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Marion County
OREGON
Health & Human Services

Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee

Date/Time: January 14, 2026, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: MS Teams

Facilitator: Katrina Griffith **Recorder:** John Kubasak


Appointed: Kyle Amsberry Sherry Bensema Brian Butler Jordan Donat Frank Ehrmantraut Danny Freitag
 Katrina Griffith, *ex officio* Toni Grimes Stephanie McClung Tim Morris Dan Mullen Melvin Peterson

Attendees: Sam Andress Darrin George David Gerboth John Kubasak Kyle McMann David Patterson Ryan Saltalamachia
 Jim Trierwiler

Guests: Brandi Johnson, METCOM911

Time	Agenda Item (Who) Information/Discussion	Description
10:00 – 10:05am	Welcome and Introductions – Katrina Microsoft Teams meeting Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 287 361 039 927 43 Passcode: CQ2yk7A2	Approve 11/12/25 meeting minutes Kyle motioned to approve the minutes, Tim seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
10:05 – 10:06 am	Open for Public Comment – Katrina	No public comment
10:06 – 10:08 am	Board Actions Update – Katrina	Jim Walker has taken on a new role at Woodburn Fire and has resigned from the ASA Advisory Committee. The role did not represent an ASA service area and will not be filled at this time. The maximum number of committee members is 12 and we are at 11 with Jim’s resignation. At the County Board Session on Wednesday 1/21/26: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First action: bylaws approval ▪ Term Reappointments: Sherry Bensema, Frank Ehrmantraut, Danny Freitag ▪ New member appointment: David Gerboth, filling Kyle Amsberry’s position (whose term ends 1/31/26) ▪ Officer appointments: Brian Butler as Chairperson, Sherry Bensema as Vice Chair

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<p>10:08 – 10:12 am</p>	<p>Bylaws Update – Katrina</p>	<p>The bylaws were reviewed by both the Board’s office as well as Marion County Legal Counsel.</p> <p>Three changes made by the Board’s office to the version of the bylaws that were approved by the committee at the November 2025 meeting. The changes involved member recruitment, resignations, and officer removal.</p> <p>Bylaws will be reviewed and acted upon at the 1/21/26 Board Session. This will be first among all the ASA actions, so that the officers appointed will have the new 2-year terms as noted in the bylaws updates.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>TL ed Redlined ASA Bylaws 5.3.23 with 1</p>
<p>10:12 – 10:22 am</p>	<p>REACH Team Update – Kyle</p>	<p>Launch date is 1/20. Team is undergoing training this week. Metrics platform is close but hasn’t been finalized.</p> <p>Name has changed since last meeting: REACH stands for Rapid Engagement, Assessment, & Community Health.</p> <p>Danny asked how the program is being funded. City is funding the Salem Fire staff; County is using opioid settlement dollars to fund QMHA position. This type of program has potential to be funded through grants. City of Salem has wanted this since they transitioned ambulance services from Falck to Salem Fire; they’re very supportive.</p> <p>Tim asked what the zone is. For the pilot, the REACH team will be geofenced to downtown Salem. The assumption is that it would expand in the future. It’s a non-transport vehicle.</p> <p>Kyle and Katrina also very positive about it. There is a widespread recognition of the need for this; that is also</p>

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		<p>accompanied by the need to have metrics showing that this is the way to go about it.</p> <p>Tim asked if there were key performance indicators (KPIs) – not just contacts but outcomes. Yes, there is a list of measurements already noted.</p> <p>Tim also asked about identified call types – is it specific to mental health requests, or does it include substance abuse/alcohol also? Yes, substance abuse/alcohol calls are included.</p> <p>One of the targets of the measurements is to try to ascertain common denominators of the high users. For example, mental health, substance use, etc.</p> <p>Between Katrina and Salem Fire, they will share lessons learned along the way.</p>
10:22 – 10:28 am	Roundtable Discussion	<p>Katrina asked the group for any future agenda topics.</p> <p>Katrina mentioned one topic for the next meeting: we have access to hospital & EMS syndromic surveillance data, the diagnoses in emergency departments for residents of Marion County. MCHHS Senior Epidemiologist Aryn Walker is working on compiling that data into a presentation that would be useful to this group. He will present at the next meeting.</p> <p>Tim asked for data regarding flu, covid, Tuberculosis.</p> <p>FYI, there are 2 measles cases in Linn County.</p> <p>Checked in on the OHA State Rules Advisory Committee application status. Out of those from this group that applied, no one has received a reply from OHA.</p>

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		Board orders and bylaws will be sent out after Board Session 1/21, and the November 2025 minutes will be posted on the website next week.
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Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: HHS 3160 Center St. NE, Salem (Rockaway Conference Room C) and MS Teams