



## OREGON MIH COALITION MEETING MINUTES

**March 6, 2025**

**0900-1130**

**Southern Oregon University  
Stevenson Union, Room 312  
1250 Siskiyou Boulevard  
Ashland, OR 97520**

### **CALL TO ORDER: 0909**

**PRESENT: Board:** Sabrina Ballew, Chair; Scott Willitts, Vice-Chair; Madison Riethman, PIO; Janina Kerr-Bryant, Secretary; Josh Nordberg, Treasurer; Paul Bollinger, Joan Field, Jamie Breunig

**General Membership:** Art Groux, Stella Rausch-Scott, Jake Petty, Wendy Sullivan, Michelle LaVina, Erick Holsey, Melissa House, Ellis Kruzman, Dr. Bruno, Jonathan Feit, Jerry Walker

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**—the minutes were approved.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

**Sabrina: a celebration of the ORMIHC accomplishments—we have:**

- ☐ Filled all Board positions
- ☐ Completed and executed the bylaws
- ☐ Strengthened PR presence through website, LinkedIn, promotion at several events and conferences
- ☐ Applied for 501 c 3

### **AGENDA:**

- I. **Strategic Plan Template (Madison)--see attachment. Workgroups needed related to our major goals. Sabrina: "Once we get all this dialed in we are going to be asking for volunteers."**
  - a. **Training (Goal 1):** Sabrina: add as another goal liaisons with other groups/ environmental scan of current education and how it may apply to the ORMIHC. Other topics of discussion: Office of Rural Health EMS supplemental grant; education for billing support, which must be done by certified coder (funding is available--email Joan). CP education/ other training that would be valuable, ex., training for CHWs as part of workforce retention (Madison). Looking at coursework related to helping defray the impact of this career on responders; cf. also OR POLST Registry resources, peds palliative care—Doernbecher, OCEAN (Jonathan). Kids' Hero Registry, Herokidsregistry.com (Stella—will follow up with information). Training courses with textbooks, teacher resources, etc., through NAEMT (Paul). NAEMT training entry-level: "chronic condition recognition, not chronic care



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management;" FBI Hostage Negotiation and Interrogation Training applicable to learn how to listen "in this age of devices;" to define what's acceptable for recertification for CPs, we can replicate the National list, 100 hours every 4 years (Scott).

- b. **Increase MIH Presence (Goal 2):** integration into CHW/ EMT/ paramedic/ high school courses; more presentations at conferences and events. Reaching providers to increase awareness (Paul) and agencies (Nina). More posting on social media; those well-versed in media can help Madison as needed. Stella: who is our target audience? Sabrina: this is a larger discussion for later. Coalition to put together a 1-hour presentation explaining MIH; Sabrina has a draft. Data—numbers can be compelling, ex., "here is the impact we have made with our efforts" (Jonathan).
- c. **Increase Coalition Membership, Visibility and Strategic Partnerships (Goal 3):** Collect info on programs/ what they provide (Art). Engage with mobile health—who else can we partner with?--OHSU mobile health, County CHWs, etc.? (Paul). List conferences and events on schedule, line up ORMIH-C members to present at each (Madison). Stella has a list of needed committee/ board members, will send the list out. Don't stay only in the EMS/ fire arena, look at other payors (Jon).
- d. **Data and Storytelling (Goal 4):** What story do we want to tell/ what data? NEMSIS—Peter Geissert for Stella's group tasked with MIH Data sets, work currently going on. HL7 Gravity Project has data sets for underserved groups; "capture the data your payors are going to require" (Jon). Info shareable with Legislature would be useful; annual legislative updates helpful, ex., Legislative Days when different groups share projects, requests, etc.; how does this group move bills forward? (Stella). Documents can also be used for local purposes, ex., City Commissioners.
- e. **Developing MIH Toolkits and Resources (Goal 5):** resources, protocols, etc.; standardizing and publishing them. What kind of information to include?--best practices, communication strategies, billing and coding, Resource Web outline, etc. (Working CPs: do you have resources lacks you want to share?) Sharing platform for toolkit access? Online repository (Paul)? Need a central repository—really important (Madison).

### II. **Next steps: pull it all together for next meeting and see who wants to volunteer for committee members/ workgroups.**

### III. **Committee Updates:**

- a. **501:** Josh: in review by Feds, seems promising. Financially in good shape, 25 dues-paying members.
- b. **Education:** TVF & R working with Mobile Health Consultants; MIH Academy June-September with IBSC Bootcamp, 10-12 spots taken with more available (5-15). Reach out to Josh, Sabrina, Madison to enroll; firm commitment needed; \$3600. Joan: scholarships for 4, who qualifies to be determined; Madison: CHLO also may have scholarships (rural-focused) up to the end of July.
- c. **Email/Website:** Madison looking for items to prioritize to put on the website—index of programs/ contact info, MIH FAQ page; is open to input on how to design this. Good questions?--send them to Madison and she will crowd-source answers.



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### NEW BUSINESS:

- IV. **Jon:** talk about sustainability? "There's a lot of money out there that people are not grabbing."  
Madison, Sabrina, Scott, Stella: funding discussion/ payment models as a special session or funding committee; our mission includes sustainability but we'll have this conversation in depth later; workshop opportunity looking into grants applicable to MIH.

**Adjourned:** 1056 hours.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 15, 0900-1130  
Umatilla County Fire District #1, Station 23  
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