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EMS & Trauma Systems  
1st Quarter Report  
January - March of 2020

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### **General EMS/TS Office Update**

New VISTA recruit Prachi Patel will be joining the team on May 11.

John Crabtree has been offered and accepted the Program Analyst 2 (PA2) EMS & Trauma Data Systems Coordinator position.

An Administrative Specialist 2 (AS2) EMS Data Quality Specialist position has been posted and as of last count we have 49 applicants. Announcement closed on April 8, 2020. Interviews to follow.

A Compliance Specialist 3 position (CS3) has been approved to post and should be published within the next couple of weeks.

The Research Analyst 4 (RA4) EMS & Trauma Informatics Specialist position currently being filled by Peter Geisert is going to be posted within the next month to be filled permanently.

An Administrative Specialist 1 (AS1) EMS & Trauma Licensing Specialist is being finalized for approval.

Renewal now open for Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs), Agencies and Ambulances.

### **COVID-19**

OAR 333-265-0058 - Emergency Temporary EMS Provider License: This rule is effective April 6, 2020 through October 2, 2020. For more details, please see the Temporary Administrative Order including the Statement of Need and Justification and the full text of the temporary rule at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ProviderPartnerResources/EMSTraumaSystems/Pages/rules.a.spx>

Oregon Medical Board (OMB) 847-035-0032 - Emergency Medical Services Providers in the Event of an Emergency: Effective April 1, 2020, the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) Adopted Temporary Rule 847-035-0032. Based upon the needs of the community and health care

systems, the temporary rule is needed to provide flexibility in the scope of practice for emergency medical services (EMS) providers during the period of the COVID-19 declared emergency. The temporary rule only allows this flexibility under a supervising physician's standing orders and within the protocols established by the State of Oregon EMS Medical Director, subject to such limitations and conditions as the Governor or Oregon Medical Board may prescribe. Link to Rule: <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/statutesrules/Documents/847-035-0032.pdf>

Please refer to attached protocol for specimen collection and watch for any updates in your email and on our website at: [www.healthoregon.org/ems](http://www.healthoregon.org/ems) or the [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 website](#).

Oregon EMS & Trauma weekly email blast with the most recent guidance and links to resource documents.

Oregon EMS and Trauma Systems Virtual Conference, April 10 and 11: The OHA EMS and Trauma Systems Program, in collaboration with the State of Jefferson EMS Conference, Newport EMS Conference and Eastern Oregon Conference committees, is hosting a free online conference to all EMS providers. Course and registration information has been emailed and posted on the OHA-EMS website.

The EMS program is still accepting nominations for **the 2020 State EMS Awards** ([LINK](#)). **Submission will be accepted until May 31, 2020.** The Award Ceremony (Friday, September 24, 2020, Redmond, OR) will be in conjunction with the Oregon EMS conference banquet. Please contact the EMS office for more information, [EMS.TRAUMA@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:EMS.TRAUMA@dhsoha.state.or.us).

### **Medical Directors**

EMS Medical Director applications were approved this quarter:

- Keith Thomas - Blue Mountain Hospital District
- Dr. Russell McUne - Lebanon Fire, Sweet Home Fire and Brownsville Rural Fire

### **Ambulance Service Surveys**

Number of surveys conducted: 5

Number of revisits conducted: 0

Location by county for surveys conducted: Polk County: 2

Yamhill County: 3

Number of agencies offered a probationary agreement: 0

### **Professional Standards Unit**

Provisional License applications received: 0

Provisional Licenses awarded: 2

Licensees placed on probation: 1

Licensees currently on probation: 10

Complaint intakes:  
Open case load:  
Cases closed:

### **EMS Provider Licensing**

*EMR renewal will open April 1, 2020 and a \$40 late fee will be issued for those applications initiated **after June 1, 2020.***

Initial Applications received: 222  
Initial Applicants licensed:

- EMR: 26
- EMT: 140
- AEMT: 7
- EMT-I: 0
- Paramedic: 49

Reciprocity Applications received: 48  
Reciprocity Applicants licensed: 48

Reversion requests received:  
Reversions granted:

Licensing Officer Applications received:  
Approved:  
Denied:

### **Ambulance Licensing**

*Service & vehicle renewal open on April 1, 2020*

#### **New Ambulance Service (agency)**

Initial Service License Applications received:  
Initial Service Licenses issued:

#### **New Ambulance (vehicle)**

Initial License Applications received:  
Initial Licenses issued:

#### **Renewal of Ambulance Service**

Renewal Applications received:  
Renewal Licenses issued:

#### **Renewal of Ambulance Vehicles**

Renewal Applications received:  
Renewal Licenses issued:

## **Education/Examination**

<u>Course Level</u>	<u>Course Applications Received</u>	<u>Course Applications Approved</u>
EMR	19	19
EMT	7	6 (1 pending review)
AEMT	0	0
EMT-I	2	2
Paramedic	3	3

### Licensing Officers

Newly credentialed in the first quarter: 2

Total number credentialed: 31

## **Mobile Training Unit (MTU)**

Audits Approved/Reinstatement Applications Approved:

- EMR: 0
- EMT through Paramedic: 16

Training contact hours for classroom courses: 507.5

Total attendees: 190

## **Webinars**

January: Blast Injuries, Mechanism and Assessment with Jeff Rubin - 179 attendees

February: Response to Bombings, Incident and Patient Management - 134 attendees

March 4, 2020: COVID-19 EMS Q & A Webinar with Rebecca Long, Dr. David Lehrfeld and Dr. Richard Leman - 447 attendees

March 13, 2020: COVID-19 First Responder PPE and Exposure Webinar with Dr. David Lehrfeld, Dr. Rebecca Pierce and Rebecca Long - 758 attendees

Rebecca Long was assigned to the COVID-19 Incident Management Team on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and has been working in the Healthcare Branch as the EMS Coordinator. She has been working on communicating current PPE guidance, exposure and mitigation information to first responders through webinars and biweekly emails.

## **Oregon Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)**

### **Pediatric Readiness Activities**

Pediatric Readiness Quality Collaborative: 89% of participating hospitals have entered baseline data, 67% have entered baseline and cycle 1 data, and 34% have entered baseline, cycle 1 and cycle 2 data. Other activities include:

- Oregon teams' monthly meetings and education sessions
- EMSC managers' monthly meetings
- EMSC Innovation & Improvement Center (EIIC) Learning Sessions and Pulse Checks; Oregon team presentations

- Pediatric Readiness Program Support Team meeting to draft program documents: 2-page summary, calendar, logo
- Completed 7 of 9 hospital site visits, 6 in-person and 1 phone; attempting to schedule last 2
- PRQC Advisory Council member - State Partnership Manager

#### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) EMSC Grant Administration:

- Federal Financial Support submitted
- EMSC 02 and EMSC 03 performance measure survey administered January - March 2020. Response rate 70.5%.
- Added Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator information into EMS agency applications.

#### Partner Meetings:

- **Oregon Family-to-Family Information Center:** The “Planning for a Trip to the Emergency Room” toolkit was presented at Safe & Secure Symposium. Updates to the toolkit completed. Preliminary meetings to discuss the development of a Health Emergency Ready Oregon (HERO) Kids Voluntary Registry.
- **National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO):** West Region bi-monthly calls.
- **National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC):** NEDARC Advisory Board member.
- **Oregon Department of Transportation:** applying for a grant that would provide pediatric restraint systems to Oregon rural and frontier ground transport EMS agencies.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network and Oregon Health & Science University:** Discussed integration of EMSC into HRSA grants.

#### Oregon Health Authority programs:

- **EMS Program:** AmeriCorps VISTA project - VISTA project lead: Year 3 VISTA interviews and submitted the orientation plan and VISTA Assignment Description. Licensing team lead, 12/3/18-3/4/19. Strategic Planning team lead.
- **Trauma Program:** OHA Trauma Huddle.
- **Health Security, Preparedness and Response (HSPR):** Coordination Weekly meetings. Western Region Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management - member of the EMSC/Pediatric Readiness and Mental Health workgroups. Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF8) Disproportionately Affected Populations Planning Toolkit - member of Childrens’ subcommittee. Letter of Support and updated HSPR/EMSC workplan.

#### **EMSC Advisory Committee**

The Oregon Emergency Medical Services for Children Program would like to recognize and thank Dr. Robert Moore for 10 years of service and contributions to the Oregon Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee.

New Committee members: Andrea Bell, nurse with pediatric experience, 3/1/2020-2/29/2024. Dr. Brent Heimuller, physician with pediatric training, 3/1/2020-2/29/2024.

Current vacancy: EMS Training Director or EMS Educator

All applications will be considered, but in order to have representation from across the state we would like to recruit individuals who live and/or work in the following counties: Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Malheur, Hood River, Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam.

## **Committees**

### **Stroke Care**

Vacancies:

- Hospital Administrator (or Delegate)
- Emergency Physician
- Rural Health Care provider

Current priorities:

- 2020 Stroke Legislative Report
- Get with the Guidelines Data
- Stroke care quality improvement
- Outpatient care for Stroke patients

### **State Trauma Advisory Board**

Vacancies:

2x Public Representative

Current priorities:

April 2020 meeting canceled

### **State EMS**

Vacancies:

- Emergency Department Physician

Current priorities:

OR-EMSIS data collection

Support Rural EMS agencies

COVID-19 response and support

### **Area Trauma Advisory Board (ATAB)**

*Vacancies by ATAB*

ATAB 1:

- Surgeon
- Supervising Physician
- Hospital Administrator
- 2x Public Representative

ATAB 2:

- Surgeon
- Emergency Department Nurse
- Public Representative

ATAB 3:

- 2x Public Representative

ATAB 5:

- No vacancies

ATAB 6:

- 2x Surgeon
- Emergency Physician
- 2x Hospital Administration
- 2x Emergency Department Nurse
- Bordering State Representative

ATAB 7:

- Surgeon
- 2x Public Representative
- Ambulance Service Operator/Owner

ATAB 9:

- 2x Surgeon
- Hospital Administration
- 2x Public Representative
- EMS Provider

ATAB Meeting dates:

- ATAB 1: 04/13 - virtual
- ATAB 2: 04/18 - canceled
- ATAB 3: 06/05
- ATAB 5: 05/15
- ATAB 6: 04/16 - canceled
- ATAB 7 :04/03 - canceled
- ATAB 9: 04/25

### **Trauma Program**

Full Surveys conducted: 0

Revisits/Focused Surveys Conducted: 0

Locations include:

ACS Surveys conducted: 0

Locations include:

Trauma Survey reports prepared:

Average number of days to a final Trauma Survey report:

### **Trauma System Program Update**

Given the rapidly evolving situation with the COVID-19 response, the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, EMS & Trauma System program wants you to know we understand that hospitals, hospital staff and resources are strained and working at maximum capacity.

We are committed to the health and safety of all Oregonians and we know that those working

on the front lines providing care and support are doing so under rapidly changing and challenging circumstances.

To help mitigate any additional stress and provide relief, hospital “Trauma Surveys” that are currently scheduled from April 29, 2020 through July 31, 2020 will be postponed and rescheduled to a later date.

## **Oregon EMS Information System (OR-EMSIS)/Oregon Trauma Registry (OTR)**

### **CARES**

Total number of EMS services reporting: 61

Total number of hospitals reporting: 55

Number of EMS services onboarded: 3

Number of hospitals onboarded: 2

### **CARES Update**

2019 reports will be prepared at the end of April 2020.

Please contact the State CARES Coordinator, [Stella Rausch-Scott](#), for further information on CARES, to host or train your agency in High Performance CPR, or to participate in CARES data submission.