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## Education Committee

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

**~Final~**

Minutes of the EMS Education Committee meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams. On June 16, 2020, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chair George Snyder called the meeting to order at 11:39 am. No quorum at this time.  
Quorum achieved at 11:47am.

#### **II. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: (Chair) George Snyder, (Vice Chair) Susan Kearns, Rick Busch, Daniel Heuchert, Jeffrey Hill, Mark Mankins, Matthew Phillips and David Yarmesch

Committee Members Absent: Eric Burgess, Tristian Coomer, Chuck Sowerbrower and Joshua Tilton

EMS Staff Members Present: State Medical Director Carol Cunningham, EMS Executive Director Robert Wagoner, EMS Chief of Education and Testing James Burke, EMS Chief of Certifications Ellen Owens, EMS Project Administrator 2 Kris Miller and EMS Administrative Professional 2 Sarah Hall

Public Present:

Great Oaks Program Director Johnny Mason and Bruce Shade

#### **III. Open Forum**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EMS employees have switched from in-house computers to remote home access. This has created a delay in the completion of information that was to be discussed in the Old Business section of the meeting.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Education Committee meeting minutes from August 20, 2019. Mr. Matthew Phillips – First. Mr. Richard Busch – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

**V. Work Group Assignments and Updates**

**a. Quality Continuing Education Work Group Members:**

Quality Continuing Education Work Group Update:

Mr. Yarmesch - No update

**b. Cross Training with Law Enforcement Work Group Members:**

Cross Training with Law Enforcement Work Group Update:

Mr. Burke - No update

**VI. HR Ad Hoc with the EMFTS Board Members**

HR Ad Hoc with the EMFTS Board Update:

No meetings have taken place, per Rob Wagoner

**VII. New Business**

Dr. Carol Cunningham – The Federal Government level has requested all states develop a burn surge program, due to a high potential for terrorist attacks dealing with fire.

The Ohio Department of Health has been working with hospitals to create the Ohio Burn Surge Plan. The training is developed as maximum care for the community as a whole.

There was a discussion to present to the EMFTS Board in August of 2020 the EMS PowerPoint training module for a burn surge plan. This will be optional training in support of Ohio Trauma Triage. The training will be counted as additional continuing education.

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**ACTION: Motion to recommend approval for optional training of the Ohio Burn Surge training program.**  
*Mr. Rick Busch – First. Mr. Daniel Heuchert – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.*

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Chair Snyder introduced Ohio House Bill 441, which will require police and EMS to be trained on interacting with people with dementia. Dr. Cunningham and Chief Burke are looking into options for training.

**VIII. Old Business**

Scope of Practice and Protocol Update:

Procedural language is currently being developed for bodily fluid specimen testing and has not been submitted to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) at this time.

COVID 19 - If the specimen fluid being tested is not collected from the correct anatomic site or the site of infection, a false negative may be reported. Currently, the testing of blood is the only bodily fluid referred to in rule and taught in schools. Ellen Owens - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) states the EMFTS Board must establish curriculum. The Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4765-7-02 for EMS accreditation requires the schools to teach the state approved curriculum for specific certification levels. The OAC curriculum rules for each procedure require the training to be taught in accordance with the National EMS education standards approved by NITSA, the EMFTS Board, and added to the Ohio Scope of Practice listing. Any procedure in the Ohio Scope of Practice must be taught in training facilities according to specific levels. The current scope of practice for Paramedic, Advanced EMT, EMT and EMR would need to be changed. A reference guide would need to be developed in order to distinguish which skills are mandatory and which are optional.

Susan Kearns - Adding training requirements adds credit hours, which adds costs for training facilities. Students need to spend a certain amount of time mastering the basic requirements. By adding more to the syllabus, it takes time away from basic skills and knowledge. Due to COVID-19, universities are shortening the semester dates, while schools still need to administer current training and maintain social distancing.

Jeffrey Hill - Is concerned, we continue to add training which students are not tested on because it is not included in the National Registry EMT exam.

Bruce Shade – A discussion occurred on pre certification of the basic skills, followed by post certification, catalog courses to enhance the knowledge after mastering the basic skills.

**ACTION: Motion for the EMS Education Committee in cooperation with the EMS Scope of Practice Committee to investigate the concept of requiring Pre Certification and Optional Post Certification training as it pertains to the Ohio Scope of Practice in educational institutions and consider rewriting the applicable administrative code rules to reflect those changes.** Rick Busch – First. Matthew Phillips & Susan Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

### **Hybrid Training:**

Rick Busch is testing a hybrid-training program. The didactic portion started in March, and mid-terms were taken the first week of June. The curriculum used is written by Jones and Bartlett Learning, combined with Zoom meetings and twice per month face-to-face eight-hour contact for skill evaluation. The Four County Career Center is tracking the hours for completion. Dr. Cunningham voiced a concern about a drop in enrollment and added, “on-line classes do not support the current cost of the in-house programs”. Kris Miller announced the amount of courses affected by COVID- 19 as follows: 249 courses, 77 waited on approval for training changes, the remainder went to online hybrid training, and 10 courses cancelled.

### **Human Trafficking**

James Burke – The EMS Education Committee approved a course as an option for continuing education on the ODPS training campus. Due to COVID-19 it has been delayed. We will have more information by the next meeting.

### **CAPCE**

Ohio EMS has requested an additional meeting with CAPCE to clarify F4 and F5 continuing education training.

### **Instructor I vs Instructor II**

James Burke – In past meetings we have discussed creating a public safety instructor course. EMS currently has a draft plan that will be sent out to the EMS Education Committee for review and discussion at the next meeting.

### **EMR & EMT Manuals**

James Burke - the manuals were sent out to the Education Committee earlier this year. Kris Miller reported some of the information was not received due to challenges with remote access. Chief Burke and Ms. Miller will be resending the information and suggestions for review in the August meeting.

### **Good of the order**

Chair Snyder and the entire committee expressed their appreciation for Mr. Mankins generous service on the education committee. Mark Mankins will be retiring at the end of the month. He has been involved with EMS committees since 1988.

### **Adjourn:**

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**ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 2:02 pm.** Mr. Mankins – First. Ms. Phillips – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1107, Columbus, Ohio 43223. 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.