 requires OMAP to equal the amount reimbursed by Medicare. Mr. Parsons reported they now divide OMAP into regional transportation districts via contracts, including wheelchair cars. All responsibility is at the regional level.

F) **Oregon ACEP Liaison**

Jon Jui reported for Bev Bowman. Development of protocols, signature exchange, system issues and medical director oversight were subject of an article written by Dr. Jui for ACEP's National newsletter.

3. OLD BUSINESS

1) **EMT-Intermediate Update**

Russ Harper reported the EMT-I update is at least 6-8 months away, we need help for the following; review current curriculums for changes, design pre-test & post-test, presentation to Board of Medical Examiners. Pat Hart, T.R. Hilton, and Jim Thomas volunteered to help with the process. Greg Lander and Peggy Andrews will submit two (2) names from their area as well.

2) **Membership Update**

Jon Jui will contact members absent today for appointment to the subcommittee on EMT Certification and Discipline. They are Erin Burnham, William Ferguson, and James Giesen.

3) **Disaster Planning**

Jon Jui reported committee members are gone, we need new members. Those interested should contact Dr. Jui.

4 NEW BUSINESS

1) **Oregon Office of Rural Health**

Pete Kingsley provided a handout detailing 911 grant awards to date as the third cycle begins. The focus has been on actual equipment for use vs. training. Mr. Kingsley requested a letter sent to Senator Eugene Timms with an update and general thank-you.

Mr. Kingsley also reminded the committee about Senate Bill 5010 that at first look increases sb911 money by \$60, 000.00 with remainder going to Oregon State Police.

5) **STAFF REPORTS**

A) **Director's Report**

Russ Harper reported the following; The EMS office currently has 5 positions vacant. A process is underway for request for proposals regarding the Prehospital database beginning with small agencies. Roger Fox is under contract to have the OAR revisions to the Attorney General's office by March 31, 2001.

B) **Trauma System Report**

Susan Werner reported the old trauma system is currently functional at rudimentary levels. We are reviewing a new system vs. a commercial product.

C) **EMS for Children**

see above

D) **EMS Operations**

no report

E) **EMS Outreach Programs - MTU**

The Mobile Training Unit's 2001 schedule is full. Agency use was limited to two (2) visits per calendar year.

F) **State EMT Training & Certification**

Mr. Harper reported the 2001 recertification cycle is underway. Current National Registry CEUs will count for Oregon CEUs as well.

G) **Professional Standards**

Jerry Andrews provided a year 2000 summary of Professional Standards cases. Currently the unit offers a one (1) and two (2) hour presentation regarding Professional Standards to agencies on request.

Jon Jui requested the issue of EMS Update publication be revisited, specifically we should not publish complaints that were found to be groundless or unsubstantiated. In other words, if a case is closed without discipline, it would not be included in the publication.

H) **Medical Preparedness**

no report

I) **Oregon DMAT Team**

Jon Jui reported for Helen Miller regarding DMAT. The focus is on preparation. They have signed a memo of understanding with OHSU as a level one (1) designation and Grant Higginson during a statewide event for liability coverage. We have divided Oregon into five (5) squads; N. Willamette, Eugene, Southern Oregon, Central Oregon and Medford. We urge that anyone with time contact Jon Jui.

6. PUBLIC FORUM & COMMENT

None provided

7. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned; 1st Jon Jui, 2nd T.R. Hilton

respectfully submitted

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