



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEMS



STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

DOUBLE TREE HOTEL – JANTZEN BEACH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2001 MINUTES

Present: Eric Brunswick, M.D., Denise Giard, EMT-P, Russ Harper, EMT-P, Pat Hart, EMT-P, Jon Jui, M.D., Charles McCart, M.D., Helen Miller, M.D., William Porter, EMT-P, Linda Quackenbush, Suzann Schmele, EMT-P, Jim Thomas, EMT-P.

Guests: Lisa-Wish Anderson, John Wish, Mary Ann Seth-Wish, Paul LaRotie, Bill Collins, Gary McLean, John Herbold, Jr., Michele Moore, David Cook, Phil Moyer, Randy Lauer, Eric Swanson, Scott Cooper, Jane McLaughlin.

Absent: Erin Burnham, M.D., William Ferguson, M.D., Terry Griffith, EMT-1, T.R. Hilton, EMT-P, Richard Straw, EMT-P, Pete Kingsley, EMT-P.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Jon Jui called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. The committee was reminded that there is a no smoking policy.

- A. Approval of previous meeting minutes. The following corrections were noted:
1. William Porter was present at the last meeting.
 2. EMT Education - Pete Kingsley did not present the report on consortium at the last meeting.
 3. Catherine Schmitz indicated that a report had been given at the last meeting

B. Change of agenda - The Wish family presentation.

Minutes accepted.

Dr. Jui introduced John Wish and his family. He indicated that the Wish family had a traumatic event and felt that some of the comments by the Wish family could be germane to

the committee.

Dr. Jui asked the members of the committee to read the handout presented by John Wish and think about the issues. At the next meeting, discussion of these suggested changes would be addressed. One of the issues is working on comprehensive paramedic coverage throughout the state. This state is a scoop and run community. Dr. Jui was not quite sure what had happened in this situation.

Agenda item: Discussion of comprehensive planning and coordination of training and education of search and rescue and field response.

1. Subcommittee and Liaison Section – Reports/Committee

A. Board of Medical Examiners EMT Advisory Board Liaison

Suzann Schmele provided information about the last meeting, which met two weeks ago. The Advisory Board worked on housekeeping of rules and civil codes. Also reviewed language for the committee. For those of you who aren't aware of this, the advisory committee is writing rules that will set limits to the terms there were a few suggestions for some changes of language. Suzann felt the one thing that is of most interest, is the fact that the committee approved or recommended that the full Board look at the use of the combi tube at the EMT basic level. That did go to the full Board and the recommendation was not approved. The full Board is meeting again on October 19. The committee is physically going to the meeting to present this again. Their concerns are that a LMA might be a better choice. The feeling of the committee is it might be a little bit premature on the pre-hospital side. A recommendation for the changes for the EMT intermediate scope of practice and curriculum was also presented. Hopefully, in the future the Board will be looking at these scopes for changes.

Russ Harper distributed some information on the EMT-Intermediate. He presented a set of minutes from the subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee prepared a skill sheet showing what it would look like if the intermediates were doing these skills under the existing regulations. All of the new skills are actually included. We have a list serve which is used among the instructors in the state to pass information back and forth and to have discussions of what is considered a significant educational issue. Russ put this discussion before them as an attachment to an email. There were between 250 and 300 email responses. He will give

one copy to this group as a record and will forward a copy of all the emails to the BME with the suggested list of changes.

B. Subcommittee on EMT Certification and Discipline

Suzann Schmele reported that the subcommittee on EMT Certification and Discipline did not have a full quorum. They had a brief discussion and adjourned. One of the main topics was the intermediate change in the scope of practice. It is the feeling of the subcommittee, that the approval of this full committee be submitted to the BME.

Russ Harper indicated that there are two tactics in which to approach the BME with the suggested changes. 1) Submit as an all or nothing package; these are the skills we think should be added; this is what we think would be a good intermediate in Oregon; either tell us yes or no. 2) Or, we can take the tactic of a line item veto. Indicate we're not asking the Board to necessarily approve this carte blanche, but take a look at the suggested changes, tell us which ones we can go forward with. I would like this to be an item that the Board would have to vote on.

Suzann Schmele covered the BME procedures. The committee would present the packet to the Board for discussion and then it would be sent onto the full BME. Suzann asked that we attach the recommendations to the minutes of this meeting and send it to the full Board to give them a heads up.

Suzann also indicated the subcommittee would like to present these changes and is asking that this committee recommend this intact to be presented to the BME.

Russ Harper indicated that if you have other public comments on the various items, the appropriate place to voice those comments would be at the BME. Then it would go to public hearing. Send your specific concerns to Russ by electronic mail, within 30 days, once you've had an opportunity to review the suggested changes to the scope of practice.

Dr. Jui made the motion to send the packet to the BME. Motion was accepted.

Action Item: Forward the packet to the BME.

EMT Education

Linda Quackenbush gave an update on the new nursing program at Columbia Gorge Community College. She indicated that this is the first nursing program approved by the Board of Nursing in nine years. The program began Monday, September 24th. Linda has not attended any meetings lately with the inception of the new nursing program. Next meetings are scheduled for 10/17-10/19/01.

EMT for Children

Helen Miller reported that the Wish family gave their presentation at the EMSC. She also reported that the SB243 would be funded through February 2003. The grant is half funded. There is a federal program called EMSC, which will allow them to do pediatric instruction. SB243 is the state version of EMSC, which provides pediatric designation for hospitals. They have combined the two grants, trying to get more than half a mandate. Helen also discussed the EMSC conference for next fall. That conference will probably be held October of 2002. They plan to add EMS for Children information into the northwest winter ACEP conference being held February 2002.

Oregon State Ambulance Association Liaison.

Ken Parson reported Medicare changes to HCFA and SIMS. These changes are tentatively scheduled for January 2002. The legislation is trying to change the funding.

Oregon ACEP Liaison

Dr. Jui reported on 911 funding and the overcrowding in hospitals especially the Emergency department.

Membership update

Dr. Jui will assign physicians to the subcommittee on EMT Certification and Discipline.

Disaster Planning

Dr. Jui expressed that disaster planning is now on the front burner. It is very apparent that hospitals and EMS are not well coordinated. The fire departments are very coordinated. Dr.

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Jui needs information on how to increase EMT coordination and cross credentials within our state and state-to-state. Need a communications matrix.

Obstacles: Need to improve communication in state and have the attention of program managers of disaster planning. There may be rationale and funding for obvious reasons. The disaster planning would include state EMS services and hospitals as well.

Helen Miller reported on the increased interest of medical preparedness for biological terrorism. Classes have been ranging from 10 to 15 participants, to a large auditorium. The medical ER teams are on notice for the east coast. The first western team in Alaska went out yesterday. Our current DMAT teams are serving at ground 0 and primarily providing care to the rescuers. The numbers have doubled for recruitment on those teams. There has been tremendous support from various government agencies. Helen Miller addressed conference calls and indicated that their team has been slated for rotation.

National Disaster EMS

Dr. Jui reported that the NDEMS system has been at level 2 since 1999. Level 1 status is pending.

Helen Miller reported that they have no mechanism to get on a federal team. It takes three months to obtain federal credentials. Oregon response teams have been recruiting for specific positions. The website is www.odmt.org if you have questions.

New Business

Staff reports.

Chiloquin Ambulance requested a variance to have a paramedic and first responder work at the same level as ALS. The request was denied. Jane McLaughlin, EMT-P presented an appeal to the committee. Chiloquin Ambulance is faced with staffing problems. Charles McCart made a motion that the committee grant this new variance and find a better way to solve these problems. The waiver was granted.

Action Item: Chiloquin Ambulance's request for a variance and solution to the variance problem.
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Russ Harper announced that there would be a new EMS Director in a few weeks and that he

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would be remaining with EMS as the training manager. It is impossible to do two jobs at once.

Dr. Jui thanked Russ Harper.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Hosler