

5/28/09 EMT Meeting Minutes

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 28, 2009, 1:00 PM

OREGON MEDICAL BOARD

1500 SW 1st Ave Ste 620
Portland, OR 97201

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul S. Rostykus, MD, Chair
Matt Eschelbach, DO
Toni R. Grimes, EMT-P
Rose Howe, EMT-I
Dave Lapof, EMT-B

STAFF PRESENT

Kathleen Haley, Executive Director
Malar Ratnathicam, Licensing Manager

GUESTS

Diana Dolstra, Retired OMB Licensing Manager
Shawn Baird, Oregon Ambulance Assoc.
P. Rosteck, AMR
Jonathan Chin, Washington County EMS
John Praggastis, OSPA
Mike Verkest, AMR
Gregg Lander, Chemeketa Community College
Peggy Andrews, Chemeketa Community College
Mohamd Daya MD, TVF&R
Lori Albert, Adv. Board Interv.
Bob Leopold, DHS-EMS/Trauma
Jenny Aponte MD, Columbia County
Ritu Sahni, MD, DHS EMS & Trauma Systems
Terri Schmidt, MD, OHSU

1. Minutes of EMT meeting on 2/13/09.

Dave Lapof made a motion to approve the February 13, 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded by Toni Grimes. The minutes were approved by the committee members.

2. Final Review of OAR 847-035-0030 – Amending Airway Devices. Language was amended to clarify language in First Responder Scope of Practice.

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Rose Howe made a motion to approve the clarified language. The motion was seconded by Dr. Matthew Eschelbach. The amended language which clearly states which airway devices a First Responder with a supervising physician may use to “maintain an open airway”, was approved by the committee members.

3. Final Review of OAR 847-035-0030 (9) (c) – Removing reference to “emergency and non-emergency care procedures. Language amended to clarify that procedures are performed as pre-hospital care.

Rose Howe made a motion to approve the clarified language. The motion was seconded by Toni Grimes. The motion to approve the clarified language was voted by the committee members.

4. First Review of OAR 847-035-0030 **10 (k)** – language clarified in the **EMT-I scope of practice allowing for electrocardiographic rhythm interpretation and EMT-P scope of practice allowing for electrocardiographic interpretation.**

Rose Howe made a motion to approve the clarified language in (k). The motion was seconded by Dr. Matthew Eschelbach. The motion to approve the clarified language in (k) was voted by the committee members. **Final Review** at the August EMT meeting.

The committee members discussed and proposed to add the following language to the **EMT-P scope of practice as (11) (g): Electrocardiographic interpretation.**

The following items to be renumbered as (h), (i), (j), and (k). The above to be an agenda item as a Final Review at the next EMT meeting on August 28, 2009. **Final Review** at the August EMT meeting .

10. Review prior request to add an anti-emetic to the EMT-I scope of practice:

Motion to add an anti-emetic to the scope of practice was made by Dave Lapof and seconded by Dr. Matthew Eschelbach. The committee recommended to add the following to the OAR 847-035-0030, EMT- I. Administer the following medications under specific written protocols authorized by the supervising physician, or direct orders from a licensed physician, to add:

- (L) Anti-emetic
- (i) Ondansetron

First Review at the August EMT meeting.

Rose Howe will also present survey information regarding EMT-I scope of practice items.

5. First Review of OAR 847-035-0011- Remove outdated language related to term of office specified in section (3) a, b, and c.

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Dave Lapof made a motion to approve to remove the outdated language, the motion was seconded by Tony Grimes. The motion to approve to remove the outdated language was voted by the committee members.

6. Interview for the open EMT-I committee position:

Two candidates applied for the open position. All candidates were invited to attend the meeting prior to their interviews. One of the candidates applied for a second term as allowed by the rules. All candidates attended and were interviewed by the committee members. The committee members voted to recommend **Rose Howe** for a second term as the EMT-I, to the Board, which will meet on July 9, 2009.

7. Interview for the open Physician Committee position:

Three candidates applied for the open position. All candidates were invited to attend the meeting prior to their interviews. All candidates attended and were interviewed by the committee members. The committee members voted to recommend **Terri Schmidt, MD** to the Board, which will meet on July 9, 2009.

8. Work Group Report by Dr. Ritu Sahni:

Dr. Sahni presented the recommendations of the Oregon EMS of the Future: Work Group 2012 . These recommendations will also be presented to a variety of EMS groups and at hearings over the next 6 months throughout the state to get comments and suggestions from EMS personnel and agencies. A final report will be prepared in preparation for a legislative agenda and initiative in 2011, and proposed rule change prior to that The recommendations were discussed briefly in the time available.

9. Discuss and define terms “public and private safety safety duties”:

The committee members reviewed the Assistant Attorney General’s memorandum dated September 18, 1998. No further action on this subject.

11. Other Business. When members broke for a short break, the EMT committee members presented a plaque to Diana Dolstra for her many years of contribution as a coordinating member for the EMT committee meetings. Ms. Kathleen Haley also presented a plaque to Dr. Paul Rostykus for his contribution as a committee member and as chair of the Emergency Medical Technician Advisory committee for the past 6 years.

12. Confirm Next Scheduled Meeting:

Next EMT meeting scheduled on **August 28, 2009 at 9:00 AM** in the OMB board room.

13. Other Business.

Dave Lapof was nominated and voted as the temporary committee chair until a chair is selected by the full committee at the August meeting.