



RURAL EMS COMMITTEE

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

RURAL EMS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2019

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223.

Committee Members Present: Deanna Harris, Mary Ahlers, Eric Burns, Dr. Thomas Charlton, Clark Crago, Joel Dickinson, Vincent Gildone, Doug LaRue, Chad Magrum, and Diane Simon. A quorum was present.

Committee Members Absent: Karen Beavers, Tristan Coomer, Daniel Heuchert, Todd Shroyer, and Joshua Tilton.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Robert Wagoner, James Burke, Joe Posey, and Robin Burmeister.

Guests Present: None.

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 3:04 pm. As the Chair was absent, Vice-Chair Deanna Harris welcomed everyone.

Vice-Chair Harris then congratulated Doug LaRue on receiving the Frank Giampetro Distinguished EMS Educator Award.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Clark Crago, seconded by Dr. Thomas Charlton, to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2019. Unanimously approved.

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

Old Business:

-A list of fire charters that have high school programs was not yet available. Further discussion was tabled until the next 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 next meeting.

-The acting Chair brought for discussion the Rural EMS National Conference that is scheduled to be held in Columbus in April 2020. Rob Wagoner reported that the EMS Division has had zero contact from the national chapter.

The acting Chair asked the committee for topic suggestions for the upcoming conference. Dr. Charlton volunteered to speak using a topic he's developing for the November 2019 medical conference. Discussion took place regarding urban provider credentialing, FirstNet to hop bridge gaps with communication to rural areas, and working with special needs patients. The acting Chair asked the committee to send ideas to staff support, Robin Burmeister, who will forward them to the committee for further review.

-For data needs, Vince Gildone reminded the committee 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 information needs.

New Business:

-The acting Chair, Deanna Harris, reported that she is stepping down as Vice-Chair of the Rural EMS Committee and that the current Chair, Karen Beavers, is resigning as Chair of the committee. After discussion, it was the general consensus of the committee that Deanna Harris propose to the Board, at its June 19, 2019, meeting, that Eric Burns be approved as Chair of the Rural EMS Committee, and Vincent Gildone be approved as Vice-Chair of the committee.

Adjourn: Motion by Eric Burns, seconded by Dr. Thomas Charlton, to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Next meeting: August 20, 2019, from 3-5 p.m. Room 1102, DPS Building, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Burmeister, EMS Certifications, Committee Support Staff