



OREGON MIH COALITION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 0907 hours

Board members present:

Scott Willits, Vice Chair; Janina Kerr-Bryant, Secretary; Josh Nordberg, Treasurer; Neil Clasen; Paul Bollinger

Others: Stella Rausch-Scott; Willaim Steward; Bill Conway; Michelle LaVina; Wendy Sullivan

Review and Approval, Correction and Approval of March Minutes—moved and seconded but tabled until next meeting for lack of a quorum.

Review and Approval, Correction, Edits and Approval of Agenda—moved and seconded but also tabled for lack of a quorum.

Oregon State EMS office updates—due to low attendance at this meeting, Stella will wait until the July meeting to give a more complete presentation, but news includes: a new EMS & Trauma Systems manager candidate has interviewed and is being vetted for hiring; new terminology will include Time-Sensitive Emergencies (CVA/ Cardiac Care/ Trauma, still in development); Aging Populations will migrate to the State in 2027, significant for MIH; 2 bills will come to the legislative session next year, including MIH; the State “is pushing [the MIH survey] as much as we can.” Stella will have administrative support in the person of new employee Nicole Perkins. Scott mentioned HB4081, an OR bill establishing the EMS Program and Advisory Board within the OHA.

Program updates--Round table (All): Neil: Clackamas is expanding their MIH program, adding a case manager, a CP and 2 EMTs. Josh: TVF & R's program, up since 4/1/2024, has 5 CPs, doing “super great” and liaising with “familiar faces.” Other agencies can “hail the CPs through WCCCA/ MHRT, etc. (calling or radioing dispatch and asking for the team).” Bill: Clackamas County Public Health will be posting a CP position with a salary range of \$91,357- \$116-175. The CP will serve as a liaison with other CPs as well as with LE, BH, etc.--“filling gaps.” He can answer questions at WConway@clackamas.us until the position is posted. Scott: Congress has introduced 2 bills to protect and extend the Hospital at Home program through 2029 as part of the Telehealth package; “CPs are recognized by CMS as in-home clinicians.” Scott also brought up EMS Appreciation Week, International Paramedic Day (July 8) and October's MIH Appreciation Week in October, organized by NAMIHP and celebrated by signatory proclamation.

Reports of Committees:

- I. **PR- Website/LinkedIn/Other-** -Madison not present for updates. Scott is launching an open-source MIH user group in the platform Basecamp, a platform to connect nationally with peers, share documents, etc. Subscription will be \$5- \$10 per month, cheaper with more subscribers. Paul: a Coalition subscription? Scott: no mass access, but possibly could incorporate access as a benefit to dues-paying ORMIH-C members.



- II. **Upcoming conference schedule**—Scott: August, MIH Conference in Kansas City (MO side); September, EMS World; Denver, CO, NASEMSO MIH Conference—Sabrina is a representative.
- III. **Education/CE**—Nina floated the idea of the ORMIH-C offering continuing education to its recently IBSC certified MIH-CPs and would be willing to spearhead looking into this. It was pointed out that multiple opportunities for CE exist (anything to do with MIH or paramedic CE other than the certification classes [such as ACLS, PHTLS, etc.]).
- IV. **Protocol Development**—Neil talked about the new Buprenorphine Field Induction protocol (collaborative effort between Portland's CHAT, the Clackamas CP Office and EMS agencies); the medical director has a "comprehensive file to share, with the aim of promoting this practice not just within our state, but also beyond." Scott: NASEMSO is polling states to look at and share protocols and will send a "collection of MIH protocols" to all states.

Old Business.

- I. **501 c 3 and Bank Updates**—Josh: to open an OnPoint account, need president and secretary signing in person, or need to amend the bylaws (in process). Scott to distribute the revised bylaws from the March 2024 meeting. \$600 needed to pay the 501 c 3 fees.
- II. **Data Review**—Scott: 2 national surveys: AAA (to be available by end of year) and a survey by NAEMSP studying "workforce partially or fully assigned to MIH programs and services and the number of agencies (private and public) supporting programs."

New Business.

- V. **Education Review—Input**—see above under Education/CE.
- VI. **Coalition Membership review**—the Coalition needs to refine/ redefine membership.
- VII. **Funding Opportunities, Update on US HR 8042**—Madison not present to update (HR 8042 is a bill to "authorize the Secretary of HHS to award grants to qualified entities to support community paramedicine programs," \$5 million yearly for 5 years with bipartisan support).

Open Discussion—Michelle: The City of Portland has \$2.5 million for the CHAT Program and the MOUD pilot, both promoted at the OPAT Conference. PSR is moving out of PFB; still collaborating "but on a different level." Question for Stella—SAMHSA opioid grants program, is that through the State? Stella, no, through Behavioral Health—she'll research and follow up with the group. Also a discussion of Narcan vending machines, a proposal by a PFB RN student; to be put in City buildings, but no public access? Scott: Narcan vending machines in Kansas piloted but closed for inability to track lot numbers for recalls.

Adjournment: 0954 hours.

Next meetings:

Board: 6/18/2024--Virtual—Nina will not be present; Scott will cover the secretarial duties (thank you, Scott!)

Coalition as a whole--7/16/2024 in person, hosted by:



Western Lane and EMS Authority

2625 Highway 101

Florence, Ore 97439

The virtual option will be sent prior to meetings.

New Member link to sign up:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ExGJBKONxY>

Enrichment--Acronym definitions:

AAA: American Ambulance Association

CHAT: PFB's Community Health Assess and Treat program

MHRT: [Washington County] Mental Health Response Team

MOUD: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder [Pilot], also known as MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment)

NAEMSP: National Association of EMS Physicians

NAMIHP: National Association of Mobile Integrated Healthcare Providers

NASEMSO: National Association of State EMS Officials

OPAT: Opioid Pain and Addiction Treatment [conference held 4/29-5/1/2024 in Sunriver, OR]

PSR: Portland Street Response

SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

WCCCA: Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency

Thanks to Scott Willits, Josh Nordberg and Michelle LaVina for educating your secretary.