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## Education Committee

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

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Minutes of the EMS Education Committee meeting held via Microsoft Teams. On August 18, 2020  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

I. **Call to Order:** 11:35 am achieved quorum at 11:51 am

II. **Roll Call:**

**Present:** George Snyder (Chair), John Bichard, Richard Busch, Jeffrey Hill, Scott Kaminski, Matthew Phillips, Bruce Shade and Chuck Sowerbrower

**Absent:** Susan Kearns (Vice Chair), Eric Burgess, Daniel Heuchert and David Yarmesch

**Visitors:** Julie Leonard and Gabrielle Basinski

**EMS Staff:** EMS Executive Director Rob Wagoner, EMS Chief of Education and Fire Testing James Burke, EMS Chief of Certifications Ellen Owens, Program Administrator II of Accreditation Kris Miller, Program Administrator II of Continuing Education Carol Savage, EMS Program Administrator EMS for Children Joe Stack and EMS Administrative Professional II Sarah Hall.

III. **Open forum**

a. Welcome for new members:

- o Scott Kaminski - Ohio EMS provider for 32 years instructor 10 years
- o Bruce Shade - EMS Cleveland retired after 30 years. Currently working at Cleveland Clinic at Hillcrest hospital as an EMS education provider
- o John Bichard - Firefighter and EMS for 28 years. Currently a CE and EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course) instructor

b. Child maltreatment modules

Dr. Julie Leonard requested a second child maltreatment module containing an overview of provider's expectation be presented to the EMFTS board.

**ACTION:** *Motion to recommend approval of the child maltreatment module II continuing education training, pending technical correction with clarification on parental or guardian refusal for treatment and transport of a sick or injured child.* Mr. Sowerbrower – First. Mr. Busch – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION:** *Motion to approve the Education Committee meeting minutes from June 16, 2020.* Mr. Shade – First. Mr. Phillips – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**V. Work Group Assignments and Updates**

- a. Quality Continuing Education Work Group Update: No update
- b. Cross Training with Law Enforcement Work Group Update: No updates

**VI. HR AD Hoc with the EMFTS Board**

- a. HR Ad Hoc has not met due to state of emergency, they are scheduled to meet next Thursday

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. Dementia training – Mr. Burke has located courses on line and will be sending to the committee members for review.
- b. EMR and EMT Manual Update – Education Committee members received EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) & EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) manuals by email for review. Mr. Burke requested members to volunteer for a subcommittee. Subject matter experts are to work with Ms. Miller and himself to review details, revise skills and skill sheet templates, and to assist with scenarios for the October meeting. Findings will be sent to the education committee members. The potential changes will not be into effect until the schools have plenty of time to prepare.

EMR & EMT Subcommittee Members:

- o Bruce Shade
  - o Chuck Sowerbrower
  - o Jeffrey Hill
  - o Scott Kaminski
- c. Public Safety Instructor I & II Course Review – Education Committee members received information on instructor levels by email for review. Mr. Burke again requested members to volunteer for a subcommittee, which will meet with members from the Firefighter & Fire Safety Inspector Training Sub Committee along with Law Enforcement. A discussion ensued noting, this level is for law enforcement as well as EMT and fire. All current instructors are entered as Instructor I, active members wanting the Instructor II certification, would have to pass additional requirements to meet the qualifications of Instructor II. The scope of levels are Instructor I will teaching course. Instructor II will developed course material and overseeing the instruction. Mr. Burke noted the goal is to work in concert with all areas to review requirements to prepare and evaluate the details; this is a long procedure and requires many Ohio Administrative Rule changes.

Public Safety Instructor I & II Subcommittee Members:

- o Matthew Phillips
  - o Bruce Shade
  - o Scott Kaminski

Matthew Phillips suggested we have three subcommittees one for fire and one for EMS and one for Law Enforcement.

**IX. Early Physio motor skills for EMT & EMR**

When the state of emergency was announced, we worked with several schools to find a solution in regards to the computer entry for skill test with National Registry on the Paramedic level. Ohio training facilities are now requesting we have the same procedure for early physio motor skills at the EMR and EMT level. The approval of the paramedic level was based on inability to have NR (National Registry) skills testing in alignment with class schedules. The EMR and EMT

levels do not require an outside entity to be present for testing; therefore, there is no need to have a procedure for early physio motor skills for EMT & EMR levels. The EMFTS board tasked the Ohio Division of EMS to identify avenues to work with the training facilities to complete skills, ride time and course material. Ms. Miller stated the end date of the class is a target date when submitting the course request and can be moved to accommodate for training delays. Mr. Burke will be meeting with the Ohio Division of Public Safety attorney, Mike Wise to check on the rule translation. How can we have a procedure for the Paramedic level and not the EMT and EMR level? Matthew Phillips requested Mike Wise's findings be distributed to committee members. Bruce Shade opened the question, how do we handle the next pandemic? Ms. Miller noted, all schools have been asked to write a disruption policy and procedure for future disruptions. The committee was asked and the majority of education committee members choose not to pursue the issue of early examination for EMR and EMT levels.

Mr. Wagoner suggested the National Registry increase the number of trained individuals meeting standards to administer practical exams, to allow more exams to be scheduled to have testing sooner and efficiently in Ohio.

**Provisional Certificates:**

National Registry recognizes a provisional card after taking only the cognitive exam. The State of Ohio requires cognitive and physcomotor skills before issuance of an Ohio certification card.

Mr. Sowerbrower questioned: how did nursing do a temporary license without rule or law? Mr. Burke will review this issue.

**Good of the order**

No issues

**Adjourn:**

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**ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 1:27 pm.** Mr. Phillips – First. Mr. Hill – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 20, 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.