

Oregon Time-Sensitive Medical Emergencies Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

2025 Quarter 2 | May 7, 2025



Slides and recording available upon request.

Appointed Committee Members		
Name	Position	Attendance
Alexis Moren	Physician - trauma surgery	Present
Anudeep Yelam	Physician - stroke neurology	Present
Jeff Marbach	Physician - cardiology	Present
Mac Cook	Physician - critical care	Present
Melissa Tom	Physician - emergency medicine	Present
Mo Daya	Physician - emergency medical services	Present
James Wright	Physician - neurosurgery and neurocritical care	Present
Victor Walco	Emergency medical services provider	Present
Matt Edinger	Patient equity organization representative	Present
Megan Sanders	Nurse coordinator - emergency department	Present
Tracy Holliday	Nurse coordinator - stroke	Present
Megan	Nurse coordinator - cardiac	Present
Jeremy Buller	Nurse coordinator - trauma	Present
Jessica Bailey	Physician - pediatrics	Present
Natalie Booker	Hospital administrator	Present

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda, and Introductions (Nicole Perkins) (Timestamp: 02:00)

- Roll call was conducted; quorum was met.
- Oregon Health Authority staff members introduced themselves.
- The group went over expectations for participation.
- The meeting agenda was reviewed; no changes were requested.
- Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Review Committee Bylaws (Nicole Perkins) (Timestamp: 17:58)

- Nicole reviewed the draft bylaws, including the role of subcommittee liaisons.
 - Mac Cook asked for clarification on scoping and the process to decide what other time-sensitive conditions, as referenced in the bylaws, might become subcommittees in the future. Dana Selover offered some comments on how implementation of the statute may vary due to resources, and differentiated statutory directives versus open considerations for the future. EMS Modernization part 2 (House Bill 3572), which would provide resources for potential scope expansion, is under consideration in the Oregon legislature.
 - Melissa Tom asked whether decisions are by majority vote; Dana Selover confirmed.
- Matt Edinger motioned to approve the bylaws as written; Melissa Tom seconded. All members voted in favor.

3. Committee Officer Elections (Timestamp: 38:28)

- a. Matt Edinger nominated Mac Cook as chair, seconded by Mo Daya. Mac accepted the nomination. No further nominations were brought forward. Mac abstained from voting; all other members voted in favor.
- b. Jeremy Buller nominated Matt Edinger as vice chair, seconded by Jessica Bailey. Matt accepted the nomination. No further nominations were brought forward. Matt abstained from voting; all other members voted in favor.

4. Creating statewide time-sensitive emergency systems (David Lehrfeld) (Timestamp: 43:34)

- a. David provided background on the current trauma system and EMS Program and reviewed the TSMEAC's statutory responsibilities.
- b. Mac Cook asked about the sunseting of the Area Trauma Advisory Boards. Dana Selover affirmed that they will convert to regional boards starting in 2026. Dana also commented that regional boundaries and referral patterns may vary between specialties.
- c. Mac Cook postulated that most facilities' stroke and trauma capabilities would roughly parallel their trauma capabilities. Mo Daya commented that that is largely true outside of the Portland metro area but does not hold true within Portland, where there are two major trauma centers but more than a dozen hospitals. Jeff Marbach added that cardiac capabilities can vary based on time of day and coverage, which increases complexity. It is quite possible that the total number of designated cardiac and stroke hospitals in the future may exceed the current number of trauma hospitals in the state. Dana Selover mentioned that referrals across state boundaries will also need to be considered in subsequent regionalization discussions. Alexis Moren acknowledged that the Committee on Trauma guidelines are geared toward academic medical centers and are not all-encompassing, and additional attention will need to be paid to smaller hospitals in rural communities.
- d. Several members asked questions about benefits and drawbacks to facilities choosing to participate or not participate in the systems, including the financial consequences of not receiving particular patient types and prospective state funding.
- e. The goal is to have state standards by the end of 2025, with regions beginning to write regional plans in 2026.
- f. The committee engaged in discussion regarding the subcommittees starting with smaller scopes and then enlarging their focus; for example, the cardiac subcommittee may start by addressing ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction and then evolve into other cardiac events. Mac Cook suggested that the subcommittees focus their discussions in the near future on requirements and certifications to be the highest-level stroke and cardiac facilities, and on defining the highest-risk patients in the field.
- g. Dana Selover commented that the stroke and cardiac subcommittees may need additional meetings to accomplish this work.

5. EMS Program Update (Adam Wagner and Dana Selover, Oregon Health Authority Emergency Medical Services Program) (Timestamp: 2:13:00)

- a. The EMS Program recently hired several new team members.
- b. EMS provider license renewals are taking place April through June. The renewal process includes a workforce survey.
- c. The EMS Program data team is working on implementation of the new trauma registry.

- d. Dana Selover discussed Oregon House Bills 3572, 3380, 3211, and 1161.

6. Key Takeaways (Nicole Perkins) (Timestamp: 02:25:20)

- a. Natalie Booker is the liaison to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.
- b. The EMS Program is continuing recruitment for board, committee, and subcommittee vacancies. Members were encouraged to help spread the word.
- c. Mac Cook noted this will be an overwhelming amount of work. He commented that initial work will be to define a high-level functioning cardiac or stroke center, including consensus data sets and patient definitions.
- d. Jessica Bailey spoke to the need to understand the resources available outside of the Portland metro area.
- e. Next meeting will be held August 13, 2025, 1300-1600, in person at the Portland State Office Building. The committee's specialty subcommittees will meet the morning of August 13, 0900-1200.

7. Public Comment (Timestamp: 02:36:05)

- a. No public comments were offered. Nicole Perkins expressed appreciation for members of the public attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1600.

Next meeting:

August 13, 2025, 1300-1600, in person
Portland State Office Building, Room 1D
800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR, 97232