



POLST Registry Advisory Committee

January 9, 2012

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Portland State Office Building

Room 918

Meeting Minutes



Present: Jane Baumgarten; Patty Brost; Maragaret Carley, JD, RN; Kaye Hanni; Doug Kelly (Chair);
Laura Matthews, RN; Ritu Sahni, MD; Terri Schmidt, MD; Susan Harding (recorder)

On Phone: Sheila Sund, MD; Jeanene Smith

Guests: Jennifer Cook

Excused: Susan Tolle, MD

Discussion

1. Meeting Convened at 9:05 am. There was a brief introduction of attendees.
2. Review Minutes
 - *Motion made by Margaret Carley to approve the October minutes as is. Motion seconded by Ritu Sahni. Motion passes unanimously.*

3. Committee Business

Membership status of current members.

- Dr. Sahni stated the need to elect a new chairperson. Those other members whose terms are up December 31, 2011, with the exception of Jan Campbell who resigned her position, are all in the process of reappointment. Jan Campbell who held a public spot on the committee has resigned, so this position is open.
- **Doug Kelly nominated Laura Matthews as chair. Jane Baumgarten seconded Laura's nomination for chair. Laura Matthews was unanimously elected as new chair.**
- **Margaret Carley nominated Sheila Sund as vice-chair. Doug Kelly seconded the nomination. Sheila Sund was unanimously elected as vice-chair.**

4. OHA Update

- Dr. Sahni explained that the Oregon Health Authority's EMS/Trauma Program is currently undergoing reorganization. The general funds for the office have been replaced by medical marijuana dollars. As part of that process and budget constraints, Bob Leopold, EMS & Trauma Program Director has been laid off. The EMS & Trauma Program will now be directed by Jody Noon, OCHHP Administrator.
- Two positions are still vacant within the office, a Mobile Training Unit position, and Trauma Nurse. Even though there is currently a hiring freeze, we will most likely be granted an exception for this positions.
- Dr. Schmidt suggested sending Bob Leopold a note of appreciation for his work and support for the registry.
- New rules go into effect for EMT's beginning January 1, 2012.

5. ePOLST Status Update

- The ePOLST pilot is working very well. One of the things Providence is piloting is a bright pink envelope to hold the form. The form itself will not be pink. These would be made available around the EMS and the health care system. The ePOLST form will look identical to the POLST form. One of the things that the Center for Ethics and Health Care did was to get a grant to make and develop an ePOLST form. A sample will be demonstrated at next Oregon POLST task force meeting.
- There will be a way for small health care providers to print the ePOLST form from the site.
- Jane stated that it was reported in the last minutes that certain areas had entered fewer forms into the registry. The plan was to try to get more forms from these areas. Would this lead to the possibly that people were filling the form out whether they needed it or not.

6. Standard Registry Reports

- As of November 30th we had 76,921 forms.
- The time-to-form entry in November went down to a median time of 1 day from the time form was received. By the end of December, forms were being entered in real time as they were coming off the fax.
- There were 81 calls to the communication center in Nov. There were 31 matches (40%). Common reasons for non-matches are name or CQI identifiers.
- Hospitals are utilizing the registry more than EMS.
- Jennifer reported that the annual report will be presented at next meeting.
- Dr. Schmidt reported that Dana is currently working to get a process in place to purge the system of patients that have already died.
- The death reports include ethnicity and race which is important information for the State as they track POLST. Dana and a group are working on figuring out how to link this information into the POLST registry.

7. Identify any issues to refer to the POLST Task Force

- Jane asked if there was any way that we could solicit the assistance of the LT Care Ombudsman office for help in getting POLST forms for the appropriate people. Margaret stated there have been some meetings with health care plans about performance incentives. Also, the POLST video is being revised to give the message that the healthy age does not need a POLST, but the frail and end-of-life population.
- There is going to be a National POLST conference in San Diego in February which will be combined with the California Coalition.
- Oregon's POLST video is being made available to other states to adapt to their state.

8. Evaluation / Research

a. Request for data form

- No requests

b. Update on existing research.

- In reference to the publication that came out last week with data from the registry. One of the projects we were doing was providers along with the families were interviewed. This manuscript was returned for revisions and will be returned back next week.
- Dr. Richardson received IRB approval for his project. The EMS dataset is not available to him, because it is not available for research. He was able to alter the study in a way he can still complete it.
- Tina Burdsall is going to do a different project.

8. New Research Requests

- No new requests

9. Public Comment

- Susan gave a phone interview with OPB regarding an article that recently published in JAMA.
- The recent Oregonian article that came out did not clearly state the information. A letter to the editor has been written.
- Next meeting is April 9, 2012 at 9:00am in PSOB room 918.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am