

Oregon Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)
Meeting Summary
 2025 Quarter 3 | August 2025



Slides and recording available upon request.

Appointed Committee Members		
Name	Position	Attendance
Jesse Bohrer-Clancy	Physician – EM or EMS	Present
Alicia Bond	Physician – EM or EMS	Absent w/ notice
Frank Ehrmantraut (EMSAB Liaison)	Public ambulance agency representative	Present
Patrick Hudson	Patient equity organization representative	Present
Diane Johnson (Chair)	EMS provider	Present
Thomas Kofoed	Physician – EM or EMS	Present
Ben Lantow	EMS provider – nontraditional settings	Present
Todd Larsen	Law enforcement representative	Present
Reilly Miller	EMS provider	Present
Gina Mysliwicz	Physician – EM or EMS	Present
Bonnie Overcash	EMS provider	Present
Traci Pearl	Oregon Department of Transportation representative	Present (virtual)
Heather Sandberg	EMS education representative	Present
Bill Steward (Vice Chair)	County ambulance service plan administrator	Present
Greg Stoll	EMS provider	Absent w/o notice
Justin Toren	Public safety answering point representative	Absent w/ notice
Steve Wyatt	Private ambulance agency representative	Present

1. **Call to Order and Administrative Announcements (Diane Johnson, Chair, and Stella Scott, Oregon Health Authority Emergency Medical Services Program) (Recording timestamp 00:05:52)**
 - a. Roll call was conducted; quorum was met.
 - b. OHA EMS Program staff introduced themselves.
 - c. New member Bonnie Overcash introduced herself.
 - d. Meeting agenda was reviewed; no modifications were requested.
 - e. Diane announced the members appointed to the Licensure and Discipline Subcommittee.
 - f. The notes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Regina Mysliwicz motioned to approved; Steve Wyatt seconded. None opposed, motion carried.
 - g. Stella announced that the group would be reopening its bylaws during the Q4 meeting in November to consider changes requested during the group's previous meeting.

- 2. EMS Modernization and Legislative Updates (Dana Selover, Oregon Health Authority Health Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Section) (Recording timestamp 00:14:52)**
 - a. EMS Modernization part 1 ([House Bill 4081](#)) passed in 2024 without any funding attached. EMS Modernization part 2 ([House Bill 3572](#)), which would have funded part 1, did not pass in 2025.
 - b. The EMS Program will be reprioritizing its workload and tasks within current scope given the resource limitations.
 - c. Frank Ehrmantraut commented that it would be nice for future meetings to highlight tasks that are required by statute but not currently funded so that they are not forgotten.
- 3. Provider Renewal and Survey Results (Robbie Edwards, OHA EMS Program) (Recording timestamp 00:38:57)**
 - a. About 12,000 EMS providers' licenses were up for renewal this year at the EMT, AEMT, EMT-I, and Paramedic levels.
 - b. Robbie provided background on the renewal process. He also presented preliminary data from renewal and the attached workforce survey.
 - c. Committee members asked questions about the data and gave suggestions for further analysis and future modifications to the survey questions.
- 4. Workforce Challenges/Barriers and Initiatives (Adam Wagner and Nicole Perkins, OHA EMS Program) (Recording timestamp 01:30:05)**
 - a. Adam and Nicole broke the committee into groups to discuss challenges and ideas for improvement with respect to EMS provider workforce development. Breakout groups met for several minutes then reported back on their discussion to the committee at large.
 - b. The education group commented on the cost and travel time required for completing training courses, the latter especially for rural communities that may face weather concerns. The group identified the need for hybrid online program availability and discussed Chemeketa Community College's paramedic program as a model, offering lectures online with in-person lab sites at community colleges in other parts of the state.
 - c. The retention group commented on department culture as a frequent challenge. They spoke positively of the notion of empowering providers at all levels, including through mechanisms like grants, conferences, and recognition programs.
 - d. The recruitment group commented on struggles faced by rural agencies, especially those using volunteers, in bringing providers from outside of their area when lacking funding resources. The group shared that there have been some successes following the COVID-19 pandemic in creating connections between rural and urban areas, supporting preceptorships, and working with local hospitals to support EMS education programs.
- 5. EMS Program Manager Updates (Adam Wagner) (Recording timestamp 01:50:30)**
 - a. Adam gave brief comments on recent work by program staff, including on the renewal cycle, implementation of the predetermination process following passage of [Senate Bill 1552](#) (2024), and county ambulance service plan review.
- 6. Key Takeaways (Diane Johnson) (Recording timestamp 01:58:02)**
 - a. Frank Ehrmantraut provided a short overview of his notes to bring as the liaison report to the EMS Advisory Board on Friday.

- b. The EMS Program continues to recruit for board, committee, and subcommittee vacancies. Members were encouraged to tell their networks about the opportunities.
- c. Next meeting will be held November 4, 2025, 0900-1200, virtually on Zoom.

7. Public Comment (Recording timestamp 02:06:19)

- a. No requests were received for public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 1149.

Next meeting:

November 4, 2025, 0900-1200

Virtual only on Zoom