



CRITICAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2019

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conf. Rm.1107

Committee Members Present: Kent Appelhans, Amy Haughn, Daniel Heuchert, Robert Martin, Natasha Meinert, Rob Norton, Julie Rose, Diane Simon, Jason Waltmire

Committee Members Absent: Tristan Croomer, Samantha Gee, Linda Hines, Ruda Jenkins, Ryan Sullivan, Paul Thomas

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Dave Fiffick, Stephanie Ferguson, Beverly Cooper and Attorney Michael Wise

Visitor: Tom Allenstein

Welcome and Introduction – Julie Rose brought the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Rose asked for a motion to approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Critical Care Sub-Committee Meeting minutes from August 20, 2019. Mr. Applehans – First. Mr. Norton– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Committee Members

New Committee Member, Jason Waltmire, was present. Mr. Waltmire works for the University of Toledo.

Rules Update

Chapter 5, 4766-5, were filed with J-CAR in August. Wednesday October 16th, at the Board meeting will be the public hearing in regards to the rules. The Committee doesn't need to do anything with these rules right now, and the board will not be voting on them tomorrow yet either.

Rule Package number 3, is for revisions to a couple of smaller items that needed things to be rearranged in the paragraphs of the laws due to new laws that have passed. Amendments to the Ambulette rules in regards to the Passenger Assistance Training will now state that these courses are good for 3 years.

The Mobile Intensive Care Rules that were passed in 2017, there was an error in it related to the mileage. It was said that 20,000 mile inspections would be done, at 20,000 mile intervals for higher mileage vehicles. It should have been reported as 25,000 miles. This will be corrected in the rule.

Some of the rules have to be filed with CSI and some are filed with only JCAR. The board will be asked on October 16th, to approve the 3 rules with CSI and 6 rules with JCAR.

4766-4-01 is a definition rule. If a change is decided upon, this will be added into the same change request as the mileage change.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Rules Updates for Air Medical Rules, MoICU Rules and Miscellaneous Corrections. Ms. Meinert – First. Mr. Heuchert– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Critical Care Paramedic Certification / Endorsement

At the meeting on August 20, 2019, the committee revised language in the endorsement. Most of the changes that were made were in regards to how the endorsement will be handled by the division and how it would be tracked. Previously it read that the certificate would be required to be turned into the division of EMS and that the division would record it. Due to the complexity of the software changes that would be required, this was revised during the August 20th meeting, that the qualification shall be maintained and provided upon board request.

The employee can still submit the proof to the division of EMS and a comment can be made in their system file with the division of EMS, however, no changes will be made to their current certification cards to reflect this endorsement. The division of EMS also will not require that this endorsement / certification be renewed or maintained upon the expiration. It will be up to the certificate holder to maintain it on their own freewill. If an instance ever came up that proof was needed, the division of EMS would have the right to request that the proof of certification / endorsement be provided by the certificate / endorsement holder.

**The ultimate goal of the committee with this certification / endorsement is to eventually get this endorsement on the card of the holders, but that is a long term goal due to the complexity of the IT systems that the Department of Public Safety currently has.*

ACTION: Motion to approve the Critical Care Paramedic Endorsement. Mr. Applehans – First. Mr. Martin– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Letter from Dr. Zeeb

Dr. Paul Zeeb wrote a letter to the Chair of the committee in regards to agencies “helicopter shopping” and requesting the committee to support their mission and moving this issue to the EMFTS board. This letter stems from the fatal helicopter crash in January of 2019 by a Survival Flight operated air service.

More discussion will continue at future meetings about the possibility of adding rules in regards to weather situations, denial of response to scenes, and specific questions that should be asked in regards to if other services have been requested and have turned down the call.

MolCU Medical Director Discussion

Also in the MolCU rule updates is the Medical Director Requirements that are laid out in OAC 4766-4-01. Currently in the MolCU definitions, medical director means an “Ohio licensed physician that meets the Ohio license requirements set forth in ORC 4765”, which are the same requirements as an ambulance service medical director. Some MolCU use internal medicine or intensiveness as their medical directors.

A communication to the MolCU services will request information about who they are currently using as their medical directors and what their level of licensure is. This information will be gathered in order to determine if there is a law or rule change that needs to take place in regards to MolCU services and their medical directors certifications. A few examples that will be considered as specialty licensures: Pediatrics, Neonates, Cardiovascular, and Neurology.

Adjourn

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Martin – First. Mr. Applehans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next Committee Meeting: December 17, 2019 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.
ODPS Room 1107