Board-approved July 14, 2017

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
BOARD OFFICE

May 19, 2017
9 A.M.

Committee Members:
Kara Kohfield, Paramedic, Chair
Mohamud Daya, MD
Wayne Endersby, EMT-I
Chris Poulsen, DO

Staff:
Joe Thaler, MD, Medical Director
Nicole Krishnaswami, JD, Operations & Policy Analyst
Netia N. Miles, Licensing Manager
Shayne J. Nylund, Committee Coordinator
Frank Clore, Licensing Assistant

Absent by Prior Notification:
Mike Verkest, Paramedic

PUBLIC SESSION

1 Call Meeting to Order – Introductions/Attendance Kohfield

The Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members of the public introduced themselves:
Jan Acebo, Multnomah County Emergency Medical Services
Stephen Brost, Pendleton Fire and Rescue
Dave Lapof, Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue
Margaret Strozyk-Hayes, Hamlet Fire and Rescue Department

Attendees arriving after introductions include:
Matthew House, Western Lane Ambulance District
Tim Novotny, Bay Cities Ambulance
Matthew Philbrick, Mercy Flights
Rebekah Rand, Blue Mountain Hospital District

Attended Via Phone:
David Anderson, North Gilliam County Health District
Louise Groomer, Chiloquin Fire and Rescue
Ms. Kohfield moved to approve the February 17, 2017 minutes as written. Dr. Daya seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

**Time Certain: 9:10 a.m.**

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<td>1) Stephen Brost, Paramedic</td>
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Due to Ms. Kohfield’s term ending June 30, 2017, the Committee interviewed candidates for the upcoming open EMS position.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** By secret ballot, the Committee recommended Stephen Brost, Paramedic for the EMS position. Forward to the Full Board for approval.

_The Committee chair recessed for a break at 10:41 a.m. The Committee reconvened at 10:45 a.m._

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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<th><strong>OAR 847-035-0030: Scope of Practice</strong></th>
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<td>The proposed rule amendment (1) adds “hemorrhage control” to the EMR scope of practice, which will allow use of multiple modalities such as tourniquets and bandages; (2) adds “emergency moves for endangered patients” to the EMR scope of practice; (3) allows intraosseous infusions to be performed by AEMTs for all patients, not just pediatric patients; and (4) moves intraosseous infusion of lidocaine for anesthetic from the EMT-Intermediate scope of practice to the AEMT scope of practice.</td>
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Dr. Daya reviewed the proposed changes to OAR 847-035-0030 before the Committee.

Dr. Daya moved the Committee recommend adoption of OAR 847-035-0030 as written. Dr. Poulsen seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee recommends adoption of OAR 847-035-0030 as written. Forward to the full Board for approval.
The Committee reviewed a Scope of Practice Change Request from Leland Ortis, EMT, Mercy Flights/JCFD#5, who requested to amend the scope to allow Afrin nasal spray to be delivered by EMT, Advanced EMT, and EMT Intermediate providers.

The Committee stated that it is within the Paramedic scope of practice to administer Afrin. The Committee discussed the ramifications of adding specific over the counter medications to the scope of practice for EMTs and the effect this would have on providers and agencies. The Committee would like to conduct additional research regarding the treatment of epistaxis. Therefore, it was suggested that the item be brought back to the meeting on August 18, 2017 for additional review.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Dr. Paul Rostykus, MD, MPH, FAEMS, Jackson County Ambulance and Fire Agencies, who inquired if Registered Nurses can function as unlicensed EMS providers for non-transporting EMS agencies. Ms. Kohfield reiterated that a provider must practice under his or her license, and this question should be directed to the Board of Nursing. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: As this isn’t under the Emergency Medical Services’ scope of practice, the Committee recommends the inquirer forward the question to the Board of Nursing.

The Committee reviewed a request sent by Dr. David Lehrfeld, Oregon Health Authority. Dr. Lehrfeld asked the Committee to respond to an in-depth survey provided by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. Dr. Lehrfeld provided the survey on April 26, 2017, in preparation for discussions regarding the national scope of practice during a conference in Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: After review of the lengthy survey, the Committee recommended that the Oregon Health Authority distribute the survey to local providers to elicit a wider response. Due to the short notice of the survey, the Committee would like additional time to review the questions asked. It was suggested that if Committee members wanted to respond independently, they may do so, but not as representation as members of the EMS Committee or the Board.

No public comments were made during this portion of the meeting.
Ms. Kohfield was presented with a plaque in appreciation of her service to the state and citizens of Oregon. Dr. Daya moved to elect Dr. Poulsen as the new chair of the committee with unanimous consent. Forward to full Board for approval.

By consent, the Committee approved the next meeting date as August 18, 2017.

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