



State EMS Committee
Friday, April 9, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Chair	<i>Jim Cole, NRP</i>
Vice Chair	<i>Joanna Kamppi, P</i>
Members Present	William Foster, MD; Jim Cole, NRP; Alicia Bond, MD; Daniel Hull, MD; Candi Benjamin, RN; Michael Cool, P; Rebekah Rand, P; JoAnna Kamppi, P; Elizabeth Hatfield-Keller, MD; Sarah Laiosa, DO; Rahul Rastogi, MD; Tiffany Peterson, EMT; Mike Fletcher; Sheila Clough; Sarah Laiosa, MD; Brad Adams, MD; Bobbie O’Connell, RN
Members not present	Casi Hegney, EMR; Gary Heigel, P
Public Health Division Staff present	Dana Selover, MD; David Lehrfeld, MD; Rebecca Long, NRP; Julie Miller; Peter Geissert; Brandon Klocko, P; John Crabtree, P; Prachi Patel; Andey Nunes; Rachel Ford; Stella Rausch-Scott, EMT; Elizabeth Heckathorn, NRP; Leslie Huntington, P; Veronica Seymour, EMR; Robbie Edwards; Peter Mackwell, P; Justin Hardwick, P
Guests present	Matthew Philbrick, P; Rebecca Dobert; Kelli Kapri

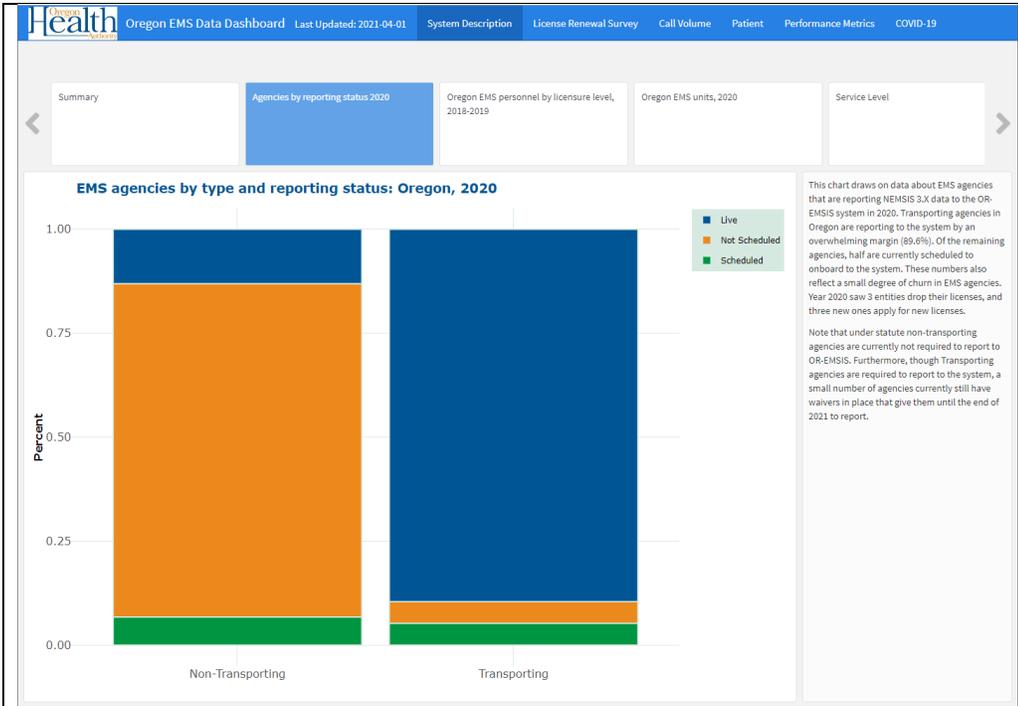
Agenda Item	<i>Call to Order – Jim Cole</i>
The meeting was called to order. Liz Heckathorn held a moment of silence for Camillie Storms, OHA Trauma Coordinator, who died Sunday April 4, 2021. Roll call was taken, and the committee met quorum.	

Agenda Item	<i>Membership Review – Stella Scott</i>
Introduction for the State EMS Committee Private Ambulance Representative, Sheila Clough. Ms. Clough is Mercy Flights, INC. CEO and has a background in Hospital Administration. The Hospital Administration representative is still vacant. ATAB 6, 9 or 2 would be the preference.	

Agenda Item	<i>Approve Minutes and Review Agenda – Jim Cole</i>
Minutes from 2021 Quarter 1 were reviewed. Dr. Willy Foster motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Hatfield-Keller seconded the motion. No changes were requested to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.	
Action Item	Post minutes to website.

Agenda Item	<i>COVID-19 Response Update – Elizabeth Heckathorn, Dr. Dana Selover</i>
<p>Immunization update – Currently 3 vaccines have been approved by the CDC. Approximately 30% of the state population has received at least the first vaccines. If this trend keeps the state should reach 70% by fall. The vaccination seems to have some coverage against the variants.</p> <p>Elizabeth Hatfield-Keller is concerned about small doctor’s offices being prepared to handle reactions to vaccines. It is unknown how many First Responders have received a vaccine. Starting mid-April 16+ will have the choice to receive a vaccine.</p> <p>EMT and higher scope of practice to administer vaccines will be permanent. Different agencies updated on the vaccine clinics they are supporting around the state.</p>	
Action Item	<p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After action summary for COVID-19 with a best response practice. • Alternative “clinical” hours for students. Request further consideration for language to be included in the OAR. • Infection Control Workgroup – Quarter 2 will be decided. <p>To review COVID-19 related dashboards and updated guidance and guidelines that the Oregon Health Authority has provided: https://public.tableau.com/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19#!/ https://www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/Pages/Healthcare-Partners.aspx https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19</p> <p>To subscribe to COVID-19 email updates: https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19</p>

Agenda Item	<i>OREMSIS – Peter Geissert, John Crabtree</i>
<p>EMS Data Workgroup met January 22nd and topics were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DQ assessment ○ 2020 NEMESIS updates • Adding Dates to Validation Rules • Oregon Trauma Registry (TraumaOne) Integration • REALD Implementation Plan <p>OR-EMESIS Data Quality Assessment update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Data Quality assessment has been underway since September 2020 • Meetings have been held with all vendors to address systematic problems, Fall 2020 – Winter 2021 • Reassessment scheduled for Spring to measure progress on identified data quality issues • Guidance on documentation related to data quality issues forthcoming • Sharing results of the reassessment with all agencies statewide <p>EMS and Trauma data integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified and corrected issues with export from TraumaOne • Extended retention time for EMS records to 120 days • Data is now flowing back and forth between the two systems • Selective failures on export and import • Attempting to diagnose the source of the failures • Guidance and training on documentation related to data linkage issues forthcoming • We are interested in collecting information about issues with the integration. • Please submit support tickets if you are having issues with integration, or missing outcome data <p>State EMS Data Annual Report Dashboard:</p>	



Data team reviewed the new form for requesting support from the data team.



EMS/TS Support Request Form

Use this form for requests like needing password resets in the Oregon Trauma Registry, OREMSIS, etc., or other such requests. This form is not for access requests into the systems provided by Oregon EMS & Trauma Systems nor for data requests.

Request Submission Date *

Requestor First Name *

Requestor Last Name *

Requestor E-mail *

Requestor Phone Number *

Request Description *

This can be found on the EMS and Trauma Forms website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PROVIDERPARTNERRESOURCES/EMSTRAUMASYSTEMS/Pages/forms.aspx>

Action Item

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2020 EMS Agency Survey Update & VISTA Project Update – Robbie Edwards and Prachi Patel

Prachi Patel updated the committee on the VISTA Year-3 project, EMS Sustainability. Background for the project:

- Rural EMS has a lack of traditional healthcare providers
- Differences in resources and sustainability between rural and urban agencies
- Need better understanding of the reasons to find solutions
- Rural Listening Tour and EMS Agency Renewal Surveys

Purpose of the project:

- Gain better understanding of EMS agencies and the EMS system at large that contribute to agency instability
- Use the results to target resources and funding to support EMS agencies

Informed Community Self-Determination (ICSD) Method:

- Surveys designed for agencies and community partners that provide a specific, targeted way to assess organizational characteristics
- Questions cover operations, finance, staffing, quality and public relations
- 41 questions for directors
- 21 questions for volunteers/employees
- Additional surveys
 - Healthcare system: local public health and receiving hospitals
 - Public safety system: fire, law enforcement, emergency management
 - Political system: county government, school system
 - Community at large

Next steps:

- Analyze survey results and present to agencies
- Share targeted funding and resources
- Use this pilot project as a model for other Oregon rural and frontier counties

Robbie Edwards requested the EMS Committee create a workgroup to review the sustainability questions. Jim Cole took volunteers:

- Alicia Bond
- Jim Cole
- Daniel Hull
- Joanna Kamppi
- Sheila Clough
- Tiffany Peterson

Action Item

Sustainability Workgroup: Will meet virtually when the state is ready.

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Oregon EMS Director's Update – Dana Selover, Elizabeth Heckathorn

Legislation Session review of Bills currently tracking:

[HB 2891](#)HCF PPE Maintenance

Requires health care provider and health insurer to collect from patient, client or member data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation and gender identity. Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish data system for receipt and storage of specified data. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Referred to Committee on Health Care. Public hearing held on April 6th. Additional hearing scheduled for April 8th. Work session scheduled for April 13th.

[HB 3159](#)REAL-D and SOGI Data collection-

Requires health care facilities, health care providers, local public health authorities and public and private safety agencies to maintain capacity, including sufficient amounts of certain supplies, to continue in normal operation for 120 days at 25 percent mortality rate. Defines "25 percent mortality rate." Directs Oregon Health Authority and health professional regulatory boards to report to Office of Emergency Management. Directs office to report annually to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to emergency preparedness. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Referred to House Committee on Veterans & Emergency Management. Public hearing held 2/4/21. Bill died in Committee.

Overview of the OLIS website and what can be reviewed.

HB 2076 - EMS Modernization –

History: Emergency Health Care Taskforce 2010, SB 234 and SB 106

Recent planning: worked with our advisory boards, stakeholders and partners, national and state models, NASEMSO, other state agencies, Health Security Preparedness and Response, and others to develop HB 2076

Feedback on the bill through Public Hearing:

- Support for emergency health care system concepts and continuing work from 2010, improvement is still relevant, important for health equity in EMS, essential for disaster readiness.
- Concern about membership on boards, authority of boards, hospital designations and unintended consequences of regionalization and county Ambulance Service Area work.

Work Session scheduled to review -3 amendments

-3 amendments: ambulance agency fee increase and temporary advisory committee to make recommendations to create a comprehensive integrated state-wide emergency health care system identifying incidents requiring emergency services and delivers individuals to those services.

Timing can be accelerated if workgroup clarifies more details of the system.

- A state and regional advisory board structure for an emergency health care system;
- Regionalization and improvement of care for medical emergencies;
- Designation of emergency health care centers for the provision of time-sensitive emergency care;
- Comprehensive emergency medical services agency licensing and regulation;
- EMS Mobilization for disaster response and emergency surges;
- Health equity in EH System;
- Integrated data systems and outcomes registries to monitor EH system quality.

A review of the 2021 Q1 update was discussed. Director team is still in the hiring process for the 2x PSU positions. 36 applicants for these positions and narrowed to 3 applicants.

Agenda Item	Public Comment
No comments were made.	

Agenda Item	Meeting Adjourned
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