



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2022

Members Present:

Matt Dale, Chair; Josh Santos, Vice Chair; Jason Mahle; Richard Newton; Phil Moyer; Dr. Ritu Sahni; Dr. Sean Stone; Dr. Thomas Kofoed; Vince Stafford

Members Absent:

Dr. Sara Present, Sue Scobert

Guests:

Ben Sorenson, TVFR; Brad Kuhn, Colton Fire; Cheryl Bledsoe, CCOM Director; Diedre Toczyski, Clackamas Fire; Don Johnson, LOFD; Jason McKinnon, Sandy Fire; Dr. John Turner, Associate Medical Director; Katie Alexander, CCOM; Mike Corless, Aurora Fire; Mike Verkest, Clackamas Fire; Drew Wheeler, Monitor Fire; Guy Catlin, Skibowl Patrol, Director; Randy Lauer, AMR; Tina Beeler, AMR; Mike Carlson, LOFD; Tony Collins, CCOM;

County Staff: Philip Mason-Joyner, Public Health Director; Bill Conway, EMS Coordinator; Angelique Nomie, Public Health

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 am.

Introductions: No new introductions.

Additions / Deletions / Acceptance of Agenda: Agenda approved as written.

Call to the Public: No requests from the public.

Approval of Minutes: Council members approved October 26, 2021 meeting minutes as written.

Staff Reports:

- COVID-19 Update
 - Cases have increased substantially with Omicron variant
 - Hospitalizations increased
 - Testing capacity very stretched
 - [Free at-home tests](#) and [free drive-through tests](#) available
 - Contact tracing – no longer calling all cases due to staffing issues and case counts
 - Updated CDC quarantine and isolation guidance
 - Dr. Sahni – hospital staff shortages preventing patient discharge; hospitals and EMS still working on alternate care destinations
- EMS Consultant Update
 - January 18 meeting with EMS stakeholders and Cambridge Consultants a success
 - Individualized stakeholder meetings upcoming
- Behavioral Health Response Update
 - 3 workgroups with representation from each division created – meetings upcoming
 - Challenges around funding and breaking silos

Committee / Special Interest Reports:

- EMS Strategic Plan
 - Majority of work being done with Cambridge Consultants – includes community medicine
- QI Committee
 - FirstPass being tested by Mike Verkest; still waiting for patient-centric view that combines transport chart and first responder chart
 - Upcoming QI meetings will include hospitals
 - Next meeting to review airway compendium
- Protocol Development Committee

- App updated and protocols went live this month
 - Meetings will resume in 2 weeks
 - Need to update COVID protocol to meet PPE guidance
- Operations Subcommittee
 - BLS kits and Cyanokit stickers ongoing
 - AMR / ESO integration upcoming
 - Ski Bowl would also like ESO access
- System Enhancement Subcommittee
 - iStimulate training module **approved**
 - Cyanokit stickers – might write proposal to use SE funds for these
- EMS Training Group
 - MAT training March 15, 16, 17 and 22, 23 and 24 to be hosted at AMR Clackamas
 - Kaiser to join
 - Training topics not finalized
- PSAP
 - New radio system went online two weeks ago (Motorola working on issues now)
 - 3 upcoming retirees at CCOM
 - Disaster plan updated at LOCOM
 - CAD to CAD updates
 - Update on 988 number system (used to deploy local mental health services for behavioral health calls) and logistics (liability and technical) with 911 system

Old Business:

- EMS Council member opening

New Business:

- Steve Boughey appointed to EMS Council pending BCC approval

General Announcements:

- Gladstone has a number of temporary hires and one paramedic per shift
- Per Dr. Stone, committee needed for intersection among all disciplines (police, dispatch, behavioral health, county health, EMS, fire, etc.) to include a handle on what other agencies do, have and need for behavioral health – can this be done internally? Per Bill, mobile integrated health unit is a good starting point and Cindy Becker with CC is mapping different behavioral health groups – can reach out to her.
- Molalla Fire hopes BLS kits are smaller than ALS kits
- Reaccreditation review for Clackamas AMR this week

Stakeholder Communication:

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2022 from 9 am – 11 am.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at approximately 10:37 am.