



MEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2019

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Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present:

Geoffrey Dutton, Chair; Mark Resanovich, Vice-Chair, Dr. Thomas Charlton, Martin Fuller, Rob Martin, Tami Wires, Allen Young, Dr. Paul Zeeb

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Eric Cortez, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Daniel Heuchert, Ryan Sullivan, Jason Waltmire

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director; Deputy Director Rob Wagoner; James Burke, EMS Chief, Education/Fire Testing; Beverly Cooper, EMS Business Operations Coordinator; David Fiffick, Chief, EMS Medical Transportation; Jayn Mayton, EMS Support

Public Present: Dr. Sharon Mace, emergency physician, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. James Sauto, EMS physician, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Ms. Laura Tiberi, Executive Director, Ohio chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP)

Welcome and Introduction

Chair Dutton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting were approved, upon condition that Martin Fuller shows as “present” instead of “absent” in the attendance.

ACTION: Motion was made to approve the Medical Oversight Committee meeting minutes from April 16, 2019, upon the condition that Martin Fuller's name be reflected as "Present" instead of "Absent". Dr. Charlton – First. Mr. Martin – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Board Update – Chair Dutton

Not given.

Old Business

Strategic plan update – workgroup reports

No reports given on pain management for EMS, medical director, or evidence-based research.

HR Ad Hoc Committee:

The first meeting of the Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee was held in May. Mr. Resanovich, the HR Ad Hoc Committee chair, presented a summary of the meeting. The Committee identified tasks that needed to be done and created individual work groups to expedite the achievement of the identified goals. Extracting from the strategic plan, the EMFTS Board's assignments were divided amongst the members. The next meeting will be June 19th at 8:30 a.m. On July 25, 2019, the monthly meetings will commence their regular schedule of the fourth Thursdays of each month. Mr. Resanovich is hoping to add at least four more members to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Scope of practice:

Mr. Wagoner provided a report on the Scope of Practice Ad Hoc Committee. Its first meeting will be tomorrow, June 19th, at 8:30 am. He would like to add one more member to the committee. Dr. Cunningham discussed sharing the gap analysis which shows where Ohio's current scope of practice falls below the revised National EMS Scope of Practice Model as well as other topics with which the MOC membership is familiar. It was agreed it would be appropriate for her to share these items with the Scope of Practice Ad Hoc Committee.

Dr. Charlton asked about an email he received regarding applying to the Scope of Practice Committee. He thought this email was strange because he didn't have to do respond to an email for the other ad hoc committees upon which he serves. Chair Dutton asked to see the email.

Action Item: Dr. Charlton to forward email stating that "application to committee required" to Chair Dutton to look into.

Ultrasound-guided peripheral IV access research study request

Dr. Sauto and Dr. Mace, emergency physicians from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, presented a packet of documents to submit to the EMFTS Board as part of their request for a waiver of the Ohio EMS scope of practice to conduct a research study for ultrasound-guided peripheral IV access. An IRB approval letter was among the documents that were requested by the MOC Committee at their April 2019 meeting. Multiple supporting handouts were distributed.

Dr. Mace explained the elements that will be included in the study. These elements were a lecture, training sessions on ultrasound techniques, a skill station specifically for ultrasound-guided IV placement, quizzes, and checklists. Upon a detailed review, one typographical error was found and a few clarifying details were requested to be added to the IRB approval letter and the checklist. Dr. Cunningham also suggested that the EMFTS Board would appreciate also having run data from the Lakewood Fire Department/Lakewood Emergency Medical Transport, which is partnering with the Cleveland Clinic for this study. It was determined that, because of these changes, the packet would not be able to be submitted to the EMFTS Board for approval until the August 21, 2019 Board meeting at the earliest. A motion was made to approve the packet and forward to the EMFTS Board, contingent upon the completion of the requested changes and resubmission of the packet.

ACTION: *Motion that the Committee approve the ultrasound-guided peripheral IV access research study with contingencies upon getting an updated IRB letter approving the change to the typographical error and with the extension date amended to reflect the new beginning and end date of the study, suggested changes to the checklist, and the inclusion of the run volume data.* Dr. Charlton – First. Dr. Zeeb– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Action Item: *Ask the Scope of Practice workgroup to create a checklist or flow chart to assist in the potentially lengthy and confusing process of preparing a packet and requesting the EMFTS Board for a scope of practice change.*

2019 Ohio EMS medical director conference update

Dr. Cunningham noted that the conference planning partners who are seeking CME approval for the event are in need of a framework for the conference by the end of today's committee meeting. After reviewing notable professionals in the EMS field who have already agreed to speak at the conference, and their topics, Dr. Cunningham opened the discussion for further topics. A segment on data is being developed with the assistance of Mr. Wagoner. Dr. Charlton offered to speak on how medical directors should be involved in medication safety for their agencies. Other suggestions were pediatric skill maintenance, infectious disease, and rural medicine topics. The EMFTS Board's project on revising the scope of practice could be explored with the medical directors at the conference to get their input. The idea of how to build bridges between EMS and law enforcement was offered. Dr. Cunningham is addressing some of those ideas in a future rescue task force conference. The Committee agreed that medical directors would be very interested in having a representative from the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy to review their rules. In discussing the topic of recognizing signs of emotional distress in the emergency medicine and EMS professions, the Committee noted that Hamilton County has a proven peer support group and they may be approached to send a representative to speak.

Action Item: *Mr. Resanovich has worked with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction, which has over a year's experience working with first responders. Mr. Resanovich will forward contact information to Dr. Cunningham.*

Laura Tiberi, Executive Director of Ohio ACEP, detailed the administrative requirements still needing to be completed for the conference, and their deadlines. It was agreed that the conference planners will be Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Zeeb. By August 15th, an agenda and a list of faculty for the CMEs are needed. As the faculty must include ACEP members, Dr. Charlton,

Dr. Zeeb, and Dr. Cortez will be listed. Disclosures from the faculty must be completed no later than September 15th.

New Business

Scope of practice change regarding transportation of non-emergency pediatric patients who are on a ventilator

Mr. David Fiffick, Chief, EMS Medical Transportation, informed the Committee about the current state of transportation for non-emergency pediatric patients who are on a ventilator. Their options are increasingly limited as wheelchair cabs and vans do not transport children who are bed confined, and an ambulance should only be used in the event of an emergency. Mr. Fiffick would like an alternative avenue of non-emergency medical transportation which can accommodate children on ventilators, including those who are bed-confined, paired with the ability to attend to needs with the tracheostomy tube en route if necessary. Dr. Cunningham read the opinion of Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Chair of the EMS – Children’s Committee, who was unable to attend in person: “Pediatric patients with tracheostomy tubes and on stable home ventilator settings should be able to be transported by ALS teams as long as primary reason for the transport is not of a respiratory nature. Also, a caretaker must accompany the patient, and the ALS team and caretaker must all be capable of trouble-shooting tracheostomy and ventilator issues, including the suctioning and changing of a tracheostomy tube.”

Upon further discussion, the Committee agreed that the accompanying caregiver would best be able to care for the tracheostomy tube if this action becomes necessary during transport. The discussion was to be continued in the EMS-C Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. and all interested members were invited to attend to contribute to the continuation of the discussion.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 11:04 a.m. Mr. Martin – First. Mr. Fuller – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting:

August 20, 2019
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The ODPS Shipley Building
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