



STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 4, 2005
Meeting Minutes



Members: Jon Jui, Shawn Baird, Erin Burnham, William Ferguson, Denise Giard, T.R. Hilton, Pete Kingsley, Charles McCart, Helen Miller, William Porter, Ameen Ramzy, Suzanne Schmele, Jim Thomas

Absent: James Giesen, Terry Griffith, Pat Hart

Staff: Karen Baker, Timothy Hennigan, Raelene Jarvis, Elizabeth Morgan, Shelley Shute, Susan Werner

Guests: Peggy Andrews, Marc Burnham, Kara Kohfield, Gregg Lander, Pontine Rosteck

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A) Jon Jui called the meeting to order at 8:50 am. All were reminded of the no smoking policy.
- B) December 3, 2004 meeting minutes approved with no changes. Motioned by Erin Burnham and seconded by Helen Miller to accept the December 3, 2004 minutes. The committee accepted minutes.

2. SEMS COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Tim Hennigan reported on the Executive Session of the EMT Certification and Discipline Committee. Three probation cases were scheduled, two showed and discussion was held and their probation was ended due to their completion of all necessary issues. The third individual did not show up and the EMS Office is following up on this case. Discussion was held regarding fingerprinting and background checks and as of April 1, the EMS Office will no longer be charging \$12 for fingerprinting and background checks because we are no longer going through the Criminal Records Unit.

Gregg Lander reported that the new EMT-I Curriculum with Lasix was presented to the BME.

Shawn Baird reported that the Oregon Ambulance Association is keeping updated on the Legislative Session.

Ameen Ramsey reported that the Resource Guide is close to being published on the State EMS website.

Susie Werner reported that the new version of OPCIS is being tested by three agencies. The Oregon Prehospital Registry has received information from a number of sources without any problems, but it is slow. Four new areas have been found in the program that can be changed to increase the speed.

Jon Jui reported on the new Health Alert Program. All EMS agencies should be a part of this group. There are three products that are supported by the Oregon Health Department: Oregon HAN website; Oregon Hospitals Website; and AlertOregon.org. These three products have the ability to voice page, alpha page, and e-mail you in high, medium, and low events.

NEW BUSINESS

Liz Morgan has received from Cascade Locks Fire and EMS a variance in the staff requirements for an ALS ambulance from a Paramedic and EMT to a Paramedic and a driver. They are requesting a three-year plan so they can work on recruitment and retention. Discussion was held. Motion by Shawn Baird and seconded Charles McCart to approve the variance for two years with reporting requirements with a one-year extension after review of the reporting requirements to the SEMSC and the State EMS Office. Vote: Unanimous.

Tim Hennigan requested guidance from the State EMS Committee on the interpretation of the Reciprocity Paramedic Associate Degree rule to determine if the current rule is causing undo hardship on Paramedics applying for reciprocity. For instance, a Paramedic from another state that has all of the required credits for an AAS degree but from different colleges, thus Paramedic does not have an official AAS degree from any college. The Paramedic could pay to have an official review of credentials from one college to receive an AAS Degree. A motion by Jim Thomas and seconded by William Porter that an applicant must possess an associate level degree with course work equivalent to Oregon's AAS EMT, with the ability to obtain a provisional certificate if the applicant is within 12 credit hours of the equivalency. Vote: Unanimous.

Tim Hennigan also reported that the L2K program has been purchased. Recertification has started for all EMTs. The EMS and Trauma Systems web page has migrated to the new format. The web page is not active yet, and the current web page cannot be updated. Interviews will be held on March 9 and March 11 for one candidate for the EMS Director position. Kris Hampton has taken an OS2 position within the EMS and Trauma Systems Office. She will be assisting with ambulance licensing, recertification, and other items. A Compliance Specialist 1 position has been created and a Compliance Specialist 2 is open within the Professional Standards Unit. Susan Werner discussed the legislative bills that concern the EMS and Trauma Systems Office. Charles McCart suggested that the SEMSC draft a letter to the legislative community opposing SB 340 and HB 2489. Jon Jui and Gregg Lander will draft a letter opposing SB 698.

ADJOURN

Motioned by Helen Miller seconded by Erin Burnham. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Baker