



STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 2, 2006
Meeting Minutes



Members: Shawn Baird, Erin Burnham, Denise Giard, Jon Jui, Charles McCart, Jennifer Mitchke, Pete Kingsley, William Porter, Suzanne Schmidt

Absent: Pat Hart, John Mack, Greg Marlar, Helen Miller, Ameen Ramzy

Staff: Jeanne Arana, Susan Werner, Tim Hennigan, Elizabeth Morgan, Kristen Turley, Karen Baker

Guests: Randy Jackson, Dave Lapof, Gary McLean, Peggy Andrews, Leigh Bass-Avery, Paul LeSage, Paul Rostykus, Merlin Curry, Jerry Andrews, Richard Konopka, Gregg Lander, Mark Stevens

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A) Jeanne Arana called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. All were reminded of the no smoking policy. Quorum present.
- B) December 2, 2005 meeting minutes approved with no changes. Motioned by Pete Kingsley, seconded by Charles McCart to accept minutes. The committee accepted minutes.

2. ELECTIONS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations for the position of Chair for the SEMSC were taken. The nomination of Jon Jui for Chair was motioned by Charles McCart and seconded by Erin Burnham. No other nominations were suggested. Jeanne Arana closed the nomination process and a vote was held. Vote: Unanimous.

Nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the SEMSC were taken. The nomination of Denise Giard for Vice Chair was motioned by Erin Burnham and seconded by Suzann Schmidt. No other nominations were suggested. Jon Jui closed the nomination process and a vote was held. Vote: Unanimous.

B) Subcommittees

Nominations for the position of Chair for the subcommittee on Certification and Discipline were taken. The nomination of Shawn Baird was motioned by Denise Giard and seconded by Bill Porter. Shawn Baird declined the nomination at this time. The nomination of Suzann Schmidt was motioned by Jon Jui and seconded by Charles McCart. No other nominations were suggested. Jon Jui closed the nomination process and a vote was held. Vote: Unanimous.

Jon Jui appointed Gregg Landers as the Chair for the subcommittee on Training and Education.
Vote: Unanimous.

C) Bylaws

Jeanne Arana reported that the on the second page regarding that there is on statutory authority to appoint non-voting members to the SEMSC. If the committee would like to continue representation from these groups, then a statutory change will need to be made. Motion was made to remove the section on non-voting members. Vote: Unanimous.

D) ORS 682 – Addition to SEMSC – Fire Service

Jeanne Arana reported that there is a need for representation from Fire Service, Public at Large, Air Ambulance Service, STAB, BME, and EMSC. These representatives will be put forward in the statutory change for ORS 683. The Fire Chiefs have nominated Paul LeSage to represent them at the SEMSC. There is no action required at this time.

3) OLD BUSINESS

No business at this time.

4) NEW BUSINESS

A) 2006 NHTSA Technical Assistance Program

Dr. Susan Allan and Dr. Grant Higginson joined the SEMSC for discussion on the 2006 NHTSA Technical Assistance Program Reassessment completed in March 2006. Dr. Allan requested that the SEMSC convene an Advisory Team co-chaired by the chair of the SEMSC (Jon Jui) and the chair of the State Trauma Advisory Board (STAB, Robert Read). The creation of an Advisory Team reflects the Technical Assistance Team's (TAT) report recommendation that an "...advisory team should lead an effort to construct contemporary legislation and administrative rules to reflect the broad enabling authority necessary to plan, implement and regulate a system of emergency medical and trauma care." Proposed membership is listed below and is consistent with the report's recommendation for composition. By mid-June, the Advisory Team will convene to evaluate and comment on the TAT report. A tool has been developed for facilitating the process asking first if the Advisory Team believes the recommendation should be: accepted; accepted with modification; or rejected. For all accepted recommendations, the Advisory Team will assess whether: new statute is required; enabling statute exists but new administrative rules are required; or can be accomplish within current ORS/OAR. Furthermore, the Advisory Team will comment on whether new resources are needed for each individual accepted recommendation. Following that meeting, the State EMS Office staff will synthesize the Advisory Team input into a *DRAFT Response to the Technical Assistance Team Report*. The DRAFT will include proposed legislative language for those items needing a statutory solution. The DRAFT will be sent through DHS channels for approval. In late June, the Advisory Team will re-convene to finalize and approve the *Response*. The *Response* will be sent through channels for approval, and legislative language

will be provided to DHS and SPH legislative liaisons. Following approval, the *Response* will be made public.

Representatives from the following groups will be asked to sit on the Advisory Team: SEMSC, STAB, EMS/TS, OCHHP, OAHHS, Fire-based EMS, Urban EMS Agency, Rural EMS Agency, two Public Members, ODOT-Highway Safety Division, ODOE, BME EMT Advisory Group, Office Rural Health, ORARNG, OSAA-Air Ambulance, DAS-Budget, BME, OEM/OHS, and Tribal EMS.

Discussion was held by the SEMSC. It was agreed upon that this was an opportunity to improve the State EMS Office and the EMS System in Oregon. All were in favor of convening an Advisory Team and the fast track need to accomplish the task for legislative process.

B) State EMS Plan/State Communication Plan

Jeanne Arana reported that there is currently a rough draft of the Public Health Emergency Medical Services Response Plan. Please provide comments to the State EMS Office or Jon Jui by June 9, 2006. Jeanne Arana requested that a representative from the SEMSC join a steering committee along with representatives from the State Trauma Advisory Board, a private contractor, and the State EMS Office to work on the State EMS Plan and State Communication Plan over the next six to twelve months. Jon Jui, Paul LeSage, and Kit Banks will represent the SEMSC, and Bob Read from STAB will appoint an equal number of representatives.

C) Halfway/Oxbow Ambulance Variance Request

Liz Morgan has received from Halfway/Oxbow Ambulance a variance in the staff requirements for an ALS ambulance from an EMT Intermediate/Paramedic/RN/PA/Physician and EMT ALS provider to an EMT Intermediate/Paramedic/RN/PA/Physician and a driver and still be considered as an ALS provider. They are currently working on a plan to work on recruitment and retention for EMTs. Discussion was held. Motion by Charles McCart and seconded Erin Burnham to approve the variance for two years with reporting requirements to the SEMSC and the State EMS Office. Vote: Unanimous.

D) EMTs Providing Vaccinations/Prophylaxis During Public Health Crisis

Shawn Baird provided information to the SEMSC that was provided to the BME-EMT Advisory Board regarding EMTs providing vaccinations during a public health crisis.

E) SEMSC Binders

New binders have been compiled for member. The binders contain agendas, minutes, statutes, rules, bylaws, 2006 NHTSA Reassessment document, appointment letters, and curriculum vitae. At each meeting, agendas, previous minutes, and other information will be provided for inclusion into the binder.

F) Other New Business

Jeanne Arana requested that the SEMSC review the proposed language changes to OAR 333 Division 250 and Division 255 and provide comments no later than June 16, 2006.

5) SUBCOMMITTEE, LIAISON & SETION REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A) BME – EMT Advisory Board Liaison

Paul Rostykus reported that the BME-EMT Advisory Board discussed EMTs providing vaccinations during a public health crisis. This will be discussed further at the next meeting with the intent to add this item to the scope of practice. Discussion was held regarding the removal of the word percutaneous from percutaneous cricothyrotomy in the scope of practice of EMT-Ps. There will be a meeting of the Medical Directors at the Oregon EMS Conference on September 22, 2006. A listserve (http://jcems.net/mailman/listinfo/oregonemsdocs_jcems.net) has been created for Oregon EMS Supervising Physicians (Medical Directors). To sign up, please send an e-mail to OregonEMSdocs@jcems.

B) Subcommittee On EMT Certification & Discipline

Suzann Schmidt reported that the subcommittee reviewed one probationer. Disciplinary items such as DUII and drug related problems are increasing, and the need to review the DUII policy. The subcommittee will also help the State EMS office define the reporting requirements for EMTs not fit to work and possibly an inactive status if needed. Also discussed creating a frequently asked question section for Medical Directors on the State EMS Website.

C) EMT Education

Tim Hennigan reported that Oregon was one of thirty-three states participating in a pilot computer-testing program. Thirty-five EMT-P candidates from Lane County Community College and Chemeteka Community College will be taking with written test using computer adaptive testing under the National Registry new model. January 1, 2007 both EMT-B and EMT-P written test will be given by computer adaptive testing. The first EMT-I initial course was completed earlier this year. EMT-I bridge courses continuing at this time. The First Responder program is being reviewed and have posted information on the State website. The SEMCS would like a progress reports on the EMT-I Bridge course.

D) EMS for Children

Susan Werner provided a written report. State EMS for Children position still vacant. The 5th Annual EMS for Children Conference will be held in Seaside, Oregon, October 6, 7, and 8, 2006.

E) Oregon State Ambulance Association Liaison

Shawn Baird reported that the Association is supporting a proposed rule change in the definition of rural that would be beneficial to Oregon.

F) Oregon ACEP Liaison

No report.

G) Oregon DMAT Unit

Jon Jui reported that there have been many improvements in the Federal government infrastructure. Also, there have been improvements in the Federal and State cache.

H) AAMRO

Bill Porter reported that there is a new member, Reach, from Santa Rosa now in Corvallis. The Association is meeting on a quarterly basis now.

6) PUBLIC FORUM AND COMMENT

Gary McLean requested information regarding data collection. Susan Werner reported that the current program does not have a lot of flexibility in reporting data but we are looking for a new program that will be easier for EMS providers but to also link with the trauma registry so there won't be a need to enter in data twice. Richard Konopka questioned if the State EMS office was considering a Wilderness EMT certification. Currently, the State does not endorse W-EMT. Richard Konopka will research the curriculum and who would teach the course and bring back the information to the SEMSC. No further public comments.

7) ADJOURN

Jon Jui adjourned meeting at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Baker