CRITICAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2021

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 1106

Committee Members Present: Amy Haughn, Diane Simon, Jason Waltmire, Julie Rose, Kent Appelhans, Natasha Meinert, Robert Norton, Ruda Jenkins, Sean Powers, Thomas Allenstein

Committee Members Absent: Daniel Heuchert,

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

Visitor: Dave DeVore, Christopher Grosch

Welcome and Introduction -- Julie Rose brought the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Approval of August 17, 2021 Minutes

Ms. Rose asked for a motion to approve the August 17, 2021 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as written.


Committee Members:

There are currently 11 members on the committee, 4 vacant positions. There have been 2 applications that have come in. Ms. Rose is looking for someone from the southeastern side of the state, possibly a physician that would be interested in coming onto the committee.
Application from Scott Melling was received from the Dayton, Ohio area, whom is a paramedic from the Kettering Health System. Also an application from Cherie Pepping, whom does not reside within the state of Ohio, nor a surrounding state. Ms. Rose had requested Ms. Pepping apply for a position on the committee. Due to the distance for Ms. Pepping, Ms. Rose will invite her to the December committee meeting, and then letting Ms. Pepping decide if she would be able to commit to the meeting attendance and want to still join.

One visitor that was in attendance will also be submitting his application for the committee after this meeting.

**Review MoICU Rules:**

The group reviewed the changes to the [MoICU Rules, OAC 4766-4](https://example.com), since the last meeting. The plan is to send the newest revisions to the Common Sense Intuitive (CSI) after the approval at the board meeting on October 20, 2021. No major changes have been made to the rule since the August meeting. The Mobile Stroke Unit is being added to the rule due to it not being mentioned in the rule before. In the Vehicle inspection section, the Mobile Stroke Unit inspection form was added to the rule.

Specifically, OAC 4766-4-13, Staffing Compliance, will address the requirements of the staffing on the Mobile Stroke Units. The proposed language is: OAC 4766-4-13 (C) when operating as a mobile stroke unit, staffing shall consist of a minimum of three providers whose licenses, registrations, and/or certifications to include a registered radiologic technologist to operate the computed tomography (CT) machine; a registered nurse; and at a minimum, one certified EMT and one certified paramedic. One of the providers may hold dual certifications.

Additional discussion was held, with input on the staffing requirements for the Mobile Stroke Unit, what licensure & training each personnel must have in order to properly staff and operate the Mobile Stroke Unit. Discussion was held about the compliance of the staffing requirements that are in [ORC 4765.43](https://example.com) as well as [ORC 4766.03](https://example.com). ORC 4766.03 (C) does state that a “MoICU unit is exempt from the EMT Staffing requirements in ORC 4765.43 when it is staffed by at least one physician or registered nurse, and another person, designated by a physician, who holds a valid license or certificate to practice health care profession, and when at least one of the persons staffing the MoICU is a registered nurse whose training meets or exceeds the training required for a paramedic.”

**Review Inspection Forms:**

Tabled until the December 14, 2021 meeting.
Identify Air Ambulance Issues:

A prior issue existed of how air medical ambulances are being requested. An Ohio Physician had sent a letter to the committee roughly 2 years prior about the issues of "helicopter shopping". The problem more-so comes from the requesting party, not the air medical service itself. This committee does not have jurisdiction over the requesting parties for air medical.

At the suggestion of Mr. Allenstein, consultation with The Ohio Association of Critical Care Transport (OACCT) about helicopter shopping would be necessary in regards to the white paper they may have about the issue, and to bring it to the EMFATS board to also be discussed and considered. FFA 135 is the governing code for air medical services. This issue seems to also be passing on to the ambulance services as well. Requesting parties are not getting the answer they want when they request the service, so they move on to the next service until they get the response that they want. It is also suggested by Mr. Allenstein that this group should endorse a white paper on the issue, and send it to the Ohio Hospital Association.

Further discussion and possible action will be discussed by the group during the December meeting.

Open Discussion:

The private sector of Medical Transportation, has not received the same ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds that public sectors have from the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Ohio Ambulance and Medical Transportation Association (OAMTA) is requesting a $10,000 grant, per licensed ambulance in the state of Ohio. Ms. Rose will get more information for the committee to bring to the December meeting.

Aaron Jennings did bring to the attention of the committee that the consideration of the ARPA funds are currently in the ODPS Directors office for consideration of how the funds will be distributed, and it’s not just the Division of EMS that has requests out there, it’s every agency in the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Next Committee Meeting: December 14, 2021 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.
ODPS Conference Room 1107


Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.