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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
BOARD OFFICE**

February 20, 2015
9 A.M.

Committee Members:

Doug Kelly, Paramedic, Chair
Kara Kohfield, Paramedic
Terri Schmidt, MD
Chris Poulsen, DO
Wayne Endersby, EMT-I

Staff:

Kathleen Haley, JD, Executive Director
Joseph Thaler, MD, Medical Director
Nicole Krishnaswami, JD, Rules Coordinator
Netia N. Miles, Licensing Manager
Shayne J. Nylund, Committee Coordinator
Eric Brown, Chief Investigator

Absent by Prior Notification

Chris Poulsen, DO

PUBLIC SESSION

1	Call Meeting to Order – Introductions/Attendance	Kelly
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The Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Members of the public introduced themselves:

Jay Wood, *Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue*
Candace Hamilton, *Oregon EMS Trauma Systems*
Mark Stevens, *EMS Section Oregon Fire Chiefs Association*
Gregg Lander, *EMS Consortium*
Jonathan Chin, *Washington County Emergency Medical Services*

Attendees arriving after introductions include:

David Lehrfeld, MD, *Oregon EMS Trauma Systems*

2	Meeting Minutes – Review of Board Approved Minutes from November 21, 2014	Kelly
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Schmidt moved to approve the November 21, 2014 minutes as written. Mr. Endersby seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (OAR)

3	OAR 847-035-0030: Scope of Practice	FINAL REVIEW	Kohfield
<p>The proposed rule amendment makes four changes. First, the amendment clarifies that the scope of practice is the maximum functions that may be assigned to EMS providers; it is not standing orders, protocols, or curriculum. Second, the amendment moves the provision allowing an EMT to perform other tasks under visual supervision as directed by the physician to the scope of practice for an Emergency Medical Responder. Third, the amendment corrects “Albuterol sulfate” to “albuterol.” Fourth, the amendment expands the Paramedic’s ability to initiate and maintain urinary catheters.</p>			

Ms. Kohfield reviewed the proposed changes to OAR 847-035-0030 before the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Schmidt moved the Committee recommend adoption of OAR 847-035-0030 as written. Mr. Endersby seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4	Second-Term Re-appointment of Kara Kohfield, Paramedic	Kelly
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Mr. Kelly acknowledged the reappointment of Ms. Kohfield, for a second term on the EMS Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Informational item only. No action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5	Scope of Practice Change Request: Naloxone Administration via Intramuscular (IM) Injection	Poulsen
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The Committee reviewed a scope of practice change request from Jefferson County, which asks that the administration of Naloxone via intramuscular (IM) injection return to the Advanced EMTs scope of practice.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommended adding the word *Naloxone* under 847-035-0030(10)(g) and a new letter (G) for Naloxone. The Committee further recommended alphabetizing 847-035-0030(10)(g) by category then by medication. Mr. Endersby moved to approve the changes. Ms. Kohfield seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. The changes will be presented for first review at the meeting on, May 22, 2015.

6	BiPAP and CPAP Scope of Practice Inquiry	Endersby
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The Committee reviewed an inquiry from Mark Hornshuh, BS, EMTP, who asked for clarification in regards to BiPAP and CPAP being within the paramedic scope of practice.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: After review of the inquiry, the Committee stated that BiPAP and CPAP falls under the EMT scope of practice. The Committee further recommended adding BiPAP and CPAP to the next agenda to see where it falls under the National Scope.

7	Albuterol Administration by Inhaler Scope of Practice Inquiry	Schmidt
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The Committee reviewed an inquiry from Daniel L Phillips, MD, who asked if administering Albuterol via inhaler is within the EMT scope of practice.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommended removing the word *nebulized* from 847-035-0030(9)(D) to read: *Prepare and administer Albuterol treatments for known asthmatic and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) patients suffering from suspected bronchospasm.* Dr. Schmidt moved to approve the change. Ms. Kohfield seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. The change will be presented for first review at the meeting on, May 22, 2015.

The Committee chair recessed for a break at 9:36 a.m. The Committee reconvened at 9:56 a.m.

8	Upcoming Open EMS Committee Member Seats	Kelly
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Mr. Kelly's and Dr. Schmidt's terms will expire June 30, 2015, thus opening a new paramedic and physician position on the Committee. Both positions will be posted to the OMB website and notification will be forwarded to the EMS listserv.

9	Public Comments	Kelly
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Mr. Kelly reported the full Board requests periodic updates from the EMS Committee in regards to medical shortages and urinary catheters. Specifically the Board would like to know if any concerns or complaints regarding catheter placements have been brought to the attention of the Oregon Health Authority as a result of recent rule language changes. In regard to medication deficiencies, Dr. Schmidt stated that overall shortages continue, but the rate has declined in the last couple of years.

Mr. Kelly reviewed an inquiry which asked where the authority lies in deciding who a district utilizes for air flight patients. The Committee clarified the Oregon Medical Board doesn't have jurisdiction over air industries used for transporting patients and recommends each district either inquire with the Oregon Health Authority and their local county commissioners and ordinances.

10	Confirm Next Meeting Date – May 22, 2015, 9:00 A.M.	Kelly
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By consent, the Committee approved the next meeting date as May 22, 2015.

ADJOURN at 10:10 a.m.