

MEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	April 18, 2017	9:34 a.m. – 11:34 a.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS, Room 1102 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Committee Members:</u> Geoff Dutton – Chair, Dr. Thomas Charlton, Dr. Eric Cortez, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, James Davis, Mark Marchetta, Dr. Daniel Schwerin, Tami Wires, Allen Young.</p> <p><u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</u> Dr. Carol Cunningham, John Molnar, Susan Edwards.</p> <p><u>Visitors and Guests:</u> Dr. Paul Zeeb, Kent Appelhans.</p>		
ABSENT	Martin Fuller, Brent Paraquette, Eric Wiedlebacher.		
AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	Announcements and Introductions		
Geoff Dutton	Dr. Zeeb’s and Dr. Charlton’s committee applications will be taken to the Board on April 19, 2017.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Present applications to EMFTS Board for approval.		Geoff Dutton	April 19,2017
Approval of Minutes (December 2016)			
Geoff Dutton	Meeting minutes from the December 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Dr. Schwerin, seconded by Mr. Marchetta. All in favor. None opposed. Minutes approved.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None			
OLD BUSINESS			
TOPIC	Board decision regarding IV Transports		
Geoff Dutton	At the December meeting, a motion was made to remove the destination from the IV transport and was approved by the Board. This changed the Committee recommendation from October.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None			
TOPIC	Discontinuation of Wallet Cards by the State Medical Board of Ohio		
Dr. Cunningham	The State Medical Board of Ohio discontinued the issuance of wallet cards in September 2015. An option to request a wallet card during the initial and renewal licensure process was supposed to be added to the website by March 2017; however, it is not posted yet. Dr. Cunningham made calls to the Medical Board and is waiting for a response. Discussion ensued regarding possible options available.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Present to EMTFS Board for review and recommendation.		Geoff Dutton	April 19,2017

NEW BUSINESS

TOPIC**Review of Strategic Plan and discussion of new focus areas**

The Committee has been asked to review the strategic plan, settle on the status of items previously assigned to the Committee, and identify new focus areas to address in the future.

Action step 1.1 was to support the Ohio Chapter of American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in updating and enhancing the Ohio EMS Medical Director course.

Action step 1.1.1 – Provide input to areas of medical director course where appropriate marked as *Ongoing*. The consensus of the Committee was that this should be changed to *Completed* as the course has been updated, is available online, and is easy to access. Action step 1.1.2 has already marked as completed.

Action step 1.2 - Seek statutory authority to develop and require medical director certification for all agency medical directors. A discussion ensued. The decision was made to retain the key objective as pending but to address the action steps with a non-statutory list developed from information currently within the DEMS and its grants databases with legislation as a long-term plan.

Action steps 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 are marked as *Completed*. The consensus of the Committee is that 1.3.3 should also be marked as complete as the rules have been revised.

Discussion of new Strategies & Goals ensued. The consensus of the Committee was reach to include four goals as follows:

Geoff Dutton

Action step 1.1 - Recognize and engage physicians who meet the qualifications to serve as an EMS medical director

Action step 1.2 - Engage the Pharmacy Board and advocate for change regarding issues that affect emergency medical providers.

In addition to obtaining list of medical directors, there is an issue with the requirements regarding wet signatures and/or biometric validation. Dr. Charlton stated that problems were occurring because it is difficult to obtain the correct wet signatures or biometric screening required by the Board of Pharmacy, and the Board is threatening to revoke pharmacy licenses of EMS organizations because of incorrect signatures. Dr. Schwerin gave an example of a township that created a form approved by the [Pharmacy] Board that allows just the form to be printed and signed instead of the entire record which is scanned and added to the record. A question was raised regarding which states require wet signatures or biometrics in lieu of signatures. Dr. Charlton stated that money and effort have been expended for the PCR systems. People are now being told they are non-compliant and may lose license because this interpretation is now being enforced. Dr. Cunningham suggested research on cost and availability of biometric systems. Mr. Davis suggested that this committee recommend that the Executive Director contact and meet with the Pharmacy Board director. Dr. Cunningham stated that cost would be important to have at such a meeting. Dr. Charlton agreed to get pricing.

Action step 1.3 - Re-evaluate the currently required continuing education (CE) hours in light of the new law allowing 1/3 of CE hours to be fulfilled through volunteer work to underserved and/or underprivileged communities

Action step 1.4 Define and establish a support system for pediatric emergency medicine and enhance ability and interaction of pediatric support statewide.

The creation of a day-long conference for medical directors was proposed and various ideas were discussed. Early October 2017 was suggested as a proposed target date for the conference. The consensus of the Committee was that the fall date would be best and that planning should begin as soon as possible. Dr. Zeeb will present a formal outline at the next meeting, and it can then be taken to the EMFTS Board for approval.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Outline of suggested conference.	Dr. Zeeb	June 20

TOPIC	Ad Hoc Committee on Chapter 8 and Distance Learning
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John Molnar

The Chapter 8 distance learning issue was something that MOC and the Education Committee were planning on exploring a while ago, but somehow it went by the wayside. Most of the topics that need to be addressed are the certification components; however, this is already being examined with regards to the rules. One of the questions that has been raised is related to reciprocity. For example, someone takes an online course, then finds a clinical site to take the practical exam, and passes the National Registry exam. Then, the person goes to another state to get certified and then applies for reciprocity in Ohio. The EMFTS Board, via regulation, will need to decide if this is appropriate and permissible. One of the suggestions was to create an ad hoc committee with one or two members from the MOC, the Education Committee, and the DEMS staff to try to vet through some of the components. The proposed ad hoc committee would determine if they should make a recommendation to the EMFTS Board whether or not to accept that kind of training and what standards should be used for the acceptance of training through reciprocity. Most distance learning opportunities originate from outside of Ohio and, although they follow the national curriculum, they do not necessarily follow the Ohio curriculum. The reciprocity issue comes up 5 or 6 times a year; therefore, the EMFTS Board needs to decide if and how to manage this issue.

After a discussion regarding distance learning and the development of a curriculum, if it becomes authorized in Ohio, a motion was made that the Committee feels distance learning is an important issue and that the Education Committee is the appropriate committee to initially address it. Motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Schwerin.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Recommend that Education committee tackle the Distance Learning issue.		

TOPIC	Negative impedance threshold devices ResQGARD®
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Dr. Cunningham

This was addressed at the Board meeting. It was a nomenclature gap in the Ohio EMS scope of practice which did not address negative impedance threshold devices, e.g.

ResQGARD®. It came up a year ago in reference to grants, but the Board did not consider it to be a priority for grants. It was covered in a memo of Board actions last month.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None.		

TOPIC	Curriculum Gap Analysis	
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James Davis
 Mr. Davis requested a gap analysis comparing the national curriculum with what is in place in Ohio. Dr. Cunningham responded that a gap analysis was previously completed at the time that the EMS Board adopted the National EMS Scope of Practice Model as the foundation for the Ohio EMS scope of practice. A new project has been started to revise and update the National EMS Scope of Practice Model; however this will take least 18 months to complete. There may be a few changes.

Mr. Davis discussed continuing education for CPR and the cost of these courses. A discussion about ACLS and other courses that issue “merit badges” ensued. Mr. Appelhans stated that CMS requires ACLS certification for the staff members of ambulances. A brief discussion ensued regarding demonstrated competency versus assigned required education hours, developing a state module, and CMS certification. It was decided to add this as a topic for discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Review CMS requirements at next meeting.		June 20, 2017

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:32 a.m. by Dr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Charlton. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next meetings: (Bi-monthly, TUESDAY before the third WEDNESDAY of the month at 9:30am except for December, which is the Tuesday before the second Wednesday).

- Tuesday, August 15, 2017.
- Tuesday, October 17, 2017.
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

 Geoff Dutton, Chair

 Date