

# OFMAA Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2004

Albany Fire Station 13

Call to Order: President Giard called the meeting was called to order at 1:10pm

Introductions: Those present included:

Keith Hoehn	South Lane County F&R	Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District
Greg Hadley	Salem Fire Department	Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.
Scott Cooper	Marion County Fire District #1	Scott Shepard	
Chris Benson	Lane County Fire District #1	Jessica Darling	Lane Rural F&R
Dave Staab	Jefferson Fire District	Gregg Lander	Chemeketa
Tina Greiner	OVFA / Jefferson Fire Dist.	Andrew Hagman	OFCA/Griffin-Tabor
Russ Walls	Fire-Med Northwest	Melanie Willis	Medtronic / Physio

Approval of Minutes: The January 14, 2004 minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The CD balance is \$3,259.92 and the checking balance is \$8,622.37

## President's Report

- Providence/Kaiser Overpayment Update: President Giard reported that some agencies participated in a conference call with Doug Wolfberg of Page, Wolfberg & Wirth concerning possible litigation over this issue. Her agency (Albany Fire) has opted to be represented by them on this matter while other agencies are taking a wait and see approach due to the smaller amount of money involved. Discussion followed and no agencies present have been contacted recently by Providence with any new demands or correspondence. AMR's litigation over this issue is still pending.
- OSAA: Next meeting April 9, 2004, their new President is Ken Parsons.
- Communications: Letter of thanks for the conference have been mailed out.

Health Division Report: Director Chin was not present, so no report was provided.

- BME: Next meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> and two positions (EMT & MD) positions are up in July.
- EMT-I: Gregg Lander reported that three work groups have been formed (regulatory, medical direction and education). The concept is to look at general categories without listing specific skills, drugs, etc. and then each group will report back. The Morphine training for EMT-I's is out and available on the DHHS web site.
- OAR Update: Denise and Dave Lapof met with the entire State EMS staff and only just began to review the proposed changes. It appears this will be a very extensive and time-consuming process.
- Interoperability: A memo concerning this issue was discussed.

## Old Business:

- OFMAA Goals: Denise proposed a higher level of participation and representation by Board members at other agency functions and meetings in an effort to split and share those responsibilities. The following individuals "volunteered". They were asked to report back at the next meeting with goals and objectives.  
*Dave Staab* – OSAA & EMSC, *Scott Cooper* – Membership & Education (with Keith Hoehn assisting), *Denise Giard* – OFCA & DHHS, *Randy Jackson* – DPSST & BME & Organizational Review (with assistance from Giard & Hoehn), *John Herbold* – BME (Committee member). Others are welcome to become involved, contact Denise.

#### New Business:

- Medicaid Signature Refusals: Greg Hadley asked if other present have had Medicaid patient refuse to sign ambulance service agreements and/or patient refusals. Without the signature they are unable to bill either Medicaid or the patient for such transports. Discussion followed that included working with the OSAA to draft proposed language change to OAR 410 to address this issue. Currently Salem Fire is considering the refusal to sign as a “Theft of Service” and involving the police.
- CCEMTP Program: Scott asked if anyone had experience with this program? Denise indicated it was an excellent class, although long and expensive. It still does not qualify a service for the “specialty care” level of transport reimbursement.

#### OFMAA Leadership Conference:

- Update: Evaluations reported the speakers were excellent (a summary will be attached to these minutes). The vendors commented that the layout could have been better, reduced attendance and who did not attend... The committee is still working with Chad on exactly where we are in terms of revenue, but we are on the plus side.

#### Vendor Report:

- OFCA/Griffin-Tabor: If you want to preview something (books), contact Andrew at 1-888-846-5741 or [Andrew@griffintabor.com](mailto:Andrew@griffintabor.com)
- Medtronic/Physio: Enjoyed meeting folks at the conference. Working on State EMS Conference Sept. 22-25 in Portland at the Double Tree. See web site for speakers.
- FireMed NW: Fire Mechanic vendor show this week. New organization being formed to address faulty EMS equipment (Institute for Medical Equipment Technicians) on the web at [www.imetems.com](http://www.imetems.com). Discussed conference recommendations.

#### Round Table:

- Salem: New hires starting in May and working on budget.
- Shepard: Unemployed and looking for a job.
- Jefferson: Have not shut down I-5 yet this week... GEMS class May 23/24 and ACLS class in April with Albany. New ambulance ready soon and Training/Admin addition is back on the project list.
- MCFD #1: Working on protocol updates, FF/EMT-P testing, building issues and GEMS Coordinator cert, temp hire, looking at electronic charting and Stryker stair chair. Scott has EMT recertification and DHHS Q/A info on CD. He was nominated for an AHA committee and is working on a guide to ambulance specifications.
- Keizer: Shared financial info relating to urban renewal and a new retirement center and the Keizer Station project at I-5.
- Lane Rural: Lots of fire training underway.
- CCC: Lost two instructors, replaced one and may not be able to fill the other due to budget. Now having to cancel classes when an instructor is sick. 22 in paramedic class now and ready to start internships with 21 more ready to start this spring. Discussed the future of electronic charting (teaching students) is most likely 5+ years out still.
- Lane Co. FD #1: Nothing.
- South Lane: Working with Springfield and Eugene on an EMS Summit between area EMS agencies and other area health care providers (clinics, OMAP, etc.) to discuss issues.
- Albany: Lots of mail after returning from vacation (Mexico) ☺

Next Meeting: Mark your calendar for April 14, 2004 at 1:00pm Albany Fire Station #13.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Randy Jackson

Recording Secretary