CRITICAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2022

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 1107

Committee Members Present: Amy Haughn, Diane Simon, Julie Rose, Robert Norton, Ruda Jenkins, Sean Powers, Thomas Allenstein, Scott Melling

Committee Members Absent: Daniel Heuchert, Jason Waltmire, Kent Appelhans

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Dave Fiffick, Stephanie Ferguson, Aaron Jennings, Beverly Cooper and Amanda Harper

Visitor: Nate Jennings, Cherie Pepping

Welcome and Introduction – Julie Rose brought the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Approval of October 19, 2021 Minutes

Ms. Rose asked for a motion to approve the October 19, 2021 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as written.


Committee Members:

There are currently 11 members on the committee, 4 vacant positions. Committee agreed to adding 4 new members: Cherie Pepping, Christopher Blake, Kevin Barchy and Christopher Grosch. Will be taken to the Board on February 16, 2022 for approval. We will continue to monitor committee member attendance.
HB 138 and Amendments:

HB 138 covers, and cleans up language, that every level of certification has to have a Medical Director and has to cover protocol, or can take verbal guidance from a Physician, staying within their scope of practice. This also cleans up language with the new DNR legislation, through the department of Health. There was a split that didn’t allow EMS to accept a DNR that was signed by a Certified Nurse Practitioner or Physician’s Assistant. It does not cover the balanced billing, which was attempted to be put in there also. This has all passed the House, but is sitting in the Senate currently.

There are 3 amendments to HB 138: 1) allowing EMT’s to do the nasal swabs for Covid. 2) changing medical direction, stating that everyone follows the same guidelines and no specialty is needed as long as they fulfill the requirements that the state board puts into place for a medical director. However, it takes out the Emergency Medical background language. 3) Ambulance Staffing- any transport other than an emergency transport would only require one certified EMT/Paramedic on board and a noncertified driver.

Committee discussion on what requirements are for a qualified medical director. The medical director for an EMS agency must be active in emergency medicine. The committee has had past discussions regarding medical director for a MoICU or now a Mobile Stroke Unit. Should the medical direction requirements be the same or more in line with the type of patients they transport. This issue was presented to the medical oversee committee and it was determined that all medical directors should be active in emergency medicine.

The Ambulance rules with changes have passed JCARR on February 2, 2022. The Rules that do not have changes will pass on February 27, 2022. These rules include the new BLS non-emergency only level of ambulance service. The same thing one if the amendments addresses in HB 138. With the growing shortage of certified personnel, the addition of the BLS non-emergency only ambulance should help to get more ambulances on the road freeing emergency ambulances for emergencies and not doing non-emergent transports. ODPS legislative liaisons are working with the Sen. Huffman, the sponsor of the amendments, informing him of the revised ambulance rules and the BLS non-emergency only ambulance that can be staffed with an EMT or higher and a noncertified driver.

These changes will not be put into action until the Amendment language is finalized.
**Status of MoICU and Ambulette Rules:**

Ms. Cooper stated it was filed with CSI on December 29, 2021. She is expecting to hear a response in March. They will then be filed with JCARR. JCARR has about 65 days to respond. All should go into effect July 1-15th 2022. All requirements were met on getting everything in on time.

**Review Inspection Forms:**

The committee did a final review all MoICU and Mobile Stroke Unit inspection forms for any updates or changes.

The reviewed inspection forms will be taken to the Board for approval on February 16, 2022.

**Identify Air Ambulance Issues:** Helicopter Shopping – Review OACCT Documents

Tabled until June 14, 2022

**Next Committee Meeting:** June 14, 2022 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.
ODPS Conference Room 1107

**ACTION:** Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Haughn– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.