

SCOPE OF PRACTICE AD HOC COMMITTEE

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2019

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Kent Appelhans, Kevin Uhl, and Dudley Wright

Committee Members Absent: Karen Beavers and Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Kris Patalita, and Rob Wagoner

Public Present: Geoff Dutton and Mark Resanovich

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was brought to order at 9:04 a.m. Mr. Uhl welcomed the group. Quorum was attained.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Uhl commented on the short agenda and the need to decide on a regular meeting schedule. He briefly described the other items on the agenda and the purpose of this committee.

Meetings

Mr. Uhl mentioned incorporating other groups into this committee. There was a discussion regarding the chances of scheduling these meetings the day before the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS Board) meeting when other committee meetings are held. It was confirmed that there are no open times available then. There was further discussion regarding having the meetings directly after the Human Resources (HR) Ad Hoc Committee whereby some of those committee members would be available to attend these meetings. The HR Ad Hoc group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Mr. Uhl could not recall who the co-chair of this committee was and it was advised that Dr. Hamilton Schwartz is the co-chair. There was some commentary about conducting meetings every month, at least through 2019, in order to get things up and running. There was a consensus that this group should meet every month initially to facilitate progress with the established goals. There was a question as to whether people could call in to this committee. It was advised that they could not.

Addition of New Members

Mr. Wright stated that no new applications have been received. There was a discussion regarding others to add to this committee. Mr. Dutton and Mr. Resanovich expressed interest in joining this committee. Mr. Dutton also advised that Dr. Thomas Charlton would like to be included as well. There was some further discussion regarding how members are vetted, approved and so on.

Scope of This Committee

Mr. Uhl asked for some clarification on what this committee hopes to accomplish. There was some discussion regarding why this committee was formed and the need to review the current scope of practice for the State of Ohio. Dr. Cunningham mentioned an area of concern being transporting patients with feeding tubes. She advised that the current rules only allow paramedics to access intravenous infusions, not into the gut. It was suggested that Ohio's scope of practice be compared with the national version so decisions can be made if anything needs to be modified, added or deleted. Dr. Cunningham stated that she completed a gap analysis and presented this information to the EMFTS Board. Some items are not currently in Ohio's scope of practice and need to be added. Consideration should be made for things like mobile integrated healthcare (MIH). Deputy Director Wagoner advised that the DEMS frequently receives questions regarding MIH. Dr. Cunningham advised that Ohio's scope of practice should be up to date with current technology, medical practices, and should include parameters in the scope that address the needs of patients in non-emergent settings. Mr. Resanovich suggested that there needs to be a discussion regarding patients on total parenteral nutrition (TPN) at home, which is not currently covered under Ohio's scope of practice. Patients cannot be transported while on TPN until it is finished because they will not disconnect it. There was some additional group discussion regarding TPN and whether it has been addressed previously or not.

Mr. Dutton brought up the topic of the change in scope ripple effects. He stated that it has been previously proposed that some sort of flowchart or checklist be developed in order for everyone to be more cognizant of how a particular scope of practice change may affect other things. Dr. Cunningham advised that this subject is going to be covered in the Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference. She intends to explain to the medical directors and other attendees that there are many considerations that have to be made before changes can be effected.

Mr. Uhl asked if there was anything else to consider at this time. Dr. Cunningham stated that anything that relates to the specialty care of EMS, such as rescue task force and critical care transports, should be reviewed.

Adjournment

Mr. Wright moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Appelhans seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Next meeting:

July 25, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the ODPS – conference room 1102.