



SCOPE OF PRACTICE AD HOC COMMITTEE

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2019

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Dr. Thomas Charlton, Geoff Dutton, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Mark Resanovich, Kevin Uhl, and Dudley Wright

Committee Members Absent: Rob Martin and Rachel Velasquez

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

Public Present: None

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was brought to order at 10:42 a.m. Kevin Uhl welcomed the group. Quorum was attained.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Uhl mentioned that since there was not a quorum last month, the August meeting minutes still require approval. He requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

ACTION: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 22, 2019. Dr. Charlton – First; Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Uhl briefly mentioned that he believes this committee is heading in the right direction. He stated that he devised a spreadsheet that he feels will be helpful in the process. The spreadsheet was provided to all committee members in attendance.

Addition of New Members

Mr. Uhl briefly spoke about the desire to get some additional members. When there are so few members seated on a committee, quorum can be more difficult to attain.

Flowchart/Checklist

Mr. Uhl asked Geoff Dutton to update the group on the flowchart/checklist. Mr. Dutton advised that the flowchart/checklist is not ready to be presented; however, good progress is being made on this template. Dr. Schwartz asked if the flowchart is the tool that will provide guidance throughout the scope of practice change process. Mr. Dutton advised it is. Mr. Uhl inquired as to the timeline for completion of the template. Mr. Dutton stated that he would like this committee to sign off on it before it is disseminated to other committees. There was some group discussion regarding the specifics of the template and what needs to be included. Mr. Uhl asked Mr. Dutton to provide a rough draft of the flowchart for the next meeting on December 5th.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Dutton will provide a rough draft of the flowchart for the December 5th meeting.

Utilizing Kiteworks™

Mr. Uhl briefly summarized his experience with Kiteworks™ software after the last meeting. Mr. Dutton explained some of the security concerns that the Ohio Department of Public Safety IT division has with utilizing various software and internet sites. There was some additional group discussion regarding the benefits of using this software. It was determined additional information will need to be obtained.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Dutton will obtain additional information on utilizing Kiteworks™.

Review of Gap Analysis and Ohio Scope of Practice

Dr. Charlton provided a quick review of the color key on Dr. Cunningham's Ohio EMS Scope of Practice vs. National EMS Scope of Practice Model 2019 Gap Analysis. Mr. Uhl confirmed that the intent of this committee was to accept the current national scope of practice model as the minimum standard and to adopt anything that the national has that Ohio does not. Dr. Charlton recommended that the language should match the national as well. The group agreed.

Mr. Uhl mentioned that he is not sure who should be consulted for clarification regarding developing better terminology for things like "chest tube placement – assist only". There was some group discussion regarding what an "assist" entails and knowing the limitations. Mr. Uhl tabled the discussion for the time being. He then asked who would be willing to ask questions to whomever at the national level to see if Ohio can get a short explanation regarding the "assist only" language. Deputy Director Rob Wagoner volunteered to make contact with someone at the national level.

ACTION ITEM: Deputy Director Rob Wagoner will make contact with someone at the national level regarding the "assist only" language.

Mr. Uhl continued reviewing Dr. Cunningham's gap analysis document. He proceeded to delineate the various proposed revisions. There was a discussion regarding "mouth-to-mask" verbiage and it was determined that Ohio will adopt the national version.

Mr. Dutton left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

The group continued to review items on the gap analysis. There was a brief discussion regarding 12-lead EKG acquisition and transmission.

Mr. Uhl then described his plan for reviewing the EMS scope of practice matrix he provided to the group. Dr. Charlton advised that he had begun creating a similar document. He further described additional information he gathered. Dr. Charlton will send his document to Mr. Uhl in order to have the two combined into one document.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Charlton will send his scope of practice matrix document to Mr. Uhl.

Mr. Uhl continued to discuss the matrix document and how edits will be incorporated throughout the process. The group will subsequently address any rules affected by the proposed changes.

The following changes were agreed upon regarding “Airway Management”:

- Add High flow nasal cannula as worded in the national scope
- Add Simple face mask
- Add additional letters to 12 to encompass the following: Mouth-to-mask, Mouth-to-mouth, Mouth-to-nose, and Mouth-to-stoma
- Change the terminology for End tidal CO₂ monitoring and detecting to include interpretation of waveform capnography and to include EMT basic
- Change the terminology for 25 and 26 (Nasogastric and Orogastric) to match national

There was a lengthy group discussion regarding ventilation management and deleting information regarding demand valves, specifically 13, b and c. The group agreed that it would be beneficial to edit these two down to one. There was additional discussion but no consensus on a change.

There was a lengthy group discussion regarding number 14 (Ventilator management – 16 years of age or older) and the age parameter. It was determined that number 14 would be flagged for additional discussion.

There was then a group discussion regarding orotracheal and nasotracheal intubations. Dr. Charlton advised that he believes that endotracheal intubation for advanced EMTs (AEMTs) should be removed from the scope of practice. He postulates that over 90 percent of AEMTs have not intubated in the last 5 years; therefore, they are not proficient in performing intubations. There was some additional group discussion regarding AEMTs performing this skill and what the ramifications would be if it were removed. Dr. Charlton advised he would discuss this topic with the Medical Oversight Committee (MOC).

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Charlton will discuss nasotracheal intubation at the next Medical Oversight Committee meeting.

Mr. Uhl continued to discuss the matrix with to the “Cardiac Management” portion. Carotid massage under number 10 will be removed. There was a group discussion regarding numbers 7 (Set up cardiac monitor in the presence of an AEMT or Paramedic) and 14 (12-lead EKG set up and application for electronic transmission) in this section and the differences between the two. Some additional discussion included numbers 12 (12-lead EKG performance and interpretation) and 13 (12-lead EKG application assisting Paramedic who is present). After a lengthy discussion regarding 12-lead EKGs, Dr. Charlton was asked to take this discussion to the MOC to have that committee give an opinion.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Charlton will discuss 12-lead EKGs relating to the scope of practice matrix at the next Medical Oversight Committee meeting.

Mr. Uhl then discussed adding “Transvenous cardiac pacing – monitoring and maintenance” which is listed in the national scope. He also mentioned adding “Telemetric monitoring devices and transmission of clinical data, including video data” which is in the national as well. There was very little group discussion regarding these. Mr. Uhl asked Mr. Wagoner if he would inquire about the telemetric monitoring when Mr. Wagoner contacts someone with the National EMS Scope of Practice; specifically regarding “including video data” and what that entails.

ACTION ITEM: Deputy Director Rob Wagoner will make contact with someone at the national level regarding the “Telemetric monitoring devices and transmission of clinical data, including video data” for their interpretation.

That concluded the review of Cardiac Management with Ohio’s matrix. Mr. Uhl advised that he has noted the suggested changes from today’s meeting and will incorporate those into his spreadsheet. The updated spreadsheet will be available at the December 5th meeting. He asked that those with whom he delegated tasks complete them before the next meeting. He also asked the group to review the rest of the spreadsheet and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Uhl then asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Resanovich – First; Dr. Charlton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Next meeting:

December 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the ODPS conference room 1102.

Recap of Action Items/Goals

Mr. Dutton will provide a rough draft of the flowchart for the December 5th meeting.

Mr. Dutton will obtain additional information on utilizing Kiteworks™.

Deputy Director Rob Wagoner will make contact with someone at the national level regarding the “assist only” language.

Dr. Charlton will send his scope of practice matrix document to Mr. Uhl.

Dr. Charlton will discuss nasotracheal intubation at the next Medical Oversight Committee meeting.

Dr. Charlton will discuss 12-lead EKGs relating to the scope of practice matrix at the next Medical Oversight Committee meeting.

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