



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2019

~FINAL~

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1107, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Tom Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Geoff Dutton, Mark Resanovich, Diane Simon, George Snyder, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright.

Committee Members Absent: Julie Rose

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Mel House, Valerie Koker, Kris Patalita, Rob Wagoner, and Mike Wise.

Public Present: ~none~

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 8:36 am. Mr. Wright welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the December 12, 2018 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion to approve the December 12, 2018 Executive Committee minutes. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Reports

Human Resources Ad-hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee will meet August 22, 2019. The committee is in the process of reviewing quality vs quantity of continuing education for providers.

The committee is reviewing preventative measures regarding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The Ohio Department of Mental Health will be offering programs.

Alternative Forms of Medical Transportation Ad-hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee met and they are reviewing alternatives for non-emergent transports. The committee will do additional research and continue to review the alternatives. Our main concern is public safety.

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that a new member has applied to be a member of the Medical Oversight Committee and they have been vetted by staff. The committee is under 15 members.

The committee reviewed a request for a waiver from scope of practice for ultrasound IV placement for 1 year for this study. Mr. Dutton stated that he will give the Board members an overview of the request for the waiver and request a motion for approval.

Mr. Dutton stated that he will have two motions to rescind from the June meeting. Then there will be new motions requested to clarify the language. Mr. Wise has the motions prepared.

Critical Care, Kent Appelhans

Ms. Rose was not in attendance; therefore, Kent Appelhans gave the report.

Mr. Appelhans reported that the air medical rules had an issue regarding cell phone usage. A motion will be requested to change the language.

The committee is working on the language to propose an endorsement specific to critical care so that the language could be used for any future endorsements. There are some issues regarding logistics regarding how to give the provider and endorsement due to no room on the current provider card.

EMS Rural Committee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers reported that Vincent Gildone chaired the meeting.

The legislation regarding the volunteer tax credit was discussed.

A discussion regarding data collection and reports.

Ms. Beavers reported that there are some areas in Ohio that is not represented on the committee and would like to see members from those areas on the committee.

The committee discussed the pre-hospital hand-off form and communication between EMS and the ER. The committee are reviewing many different forms and how to improve communication. Dr. Cunningham stated that this will be a topic at the Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference.

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the education survey is complete and they are waiting on the analysis reports.

The committee had discussions regarding Trauma Center signage on Ohio highways to help EMS and visitors in Ohio.

The committee continues to review burn data. Ms. Simon reported that there are three pediatric and two adult burn centers.

Dr. Cunningham stated that she will report on the DNR and the EMS Medical Director Conference.

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee had quorum and there were many discussions.

The committee is reviewing the amount of continuing education as compared to others in the health field. The most important is the quality of continuing education versus the quantity of continuing education.

Homeland Security is working on the Rescue Task Force program to be updated.

OPATA is looking at developing practical hands on classes with fire and EMS. Cross-training with law enforcement is a positive trend. Mr. Burke, Chief of Education, is working with Micah Stoll.

The survey results are coming in and close to a 50 percent response has been received regarding scope of practice.

Tom Beers presented a Human Trafficking Awareness Program at the June meeting. The committee reviewed the program and will create a workgroup to create a program for EMS and fire providers. This will not be required and will be on a voluntary basis to complete this program. It was suggested to research other resources that have been created for Human Trafficking educational programs.

A motion will be presented at the Board meeting to make the early eligibility for National Registry students permanent.

Medical Transportation, Tom Allenstein

A motion will be brought forward regarding approval of the passenger assistance program that was approved by staff and the committee

Scope of Practice Ad-hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl

Mr. Uhl reported that a motion will be brought forward to add additional committee members to the ad-hoc committee. These are current members from other committees.

The committee will begin discussions of highlighting and identifying the scope of practices that may need changed or removed. The committee needs to be educated on what the process is and what the implications are before scope of practice is implemented.

The language for scope of practice rules also be reviewed.

EMS-Children, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz reported that he will bring a motion forward to add a person to the EMS-C committee that has been vetted and approved.

Old Business

Executive Director House suggested that each of the committee chairs tie their discussions to the strategic plan when giving their reports.

A discussion ensued regarding the rule timeline. Members would like to see a form with a checkbox on how to change a rule or scope of practice.

It was requested that a procedure be distributed regarding committee member appointments. All committee applications are given to Ms. Koker, Board secretary. The person is vetted by the EMS Staff then the application is sent to the chair and the liaison for approval. The person is then presented to the EMFTS Board Chair. Once approved the Chair of the committee brings a motion forward to add this person to the committee.

New Business ~ none

Adjourn

***Mr. Wright requested a motion to adjourn: Mr. Snyder- first; Mr. Allenstein - second.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.***

Next meeting:

October 16, 2019 at 8:30 am at ODPS – conference room 1102.