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

Final

Meeting Minutes of the EMS Education Committee meeting held via Microsoft Teams. On December 15, 2020 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

I. Call to Order

Chair, George Snyder called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Richard Busch, Daniel Heuchert, Jeffrey Hill, Susan Kearns, Matthew Phillips, Amy Raubenolt, Bruce Shade, George Snyder and Chuck Sowerbrower.

Committee Members Absent: John Bichard, Eric Burgess, Scott Kaminski and David Yarmesch

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:
EMS Executive Director, Rob Wagoner
EMS Education/Fire-Testing Chief, James Burke
EMS APII of Accreditation, Kris Miller
EMS APII, Sarah Hall

Public Present: This meeting was conducted utilizing Microsoft Teams, which allows the public to attend anonymously.

III. Open forum:

Steven Click to speak on Question Persuade and Refer (QPR) suicide awareness training.

IV. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve the Education Committee meeting minutes from October 20, 2020. Ms. Raubenolt – First. Mr. Shade – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.
V. Work Group Assignments and Updates

a. Quality Continuing Education Work Group Members:

Mr. Hill
Mr. Yarmesch
Mr. Burke as the EMS liaison

Quality Continuing Education Work Group Update: No update at this time.

b. Cross Training with Law Enforcement Work Group Members:

Eric Burgess
Daniel Heuchert
James Burke as the EMS liaison

Cross Training with Law Enforcement Work Group Update: The subcommittee is working with The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) to obtain the tactical EMT courses upcoming, and were provided with information on resiliency for EMS and Fire in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health Services and The Ohio Fire Academy.

c. Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) for EMS:

The EMS Systems Development Committee has created an EVOC Subcommittee. Mr. Phillips from our EMS Education Committee has agreed to participate, his contact information has been forwarded, and he is waiting on details for the first meeting.

VI. Subcommittee Updates:

a. EMR & EMT Manual Update:

The Subcommittee has had their fifth meeting composed of editing the EMR & EMT manual. The EMR & EMT certification evaluations currently contain seven skill stations. A detailed discussion ensued on Supraglottic pediatric, adult airway and critical thinking skills at the EMT level. A form will be created to track individual skills integrating complicated scenarios. Ms. Miller agreed to create a survey to be sent out to program directors for their input on skill station details.

b. Public Safety Instructor I & II Subcommittee Update:

The Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) rules that will need to be revised to support the Public Safety Instructor I & II certifications are drafted and will be discussed at the next EMFTS Board meeting.

VII. HR AD Hoc with the EMFTS Board Member Update:

HR AD Hoc with the EMFTS Board Update: No update at this time.
VIII. **Old Business:**

a. NREMT state provisional certification update: NREMT will no longer be offering the provisional certification after December 1, 2020, those that were granted provisional certification would have until December 1, 2021 to become fully certified. House Bill 197 stated nursing board provisional certification and did not include EMS provisional certifications.

b. Training for COVID vaccination series injections by Ohio EMS Providers: Mr. Burke is coordinating with the Public Safety Training Campus to upload the vaccination training. Dr. Cunningham is working on the time line for the vaccinations and live training locations, the information will be posted on the EMS website. The guidelines for vaccination are based on the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and Pharmaceutical standards.

IX. **New Business:**

Steven Click – First Responder Liaison to the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services. Mr. Click discussed a program called Question Persuade and Refer (QPR). A national evidence based program which provides education, prevention and awareness for suicide issues. QPR has developed education modules. The modules are approximately two hours in length to educate on the signs of individuals who could be in crisis. How to ask the right questions and how to develop a plan in a crisis. The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation has identified first responders as an at risk group. Mr. Click is requesting that QPR be added to a basic training program. Chair Snyder noted mental health is valuable training, however would suggest the training be introduced as continuing education and not in the course curriculum. Mr. Click noted that the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation is working on funding for QPR Instructor training. The QPR instructor course would cost $500.00. The cost for the student program is $30.00 and the cost of a book. Mr. Snyder suggested we note in the EMS website that the training is available. Below is contact information for Steven Click.

Steven.click@mha.ohio.gov

https://www.qprinstitute.com/

**ACTION:** Motion to post Question Persuade and Refer (QPR) training link on the EMS Division website for first responders. Mr. Burgess – First. Mr. Shade – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

X. **Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Motion to adjourn at 1:24 pm. Mr. Shade – First. Mr. Phillips – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 via Microsoft Teams 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.