



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2024

Members Present: Matt Dale, Chair; Dr. Ritu Sahni, EMS Medical Director; Dr. Sarah Present, Health Officer; Dr. Thomas Kofoed, CC Associate Medical Director; Tony Collins, CCOM Operations Manager; Jason Mahle, Clackamas AMR Operations; Jennie Wilcox, County Resident Representative; Rick Huffman, Clackamas Fire EMS; Steve Boughey, TVFR

Members Absent: Vince Stafford, Molalla Fire; Dr. Sean Stone, FACEP Manager

Guests: Cheryl Bledsoe, CCOM Director; Tim Case, Washington Co. EMS; Dr. John Turner, CC Associate Medical Director; Mark Oelschlager, VP Local 1159; Justin Behrens, TVFR; Mary Wallace; Susan Arterberry, Canby Fire; Tina Beeler, AMR, Training Officer

Staff: Philip Mason-Joyner, CC Public Health, Public Health Director; Bill Steward, Office of Public Health Emergency Medical Services, EMS Coordinator; Bill Conway, Office of Public Health Emergency Services, Manager; Deidre Toczyski, Office of Public Health Emergency Medical Services, EMS Data Analyst; Apryl Herron, Clackamas County Substance use/overdose prevention Program planner; Megan Cardoza, Office of Public Health Emergency Services, Administrative Specialist I; Sherri Olson, CC Public Health, Administrative Services Manager; Jeanne Weber, CC Public Health, Senior Management Analyst; Cindy Becker, CC Public Health, Project Manager

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:01 am.

Introductions:

Introductions were completed.

Additions/Deletions/Acceptance of Agenda: None

Call to the Public: No requests from the public.

Approval of Minutes: January meeting cancelled. October Meeting Minutes approved.

Recovery Center Presentation – Cindy Becker:

- Presentation to be sent out after meeting.
- Please send top 7 things that should be included.
 - Email to Cindy Becker: CBecker@Clackamas.us

Staff Reports:

- County Staffing Update (Bill Conway)
 - Megan Cardoza – New Administrative Specialist 1
 - Next position is Community Paramedic, in class & comp right now.
- Public Health Update (Dr. Sarah Present)
 - Respiratory
 - Covid rates are low.
 - Flu is hanging on (Flu A and B) State is above 5%
 - Allergy Season and a lot of NOS
 - Public Health keeping an eye on H1n1 that is affecting Dairy Cattle.
 - Highly replicating in milk.
 - 8 dairy farms in Clackamas Co.
 - Risk to humans is low
 - Thank you to everyone who is involved in Special Pathogens group.
 - 2-3 outbreaks of Ebola in Africa.
 - Phillip and Dr. Present working on getting the information for Deterra, Safe Drug Disposal bags, information out.
 - Xylazine is becoming more prevalent and being found in more drugs and drug seizures.
- Finance (Sherry Olson)
 - Shared the System Enhancement Funds Spreadsheet.

- Revenue received in a timely manner.
 - 60% Fire, 20% Compassion Care, 20% Enhancement fees
 - Looking to have end of day – \$245,399 in fund balance unless project is named
 - It all turns into Enhancement Funds at the end of the year.
- Behavioral Health Response Update (Matt Dale/Bill Conway)
 - Standing monthly meeting as behavioral health group - CC DA, AMR, and many others including Kaiser, Providence, and Community Paramedics.
 - Brings response to substance abuse and behavioral health. Plan is to mitigate and increase care.
 - The biggest topic is a common charting platform. Leaning toward Julota.
 - Grabs data from all RMS systems.
 - Talking with Clackamas Fire on the move towards that platform.
 - Will attend virtually with Julota and North Carolina Fire.
 - [Julota Platform Link](#)

Committee / Special Interest Reports:

- EMS Strategic Plan Taskforce (Bill C.)
 - Have not had a meeting yet. Reconvening a strategic plan soon.
- QI Committee (Dr. Ritu Sahni)
 - QI did not meet this month.
 - Workgroups breakout sessions have not happened yet. Hoping hospitals still participate.
- Protocol Development Committee (Dr Sahni for Dr. Thomas Koefed)
 - National guidelines have changed.
 - Issued/approved by Oct 14, 2023.
 - Not initiated until January.
 - Increased trauma patients transferred to OHSU.
 - No application for extension.
 - Amendment and change in trauma protocol. Will now match the state criteria.
- Canby Fire (Matt Dale)
 - Susan Arterberry is the new Data Analyst for Canby Fire.
- Operations Subcommittee (Brad Kuhn)
 - In a holding pattern for any changes in EMS kits and others until Ambulance service plan is approved from the county.
- System Enhancement Subcommittee (Jason Mahle)
 - Proposal submitted for academy analytics for LOCOM.
 - Put together a subgroup for video laryngoscopes that will record.
- ESO Committee (Matt Dale for Scott Vachter)
 - Worked hard with ESO for stroke screen.
 - Having issues with the program.
 - Discussing if the protocols are going to change so it is being put on hold.
 - Dr. Sahni – ESO wave conference was last week.
 - There will be an IOS native application change.
 - Jason Mahle – Will implement ESO as soon as Contracts and plan is in place.
- EMS Training Group/MAT (Tina Beeler)
 - Finished Spring MAT training.
 - Dates for Fall training have been emailed out.
 - Continue to offer to volunteers
 - Will pick back up in 30 days to plan for Fall.
- PSAP (Tony Collins & Tina Burgess)
 - LOCOM/CCOM celebrating telecommunicator week.
 - Priority Dispatch Conference
 - Still delaying Alpha Program
 - **Motion to recognize all our Telecommunicators – Dr Sahni**
- Labor Committee (Mark O.)
 - Found we should be doing a labor subcommittee.
 - AMR, TVFR, CFD, and Telecommunicators meeting regularly but slowed down.
 - Meeting next month.

Old Business:

- Ambulance Service Plan
 - Submitted initial plan to OHA.

- All changes done and submitted back to OHA.
- Bill Steward and Deidre Toczyski worked on specifics.
- A decision to approve will be made by the BCC at 2nd reading.
- AMR performance-based contract
 - Signed 1 year extension and will be discussed by the BCC tomorrow at 10:00 am.

New Business:

- **Nurse Navigation**
 - Jason Mahle shared Implementation Process Presentation slides.
 - This is a nationally recognized program that we can implement and save lives.
 - Traditional vs NN Model
 - Key implementation Items:
 - Clinical Determinants
 - Call Flow Process
 - Community Education
 - Alternate Destinations
 - Field Referral Process
 - 90-day process to kickoff but could take longer.
 - Takes most non-emergent calls and connects patient to an immediate form of appropriate care.
 - Alternate Destination Portal – Will be emailed and notified when a patient is being referred.
 - Follow up survey goes to every patient
 - There are some bi-lingual nurses but there is something to help alleviate that roadblock.
 - Tony Collins – CCOM and LOCOM to still answer calls but will decide the clinical determinant and who it gets dispatched to.
 - Will find out if this ties up a line.
- **City Representative Council position**
 - Milwaukie Police Chief is open, and the application is out.
 - By the next meeting, application will be closed.
 - There will be a vote on the position and sent to BCC for approval.
 - Getting a plaque made to gift to last police chief, recognizing him in project hope and other EMS things.

General Announcements

- **Bill Conway –**
 - Megan Cardoza is taking over all duties Totiana Scott had with Public Health.
- **Dr. Sahni –**
 - Legacy Mt. Hood has started doing interventional chart catheterizations.
- **Dr Turner –**
 - Buprenorphine rolled out with Clackamas Fire.
 - State addictions conference in Sunriver.
- **Tina Beeler –**
 - 2025 Timberline EMS Conference is scheduled for the last Thurs/Fri/Sat in April.
 - Asking for scholarship money through System enhancement.
- **Rick Huffman -**
 - Lori Smallwood, from Sandy Fire, is now with Clackamas Fire in their Training Division.
 - She will help with the QI/QA team.
 - AARPA money will be released soon.
- **Washington County EMS**
 - Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Monday, July 15th from 9 am–11 am.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:28 am.