



OREGON MIH COALITION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2025

0900-1130

Umatilla County Fire District 1, Station 23

78760 Westland Road

Hermiston, OR, 97838

CALL TO ORDER: 0905

PRESENT (*in person):

Board: Sabrina Ballew, Chair; Scott Willitts, Vice-Chair; Josh Nordberg, Treasurer; Madison Riethman, PIO*; Janina Kerr-Bryant, Secretary*; Jessica Marcum*; Paul Bollinger*; Ashley Green; Jamie Breunig

General Membership: Wendy Sullivan*, Suzi Hulsopple, Chris Hamper, Frank Ehrmantraut, Michelle LaVina, Rachel Thomas, Ellis Kunzman, Jerry Walker, Tristan Wishard, Stella Rausch-Scott, Carina Garcia*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING—The minutes were approved.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Introductions
- TVF&R's upcoming MIH training academy/bootcamp
- Update from Michelle Re: Portland MIH program
- Jessica: APS reaching out to community partners

AGENDA:

I. Committee Updates:

- a. **501c3:** We are now an official non-profit organization! Dues and donations are tax-deductible; Josh will get tax ID # out. \$500 in our account.
- b. **Grants:** Paul/ Madison: grant pending, application submitted in fall through Rural Health (competitive). Also [HB 3916](#), currently in Legislature Ways & Means (very competitive), includes \$1.5 million to Office of Rural Health (OHSU) for MIH workforce development. Sabrina: always looking for new funding opportunities; PR, networking for even small grants, "go for it." Stella to check income projections from the State; Scott: expected to be published next week, he'll look into it. Madison: [HB 2222](#) fiscal price tag relatively low (< \$475,000) with "pretty good chance of passing." Need to set criteria re who qualify as MIH providers, who to engage with in these conversations, what requirements, training, certifications we recommend. Paul: even if this bill doesn't pass, we need to decide as a unified body which talking points to present.
- c. **Education:** See TVF&R Academy/ bootcamp info below.
- d. **Increase MIH/ CP Presence:** See Strategic Plan Finalization info below.



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- e. **Email/Website:** Madison: we have a Gmail account but Google products not easy to access; we'll set up a Microsoft account to tie email addresses to website with heavy discount due to 501c3 status. Madison always open to updates on website—have a program you want highlighted? —get in touch with her. Working on a page of MIH programs across the State, hoping to embed a map with pins that link to individual programs' websites. Sabrina: "Thank you, Madison!" Paul: "Get that into the minutes!" Also: Ellis (unaffiliated): "Is there a list of resources?" Madison: "smaller repositories of info, a good space for this Coalition to fill;" Paul: Goal 5, Star 2.
- II. **Membership discussion:** Madison—distro list > 100; 44 official members. Please complete the [Membership Form](#) to become a member, add data about yourself/your organization, or simply join our distro list. **Please pay dues!**--\$30 annually, due January 1 of each year. [Can do so on our website here.](#)
- III. **ORMIHC Strategic Plan Finalization:** Goals 3 (Increase Coalition Membership, Visibility & Strategic Partnerships), 4 (Data & Storytelling) and 5 (Develop MIH Toolkits & Resources) the priorities. **Need to establish workgroups** (see "Target Outcomes" as starting places). Leader volunteers: Scott: Data & Storytelling; Paul and Madison, Increasing MIH Membership, etc.; Sabrina: Toolkits & Resources. Goal: roundtable updates in July. Experience or interest in leading (Goals 1 and 2) or participating in a workgroup, **let Board members know.**
- IV. **Legislative/ State Updates:** Stella: Shared [EMS Program Report, Q1](#). OHA in midst of new and renewals of all EMS licenses (10,000 or so) and EMS agencies and ambulances. Data team busy. List of bills we've been tracking including [HB 3572A, EMS Modernization Bill](#). Senior EMS Council now not expiring until 2029. Office of Rural Health Rural/ Frontier volunteer task reimbursement expanding. Vacancies left on [OHA committees](#) (TSE, Advisory Committees, etc.).
- V. **Schedule:** Sabrina: meetings every other month; next general meeting, July, Florence (Western Lane Fire & Ambulance), then September 18, Wilsonville (TVF&R South Operations Center). Next Board meeting, June 19. [See 2025 Meeting Schedule and Important Dates.](#)

NEW BUSINESS:

TVF&R Bootcamp. Sign-up deadline is June 6 (see link below). Space for 15 in addition to TVF&R's cohort; dues-paying ORMIHC members will get priority to sign up. Cost for Academy (start date 6/23) and bootcamp is \$3,000 (\$500 discount); test only (9/19), \$750. Most training will be online, bootcamp and exam in person with Q & A after ORMIHC meeting; 4-hour review and exam the next day. Study material to be emailed out. Joan (fieldj@ohsu.edu) at the Office of Rural Health may have 4 grants, \$2600 each, for rural providers; check with her. Sign-up link for the Academy:

https://education.mobilehealthconsultants.com/offers/tFzpMyhr?coupon_code=OREGONMIH

Michelle: City of Portland working with Adiran Cook of OHA re billing for teams from Center City Concern, etc., "a long project with lots of challenges (ex., billing Medicaid)." EMS Pilot still ongoing; "critical writing coming out in journals next year," asked to speak at conference re deflection and MIH: "We won't be going away; we'll survive the budget crisis in PDX."



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Jessica: APS is reaching out to update protocols (part of American Rescue Plan Act) to review OR statutes and implement recommendations for statutory changes. Jess will send contact info.

Meeting adjourned: 1002

Next general meeting: July 17, 0900-1130, Western Lane Fire & Ambulance
2625 Highway 101
Florence, OR 97439