

EMS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

RURAL EMS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2019

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Karen Beavers, Tom Charlton MD, Tristan Coomer, Clark Crago, Herb de la Porte, Vince Gildone (Vice-Chair), Royce Goodpaster, Daniel Heuchert, Doug LaRue, Chad Magrum, Diane Simon, Todd Shroyer, and Joshua Tilton

Committee Members Absent: Mary Ahlers, Eric Burns (Chair), and Joel Dickinson

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Rob Wagoner and Robin Burmeister

Public Present: Daniel Prokop (State Office-Rural Health)

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 3 p.m. Vince Gildon, acting Chair, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The first order of business was to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2019, meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Rural EMS Committee June 18, 2019, meeting minutes. Tom Charleton MD – First. Clark Crago – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Old Business

2020 National Rural EMS & Care Conference – Rob Wagoner reported that the initial facility was not available for the dates of April 22-23, 2020. Matt Strycker is the conference point person. He is seeking other venues (e.g. Marriott Renaissance in downtown Columbus). Approximately 200-250 people are expected to attend. As Columbus is the host, we are

responsible for assisting with finding a venue, AV support, and lining up some speakers upon request. The committee may need a volunteer to speak about the Rural EMS Committee and what it does, seek vendors to participate in the event, find other presenters, etc.

County Map/Member Coverage of State – The committee discussed the location of its members and that the middle of the state is not represented. Dr. Charlton indicated that he may have someone interested that lives in northern Delaware County and he will reach out to them. Discussion took place that the committee is over the 15 allowed members and that any new members, after vetting, will have to be brought before the board for approval to further expand it.

Fatigue Policy – Discussion about developing a fatigue policy was addressed. Dr. Charlton will ask the HR Committee if it is working on it. Karen Beavers will also ask the board if a policy is in development. Dr. Patterson, U of Pittsburgh, wrote an article about the need, safety nets, and other issues. Further discussion was tabled pending information from Dr. Charlton.

High School Programs – The committee reviewed the active high school EMS accredited and Fire programs. The Apollo program was commended for their efforts on getting its programs up and running.

New Business

Legislative – Karen Beavers reported that House Bills 17 (What Qualify For), 99 (Homestead Exemption), and 143 (Tax Credits for Volunteer Police Officers, Firefighters and EMRs) have had two hearings but remain in committee. The committee cannot act on these bills but the members were encouraged to act independently and contact their legislators.

Correct 4/16/19 Minutes – A correction to the 4/16/19 minutes to change “Mobile CE” to “Paramedic Network” was recommended.

ACTION: Change Mobile CE to Paramedic Network reference in 4/16/19 Rural EMS Minutes.
Tristan Coomer – First. Chad Magrum – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Meeting – Karen Beavers volunteered to take committee information to the Executive Meeting that takes place before the board meeting on August 21, 2019.

Strategic Plan -

Open Forum

Crash Report Data – Rob Wagoner reported that Sue Morris presented information at a national conference in Texas regarding EMS data versus other provider data. Dr. Charlton inquired if causation is part of the data. Mr. Wagoner was unsure on how broad the data report was. Vince Gildone asked that the committee have an annual report to review. Doug LaRue will send a copy of Allen County’s report to Mr. Wagoner for reference.

Handoff Sheets – Diane Simon reported that the Trauma Committee was discussing the need for information from first responders to hospitals about patients so that attending physicians have critical information on hand. The committee discussed legal repercussions about a written report and if it is part of a patient’s record or if it’s a note, etc. Dr. Cunningham wrote a white paper. Robin Burmeister will forward the link for the paper to the committee. Further discussion was tabled pending review of Dr. Cunningham’s paper.

Adjourn

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 4:04 p.m. Karen Beavers – First. Herb de la Porte– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 3-5 p.m., at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Burmeister, EMS Support Staff