



HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Date and Location:

January 4, 2019
1970 W. Broad St., Conference Rm. 1106
Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present:

Deanna Harris (Chair), Karen Beavers, David Gerstner, Jeffrey Jackson, Mark Resanovich, Dr. Michael Zorko

Committee Members Absent:

Geoffrey Dutton (Vice Chair), Ray Friedmann, Micah Stoll, Eric Wiedlebacher

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:

Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director, Mel House, EMS Executive Director, Rob Wagoner, EMS Deputy Director, Jayn Mayton, EMS Support, Joe Posey, EMS Liaison

Public Present:

None

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the September 7, 2018 meeting of the Subcommittee were reviewed; the following corrections were suggested: change “an” to “a” on page 3;

ACTION: Motion to approve the Homeland Security Subcommittee meeting minutes from September 7, 2018 with the approved change was made by Mr. Gerstner. Mr. Gerstner– First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Old Business

Rescue task force current status of participants in online training, and results of survey:

Deputy Director Wagoner reviewed the handout of results of the rescue task force training survey (see Attachment #1). There was interest regarding the statistic that 59% of EMS agencies have an active shooter protocol. A discussion ensued as to whether there was an impact on the statistics creating a skewed result due to those who participated in the survey having a higher-than- average interest in the topic. Additionally, it was agreed that the subcommittee check with Mr. Stoll to find out the current status of the proposed rescue task force training for law enforcement through OPOTA.

In connection with the rescue task force topic, Mr. Gerstner provided a handout of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (see Attachment #2). The concept and issues paper described their active shooter guidelines. The rescue task force protocols are very similar to those addressed through the EMFTS Board's Rescue Task Force ad hoc committee.

Action Item: *For the subcommittee to check with Mr. Stoll to find out the current status of the proposed rescue task force training for law enforcement through OPOTA.*

CHEMPACK CPOP revisions update:

Dr. Cunningham presented the updated draft of revised nerve agent dosing guidelines to the EMFTS Board in their December 2018 meeting, which was approved by the Board. The usual procedure of having the Subcommittee review the revisions before presenting it to the Board was circumvented because of Subcommittee meeting cancellations in October, November and December, 2018. The update is currently posted on the EMS website at www.ems.ohio.gov. A discussion ensued regarding CHEMPACK CPOP online trainings on the Ohio Department of Health platform. A concern was expressed that by keeping CPOP information confidential, hospitals and EMS will not be informed of needed checklists giving instructions in the event of a chemical emergency.

Action Item: *Dr. Cunningham to check with the Ohio Department of Health regarding the posting of CHEMPACK CPOP online trainings on the ODH educational platform.*

Strategic Plan Focus: improve quality of patient care pillar, evaluate endorsements, review of TEMS plans and OPOTA's information:

The Subcommittee informed Joe Posey, the new EMS Liaison for the Homeland Security Subcommittee, of the activities to date in gathering information on certifications and endorsements issued for tactical EMS throughout the country. Mr. Posey will resume this task to continue the previous work completed by Mr. Miller, the former EMS Liaison to the Subcommittee.

Action Item: *Mr. Posey will research the Tactical Emergency Critical Care (TECC) and Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) curriculums for TEMS endorsements.*

Strategic Plan Focus: Improve population health through prevention & wellness pillar that has been tasked to the Human Resources Committee; identify a Homeland Security Subcommittee member as a representative to attend the Human Resources Committee meetings:

As Deanna Harris and Mark Resanovich are serving already as representatives for other committees to the Human Resources Committee, it was agreed that they can serve as the representatives for the Subcommittee as well.

Recap of action items:

The 2018 Action Items report was reviewed and updated.

New Business:

Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (C-TECC) December meeting report: Dr. Cunningham presented a report on the December meeting of the C-TECC. The Committee is still reviewing whether zones for a layperson will be implemented for first care providers. Ohio was recognized for its educational requirements for RTF awareness training. In addition, the non-addictive pain medication Pentrox[®] (methoxyflurane) was discussed. Dr. Cunningham noted that her article for JEMS.com regarding Ohio's RTF

awareness initiative is currently being edited. She will distribute it to the Subcommittee members when it is published.

Update of State of Ohio EMS WMD Guidelines and Procedures Manual: Dr. Cunningham expressed her belief that the entire document needs to be reviewed and updated. Although the role of the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Hospital Association is still to be determined, the Subcommittee could start reviewing the document.

Suggestions for further agenda items appropriate for HLS to tackle: Chair Harris feels that the addition of increased activity on the TEMS endorsement and reviewing and updating the Ohio EMS WMD Guidelines and Procedures Manual will be a considerable addition to the Subcommittee's agenda. There is no need for further agenda items at present.

Appropriate frequency of meetings: The Subcommittee agreed to keep the meetings at the current frequency of once a month.

Patient containment in an Ebola event:

Executive Director House asked for recommendations for the Subcommittee members on the best method of patient containment in the EMS ambulance after exposure to Ebola. The benefits and limitations of several methods were compared: ISO-PODs™, BioCell® units, body bags, personal protective equipment (PPE) for the first responders, radiation and ultraviolet lights, and other methods. There was not a consensus on the best method.

Mr. Gerstner requested that Executive Director House send a release to him to use the ODEMS video for donning and doffing PPE.

Action Item: *Executive Director House will send a release to Mr. Gerstner for his agency to use the ODEMS video for donning and doffing PPE.*

Al Qaeda and ISIS magazines and videos:

Mr. Gerstner shared two new newsletters from ISIS and reported an increase in their videos recently.

Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn at 11:51 a.m.

ACTION: *Motion to adjourn at 11:51 a.m.* Ms. Beavers– First. Mr. Jackson– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting:

Friday, February 1, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
1970 W. Broad Street, Conference Room 1106
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