



**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEMS  
EMS FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 19, 2007  
The Inn at Seaside  
Seaside, Oregon  
6:00-8:30pm**

**Present:** , Leigh Avery, Sharon Stapleton, Merlin Curry, Cindy Cristofani, Robert Walters, Jane Burke, Garth Meckler, David Spiro, Scott Shepherd, Pam Bessler, Gina Craven.

**Absent:** Steve Myren(excused), Mary Barnum (excused), Sandra Dunbrasky (excused)

**DHS Staff:** Susan Werner, Philip Engle, Robert Leopold

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. David Spiro called the meeting to order. All were reminded of the no smoking policy. Introductions were made for all present. The new EMS Director was introduced. A voting quorum was present.
- b. The minutes from June 2, 2007 were reviewed with minor corrections and approved.

**2. CURRENT BUSINESS**

- a. New EMS Director  
David Spiro welcomed the committee and stated that he felt it was an exciting time of change for the EMSC program under the new leadership of Bob Leopold, EMS Director. Dr. Spiro provided his vision for the program and emphasized the importance of prehospital care and challenges facing rural hospitals.
- b. Conference Update  
Philip Engle reviewed the schedule for the 2007 conference and assigned duties to some of the committee members. Conversation turned to the 2008 conference with various committee members making suggestions. Bob Leopold suggested the topics should be focused around recertification. Leigh Avery suggested airway courses for EMTs. Sharon Stapleton would like to see more on children with special needs. Pediatric pain was also suggested as an important topic that should be included.
- c. Performance Measures Update

Philip Engle reported that the National EMSC Program Office has made revisions to the performance measures and a new implementation manual would be released. These changes are a result of the HRSA review of the survey data from states. Philip Engle reported on the HRSA review which indicated that Oregon had a low response rate from agencies and hospitals in all of the performance measure categories. The surveys are being revised by NEDARC and will be made available in November. Other changes to performance measure requirements included required positions on EMSC committee. David Spiro reported that the bylaws are under review to reflect these changes. Susie explained the state rules process for making changes.

#### Pediatric Facility Recognition PM

Susan Werner suggested looking at the trauma system infrastructure for pediatric services based on a needs assessment. Funds to contract for an assessment would come from funds carry forward from 2006.

#### d. Program Development

Garth gave an update on the development of the pediatric simulation program for rural providers. Sharon Stapleton suggested that the simulators that were purchased with workforce training funds are not being used and could possibly be available.

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

Cindy Cristofani suggested having someone from the Child Fatality Review Committee make a presentation at a future meeting on understanding Carly's Law

### **4. MEETING AJOURN 8:30PM**

Meeting Dates: 2008 9 a.m. - 12 noon  
Portland State Office Building, Room 1B  
March 7, June 6, September 5, December 5