



RURAL EMS COMMITTEE

STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

RURAL EMS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2019

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223.

Committee Members Present: Karen Beavers, Deanna Harris, Mary Ahlers, Dr. Thomas Charlton, Tristan Coomer, Clark Crago, Vincent Gildone, Daniel Heuchert, Doug LaRue, Chad Magrum, and Diane Simon. A quorum was present.

Committee Members Absent: Eric Burns and Joel Dickinson

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Robert Wagoner, Robin Burmeister, and Carol Savage.

Guests Present: Daniel Prokop, Paul Webb, and Todd Shroyer.

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 3:04 pm. Chair Karen Beavers welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Tristan Coomer, seconded by Chad Magrum, to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2018. Unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM: Robin Burmeister will send a .pdf copy of the approved minutes for posting to the website.

Open Forum:

-Karen Beavers informed the committee that a committee chair need not be a board member. She asked if any committee member would be interested in chairing the committee due to multiple program commitments. After discussion, Karen will remain the chair of the committee.

-Guest Todd Shroyer was excused from the room. The committee discussed his application to join it. After discussion, Mr. Shroyer was brought back to the room and informed that Chair Beavers will take his application to join the committee before the 4/17/19 EMFTS Board Meeting for vote. Deanna Harris made a motion, seconded by Tom Charlton, to approve Todd Shroyer's addition to the Rural EMS Committee. Unanimously approved. Mr. Shroyer was invited to rejoin the meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Karen Beavers to submit application of Todd Shroyer to EMFTS for approval to join Rural EMS Committee.

-Dr. Charlton brought for discussion creating a map showing where the Rural EMS Committee members reside for ease of reference for area coverage. Tristan Coomer made a motion for Robin Burmeister to create a map showing the location that each committee member resides in. Unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM: Robin Burmeister, support staff, will create a map showing the location of each committee member and provide it to the committee.

Old Business:

-Dr. Charlton brought for discussion the ad hoc Scope of Practice Committee and the need for additional members from other committees to modernize the scope of practice. After discussion, Dan Heuchert, Mary Ahlers, and Tristan Coomer volunteered to serve on that committee.

ACTION ITEM: Karen Beavers will investigate if the Scope of Practice Committee is an ad hoc committee or a workgroup so that the committee knows what parameters it must follow for meetings. She will also provide the names of committee volunteers to the Board. Karen will email the volunteers after the Board meeting.

-A list of fire charters that have high school programs was not yet available. Further discussion was tabled until the June meeting. The committee would like to review why some programs are more successful than others and needs to develop a 'best practices' outline.

ACTION ITEM: Follow up with Kris Miller to get a list of programs from EMS Education that offer both EMS and Fire at the high school level for the June 2019 meeting.

-Doug LaRue shared with the committee that Apollo Career Center is starting a fire charter high school program in Fall 2019.

-The committee discussed the continued need for recruitment and retention. Mentor opportunities, family potlucks, ice cream socials, etc., were discussed as ways to keep families engaged.

New Business:

-The Chair brought forth the announcement that the Rural EMS National Conference will be held in Columbus in April 2020. No firm date or location is available to date. The Conference usually has less than 150 attendees. Further discussion was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

-Karen reminded the committee members that a fatigue policy needs to be written.

-Karen Beavers informed the committee that their appointments are for two years. It is required that members attend at least 60 percent of meetings annually.

-The Chair noted that the EMS-C needs an ASEP member to join, preferably from the Toledo-Lima regions. Doug LaRue will reach out to members in his area for interest.

-The Chair reported that, on the CHDS website, there is a series of three K-12 school shooting podcasts that the committee may want to watch and share with squad members.

-On the PSTC, the Rescue Taskforce training module (#WBT906) is now available and must be complete by all EMS certified responders by their next renewal cycle. While a group can review the program, the actual training module must be done individually so that they can take the quiz and obtain a certificate upon completion.

-For data needs, the Chair and Rob Wagoner asked that options in EMSIRS be turned on so that the System Development Committee can obtain information. Vince Gildone shared that sites review their EMSIRS transport data options and turn on the 'optional fields' so that all information will be available for the state for future needs.

-The committee discussed a new campaign for up to a \$600 credit for volunteers that is slowly gaining some traction. Refer to Federal level house bill HR1241. A Senate companion bill might also be on the horizon.

-Discussion took place about the Scouts of America Explorers program. <https://www.exploring.org/> There are scholarship opportunities listed. Charters need to apply to be an Explorer Post. A conference is being held in July in Athens, Ohio. Vince Gildone shared that the Geneva Charter has a successful Explorer program in place. Karen Beavers encouraged the committee to reach out and inquire what makes a program

successful. Review the program for insurance coverage, if ride-alongs are allowed, and what other parameters are in place. It is an organized process. Excellent recruiting opportunity.

-Dan Prokop reported that there is now a contract in place with the Paramedic Foundation about Best Practices. Year 1 will focus on recruitment and retention. Subcontracted with Paramedic Network regarding training and refresher courses using a lottery system. Webinars available for any provided. 150 for lottery system are for rural providers, at Paramedic level only. A link is being created and will be sent out. A 3-year grant was submitted in April for seed money for up to three community paramedicine sites.

-Paul Webb (937-215-6610 pwebb1173@gmail.com) spoke regarding the need to change the rules to that EMRs can drive an ambulance from the garage to the site where it's needed. After discussion, Mr. Webb will create an outline of his oral presentation and forward it to Robin Burmeister, who will then forward it to the committee for review.

Adjourn: Motion by Doug LaRue, seconded by Tristan Coomer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Next meeting: June 18, 2019, from 3-5 p.m. Room 1102, DPS Building, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Support Staff