

**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
JUNE 1, 2001 MINUTES**

MEMBERS: Pat Hart; T.R. Hilton; Jon Jui; Jim Thomas; Richard Straw;
Helen Miller; Charles McCart

Absent: Eric Brunswick; William Ferguson; James Giesen; Denise Giard;
Terry Griffith; Pete Kingsley; Ken Parsons; William Porter; Linda
Quackenbush; Suzann Schmele;

OHD Staff: Russ Harper; Catherine Schmitz

Guests: Gregg Lander; Peggy Andrews; Paul LeSage; Randy Jackson;
Keith Flewelling; Craig Warden

1. Call to Order

- A) No Smoking Policy
- B) Approval of previous meeting minutes

2. Subcommittee & Liaison Section - Reports/Committee Discussion

A) **Board of Medical Examiners EMT Advisory Board Liaison**

Greg Lander provided information from the last meeting regarding; the terms of membership with the Board currently consisting of five (5) members, proposed language would increase membership to seven (7) to include more variety of interests and address the issue of term limit; pros and cons of LMA's being added to rigs which cost approximately \$1500-\$2000 depending on adult vs. pediatric sizes; intent of DEA licensure is needed for location where drugs are kept and dispensed from and not individual rigs. Several proposed changes will be presented at the next meeting

B) **Subcommittee on EMT Certification and Discipline**

Pat Hart reported in executive session, four (4) individuals were seen on May 31, 2001 and one (1) file was reviewed. Of the four (4) individuals seen, one was released from probation, one provided an outline of an ethics presentation as part of a Letter of Instruction, and two were reminded of the importance of timely submission of quarterly reporting requirement for probation. In general session on June 1, 2001 the committee worked on EMT-Intermediate curriculum revisions to be proposed to the Board of Medical Examiners at their June 22, 2001 meeting.

Suggested changes include; increase course work twenty (20) hours; a pre-test with skills session; fifteen (15) hour bridge from current to new level for the 2003 recertification period; eliminate EMT-P interface program.

After much discussion, this item was tabled to next meeting as an agenda item

C) **EMT Education**

In Linda Quackenbush's absence, Pat Hart reported the EMT Consortium met recently in Ontario, Oregon and was sparsely attended. The group discussed several issues; would there be an EMS course director's update at the EMS conference; ACLS & BLS changes are effective July 1, 2001; support for the AAS degree system in place; Chemeketa Community College's winter term '02 will include an online anatomy and physiology course with 1-2 Saturday sessions.

Colleges request forum for feedback from the Division regarding pass/fail ratio for retest purposes identified by school.

Russ Harper suggested the Division post results on the website for first time pass ratio. Dr Jui provided opinion as a Medical Director the new employees are much improved with the degree process. Paul Lesage offered information from a study done parrelling low frequency high-risk events with Paramedics who have more education and those with less and there is a clear correlation of those with additional education.

Request information from TVF&R regarding education study for publication in EMS update in support

D) **EMS for Children**

Russ Harper reported for Fred Neis; the EMSC conference is currently taking place at

the Wittenburg Inn with 232 attendees. Craig Worden, EMSC Chair, told the group the second round of testimony was missed for SB 243. Originally this was a ½ million-dollar program from OHD with no money. Now it has resurfaced as the same bill minus the funding. Several portions have been incorporated into the EMSC Federal grant. Russ Harper will be submitting testimony the first week of June.

E) **Oregon State Ambulance Association Liaison**

No Report

F) **Oregon ACEP Liaison**

Dr. Jui reported to the committee regarding the following issues being lobbying for; PIP reimbursement; hospital overcrowding; increase limit to \$25,000 from \$10,000.

3. OLD BUSINESS

1) **EMT-Intermediate Update**

See sub-committee on EMT Certification & Discipline.

2) **Membership Update**

Dr. Jui requested all physician members to rotate into the EMT Certification & Discipline committee. Dr. Jui will attend 1 per year, and asks each physician to do the same. Helen Miller expressed concern for the EMSC committee may be in conflict. Dr. Jui granted her a bye. A list of dates will be sent to each for volunteer sign-up for dates July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. If members don't sign up, they will be assigned

3) **Disaster Planning**

Dr. Jui expressed concern for the state's ability to respond in the case of a level 8-richter events. What can we expect from OHD? Greg Lander provided information on the process used for the floods of 1996. Helen Miller expressed concerns of hospitals not used to the mutual aid agreements common in fire and EMS. Paul Lesage expressed the need to involve more people at the local level and rely on the infrastructure already in place, just not very developed. Dr Jui requests the state identify what the expectations are and develop a plan of action.

Dr. Jui requests a letter, he still has on his computer be resubmitted to OHD administration and State Health Officer with requests for disaster planning, which was killed by internal OHD group.

4 NEW BUSINESS

None

5) STAFF REPORTS

A) Director's Report

Russ Harper reported the following positions are open; Director, Training Manager, Office Manager (rotation), Ambulance Licensing, MTU (1), Trauma Nurse. The new OAR's are currently posted on the Secretary of State's website.

B) Trauma System Report

Donald Au returned to the EMS staff as research analyst. The software program AREV will be used at minimum for next 1 ½ years vs. a new Trauma database.

C) EMS for Children

See above

D) EMS Operations

No report

E) EMS Outreach Programs - MTU

See handout

F) State EMT Training & Certification

See above

G) Professional Standards

Senate bill 3479 addresses issues of discipline for EMTs. The Division has already adopted new practices suggested by the legislature; complaint told up front; remove "in" from informal interview; right to be represented; right to end interview; issues regarding first time DUIs; add "letter of instruction" to range of actions. The Division will also consider, where completed, any other discipline in deciding on proper level of discipline.

H) **Medical Preparedness**

No report

I) **Oregon DMAT Team**

Helen Miller reported a drill would be held in September at Olympia Washington for Federal disaster planning.

6. PUBLIC FORUM & COMMENT

None

7. ADJOURN

Motion; Jim Thomas

Second; Jon Jui

Meeting adjourned;

Respectfully submitted

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