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| **Meeting Title: ASA (Ambulance Service Area) Committee Meeting**  **Date & Time: March 12, 2025 10:00am-11:30am**  **Location: Teams**  **Recorder: Sam Andress** | | |
| **Appointed:** Kyle Amsberry Shawn Baird Sherry Bensema Brian Butler  Frank Ehrmantraut  Danny Freitag Melvin Peterson Jim Walker Stephanie McClung Dan Mullen Rebecca Shivers Katrina Griffith  **Attendees:**  David Patterson Toni Grimes Jordan Donat Darrin George Kevin Hendricks Kyle McMann John Kubasak  Jim Triewiler  Robert Dalke  Nicholas VanEpps  Dr. Lehrfeld  David Gerboth  Mark Bjorkland  Ryan Saltalamachia  Sam Andress    **Guests:** Kelly Martin  Debbie Wells Anne Oscilia Kari Kegg Jason Wilburn | | |
| **Time** | **Agenda Item (Who) Information/Discussion** | **Notes** |
| 10:00-10:05 | Welcome and Introductions- Shawn | Minutes from 11/13/2024 approved as written. |
| 10:05-10:20 | Presentation on 988 hotline |  |
| 10:20-10:35 | Presentation from MCHHS Crisis Services on Community Response Teams |  |
| 10:35 – 10:50 | Prime + Services |  |
| 10:50 – 11:30 | Roundtable discussion | Legislative Updates: 3 bills.  [House Bill 4081](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4081/Introduced) Modernization Bill: Dr. Lehrfeld discussed modernization at last meeting. HB4081 is scheduled for a hearing on the 20th. Providers in the area are participating in a lobby day around it.  [House Bill 2222](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2222). Directs the Oregon Health Authority to create and maintain a registry of mobile integrated health care providers. Directs the authority to establish billing codes and provide technical support in submitting claims for reimbursement for services provided by mobile integrated health care providers. Shawn explained it is a good high level goal but does need refinements and would like to see it be specific to each discipline including one for EMS agencies. He believes the CCOs are favorable.  [House Bill 3243](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3243). Prohibits balance billing for ambulance ground transportation services and creates rules for health benefit plan coverage of ambulance services. Establishes a database of local rates for ambulance services and allows for penalties to be imposed for violations. He shared this likely would affect a small population of commercially insured patients. He detailed the rate setting piece would be state/local regulated rate paid by insurance and that not everyone has a regulated rate. If agency is non-governmental, you can have a regulated rate based on local ordinance. Default would be 325% of Medicare. Will be up for work session in a couple weeks.  Sherry mentioned Treat in Place Bill, Shawn explained there is no traction at the moment as there is lots to determine such as who qualifies and gets paid, etc.  Frank discussed the Salem Hospital regional meeting with EMS which addressed the relationship with Regence. He shared concerns that he has been seeing patients coming to the fire station in lieu of hospital for fear of out of network medical bills. The group agreed that they do not want the patients they treat to end up in medical debt due to emergency care at an out-of-net network facility. |
| **Action Item** | **Responsible Party** | **Completion Target Date** |
| Complete Minutes | Sam Andress | Within five business days of meeting |
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**Next Meeting: May 14th, 2025. 3180 Center St NE, Salem OR 97301 in the Silver Falls Conference Room and hybrid via Teams.**