

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEMS
EMS Full Committee Minutes
December 7, 2001

Present: Jon Jui, Richard Straw, William Ferguson, Suzann Schmele, Jonathan Chin, Terry Griffith, Erin Burnham, Helen Miller, Jim Thomas, T.R. Hilton

Absent: Linda Quackenbush, Charles McCart, Pete Kingsley, Pat Hart

1. Call to Order

Dr. Jui called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Minutes accepted.

2. Self-Introduction: Jonathan Chin gave a brief overview on his background, history and professional philosophy.

3. Subcommittee & Liaison Section – Reports/Committee Discussion

A. BME – EMT Advisory Board Liaison

Susan Schmele reported that the last meeting was in September. The scope of practice for the combi-tube will be included in EMT-B by April as an optional module. It may be used by agencies that would like to use the combi-tube and that have the ability to train their people.

It is in the Administrative rules process.

Next BME meeting is Friday, December 14. The intermediate scope of practice will be discussed in this next meeting.

B. Subcommittee on EMT Certification and Discipline

The subcommittee on EMT Discipline met yesterday morning in executive session. They were scheduled to meet with four separate probationers. Two EMT's had successfully completed their period of probation. They were released from probation and given their new certificates without probationary status stamped on it. A third person was interviewed and their probationary period was modified to have them on a six-month reporting period instead of quarterly. This is due to the fact they are currently unaffiliated.

The fourth was a no show. He was someone they had problems with in the past with compliance. The committee has recommended to the division that they revoke.

The Subcommittee did not have a quorum. Suzann Schmele will need to address this issue. Only two committee members attended the subcommittee meeting in September. Perhaps new appointments will generate interest.

C. EMT for Education

Suzann Schmele gave a report on behalf of Linda Quackenbush who was unable to attend this meeting due to a conflict. The consortium met in October.

NEW BUSINESS – Goals and Objectives

Dr. Jui asked for a set of goals and objectives from each subcommittee.

Dr. Helen Miller indicated it is difficult to have subcommittee meetings on different days especially for those coming long distance. Suggestion conference calls.

- Dr. Jui asked if we should:
 1. Reestablish the work of the subcommittee or the task force.
 2. If so, which ones would they be?
 3. To have some commitment by the Health Division to facilitate long distance committee meetings (phone conference).
 4. Which items should we really look at?
 - Strategic subcommittee on legislative issues. Have lobbyists meet in one room to integrate issues and have Shawn Baird co-chair the legislative issues along with Ken Parsons.
 - Suggested Disaster Task Force, EMSC. Fred Neis stated committee already exists, but committee might need State assistance for rulemaking writing. Helen Miller and Erin agreed to help with the disaster task force.
 - Suzann Schmele suggested the next meeting be a full day with strategic planning at least half-a-day. Russ Harper volunteered to give his presentation. Lt. Griffith was asked to give a presentation also.
 - Dr. Jui: There is value for a working group that works on legislation that would meet sometime, and
 - There is value for strategic planning projects amongst the State EMS Committee. Perhaps in conjunction with the Legislative Committee as well. That would throw

out dark the dark forces. There are two or three individuals doing legislative issues with the Oregon Chapter of CEP. You really need a lobbyist for someone to be halfway effective job. We should have the people who do the work, who know Salem, in with conjunction with the same group of people that have the knowledge of EMS in one legislative agenda. I will ask Shawn Baird to embark on that type of taskforce. And, I am sure that Ken Parson is another party who is active.

- We don't have an effective planning process with the state. The State of Washington has an effective EMS service center. We are actually an ambulance licensing county/state. There is no mutual integration to our efforts. Some say we don't need it. Some say we do.
- The other reason for a disaster task force is that the EMC subcommittee must be separate from the Oregon Health Division.
- Strategic Planning Committee will substantiate ways to talk about legislative intent and funding. What are the goals of the group in regard to strategic planning? Do you have a vision? A vision can be integrating maintenance services throughout the state. Integrating certification matrix, etc.
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OLD BUSINESS

It was approved as line items. Clarification – Thomas made the motion. If we told them all or nothing, we would be given nothing.