

MEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY****MEETING MINUTES****October 16, 2018**

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present:

Geoffrey Dutton, Chair; Dr. Thomas Charlton, Dr. Eric Cortez, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Martin Fuller, Rob Martin, Jason Waltmire, Tami Wires

Committee Members Absent: James Davis, Vice Chair; Cynthia Annen, Mark Marchetta, Brent Parquette, Eric Wiedlebacher, Allen Young, Dr. Paul Zeeb

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director; Executive Director Mel House; Deputy Director Rob Wagoner; Ellen Owens, Chief, Grants/Certifications; Carol Savage, EMS Liaison; Jayn Mayton, EMS Administrative Assistant

Public Present: Ryan Sullivan, Wooster Community Hospital

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 9:35 a.m. Chair Dutton welcomed everyone and introduced Ryan Sullivan, the EMS Coordinator at Wooster Community Hospital. The committee members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Oversight Committee meeting minutes from August 14, 2018 was made by Dr. Dahl-Grove. Dr. Dahl-Grove – First. Dr. Cortez – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Board Update

Chair Dutton provided an update on the decisions of the EMFTS Board meeting of October 17, 2018. The Board adopted the MOC's recommendation for initial certification exam results to be good for one year rather than for two years as the National Registry of EMTs has adopted.

Regarding the requirements for the psychomotor portion of the National Registry examination for the EMR and EMT levels in Ohio, pursuant to the discussion held in the Medical Oversight Committee, the matter was similarly discussed in the Education Committee. The Education Committee agreed with the recommendations of the MOC. Chair Dutton provided a handout of the Board recommendations (See Attachment #1). The Board also made a decision on the matter of the number of allowed attempts for a candidate to take the examination. The Ohio standard is three attempts, and the National Registry's standard is two attempts. The Board settled on keeping it at three attempts.

Regarding the upcoming Ohio EMS medical director conference, there was a discussion about whether the EMS certificate holders would qualify for CE for attending the event. The Board members recommended working with American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) to ensure there will be certificates issued so EMS certificate holders can verify their attendance and obtain CE credit. Ms. Owens added that the most recent discussions are concluding that EMS certificate holders will be given the same physical certificate as physicians will receive.

Regarding the Human Resources (HR) Committee, the Board agreed to create an HR Committee at the October 17, 2018 meeting. The HR Committee will address a variety of issues with a focus on resilience issues such as non-punitive measures when a certificate holder has mental health, substance abuse, or work-related post-traumatic issues. Further issues to be addressed will be determined after the committee has been staffed. Each committee has been asked to contribute one volunteer for the HR Committee. Dr. Tom Charlton volunteered to serve. His name will be forwarded to the Board at the October meeting.

New Business

Board recommendations regarding the scope of practice to permit ultrasound-guided peripheral IV placement and the analysis of body fluids with the exception of amniotic fluid.

This item is discussed in the UH Elyria Hospital discussion below.

Old Business

Scope of practice – medical direction in hospitals

Dr. Cunningham was not available to discuss this matter at this point.

Strategic plan update-planning-first steps

Currently, the four items that fall under the direction of the MOC are 1) evaluate and provide recommendations on pain management for EMS; 2) strengthen the medical director; 3) comprehensive review of the scope of practice; and 4) identify evidence-based research to improve patient care. It was decided that the best way to tackle these topics is to divide into small work groups. After reviewing the work groups created during the MOC meeting in June, there were a few changes to the members. The updated membership of the work groups is:

Pain management: Martin Fuller, Tami Wires, Dr. Zeeb

Medical director: Dr. Cortez, Eric Wiedlebacher

Scope of practice: Dr. Charlton, Mark Marchetta, Rob Martin, Tami Wires, Allen Young

Evidence-based research: Dr. Dahl-Grove, Brent Parquette, Ryan Sullivan, Jason Waltmire (and possibly Cyndi Annen)

Initial discussions have occurred in the medical director work group. Dr. Cortez advised that they are seeking avenues for more CE course work for the medical directors. Mr. Wagoner reminded the Committee that this is a five-year process. After a work group meets, their suggestions and decisions are reported to the Committee. Progress will be documented on the dashboard so that other groups whose work overlaps can interact. Division of EMS staff support will also be available if needed.

Action Item: Chair Dutton will send email of the members' contact information to each individual work group.

Medical Directors Conference update

The current number of confirmed registrants for the Ohio EMS medical director conference that is upcoming in November is 40 attendees. The goal is to have approximately 200 attendees, although the expectation is somewhere below that number. Marketing of the medical director conference has been mainly done by the Ohio chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP). Further efforts will be made by forwarding emails to all Ohio medical directors, the EMFTS Board members, and all EMFTS committee members paired with the request for them to share the information with their affiliated agencies.

Dr. Cunningham reminded MOC members who are presenting at the medical director conference that the deadline for submission of the presentations was October 1st. If the presentation has not been sent to her yet, she requested that it be submitted as soon as possible.

Action Item: Chair Dutton will request list of all Ohio medical directors from the Division of EMS staff.

Ohio Resuscitation Academy update

The Ohio Resuscitation Academy met in Toledo recently. There is an academy event being planned in Cleveland. The attendance the event in Toledo was good. Funding matters have been discussed via conference call meetings.

Pharmacy board update

This matter has been resolved and can be removed from the agenda.

Behavioral health update

Mental health among EMS and firefighter

Executive Director House reported that he is very pleased with the response of EMS and firefighters to the survey regarding mental health among EMS and firefighters. There have been 3,500 responses to date in the survey.

UH Elyria Hospital – Request for change in scope of practice of medics in the hospital emergency department

Executive Director House suggested that the MOC take a look at the format of the scope of practice to determine how to change the current rule, which is about 20 years old, to reflect the reality of medics working in more diverse arenas than ever. A discussion ensued regarding the motion approved by the EMFTS Board on June 20, 2018 to amend the Ohio Administrative Code 4765-17-03 paramedic scope of practice to add “ultrasound-guided peripheral venous access when approved by the medical director and appropriately trained.” There was a concern that this would create a burden upon training centers to invest in ultrasound equipment. Because there is not a specific requirement to buy ultrasound equipment in the motion, the final determination is that the Committee would not make any changes to the motion.

Adjourn

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Chair Dutton – First. Dr. Charlton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting:

December 11, 2018
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
1970 W. Broad St.
Conference Room 1102
Columbus, OH 43223

Attachment #1

State of Ohio Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Psychomotor (practical) Examination

The EMR psychomotor examination shall require a demonstration of competency in the following skills:

1. Patient Assessment/Management — Trauma
 2. Patient Assessment/Management — Medical
 3. Bag-Valve-Mask Ventilation of an Apneic Patient: Adult or Pediatric
 4. Oxygen Administration
 5. One (1) Random EMR skill selected by the Program Director from the following:
 - Bleeding Control
 - Auto-Injector
 - Spinal Care: Supine or Seated Patient (Long or Short board)
 - Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
- All skills will be presented in a scenario-type format to approximate the abilities of the EMR to function in the out-of-hospital setting and evaluated utilizing state-approved skill forms.
- Grading of the psychomotor examination will be on a Pass/Retest/Fail basis.
- A candidate is eligible to retest two (2) or less skills when taking a full attempt.
 - A candidate is eligible for up to two (2) retest attempts of the two (2) or less skills failed.
 - One (1) retest is permitted, but not required, on the same day.
 - Retest of only a portion of the skills that need retested is not permitted.
 - Failure of any skill on the 2nd retest constitutes a failure of the entire psychomotor exam.
 - Retests must be completed within 12 months of the date of the examination.
- Failure of three (3) or more skills constitutes failure of the entire psychomotor examination.
- Documented remediation is required before a candidate attempts the entire psychomotor on their next full attempt (Remediation must be verified and occur after the last unsuccessful attempt at the candidate is permitted three full attempts of the psychomotor examination.
 - A candidate is permitted three full attempts of the psychomotor examination.
- Recommendations for the coordination and conduct of psychomotor examinations provided in the NR EMR Psychomotor Examination Users Guide (2016) will be used as the basis for conducting the Ohio EMR psychomotor examination.

State of Ohio Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Psychomotor (practical) Examination

The EMT psychomotor examination shall require a demonstration of competency in the following skills:

1. Patient Assessment/ Management — Trauma
 2. Patient Assessment/Management — Medical
 3. Bag-Valve-Mask Ventilation of an Apneic Pediatric Patient
 4. Ventilatory Management of an Adult Patient: CPAP or Supraglottic
 5. Spinal Care: Supine or Seated Patient (Long or Short board)
 6. Two (2) Random EMT skills selected by the Program Director from the following:
 - Bleeding Control/Shock
 - Auto-Injector
 - Long Bone Immobilization
 - Joint Immobilization
 - Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
- All skills will be presented in a scenario-type format to approximate the abilities of the EMR to function in the out-of-hospital setting and evaluated utilizing state-approved skill forms.
- Grading of the psychomotor examination will be on a Pass/ Retest/Fail basis.
- A candidate is eligible to retest three (3) or less skills when taking a full attempt.
 - A candidate is eligible for up to two (2) retest attempts of the three (3) or less skills failed
 - One (1) retest is permitted, but not required, on the same day.
 - Retest of only a portion of the skills that need retested is not permitted.
 - Failure of any skill on the 2nd retest constitutes a failure of the entire psychomotor exam.
 - Retests must be completed within 12 months of the date of the examination.
- Failure of four (4) or more skills constitutes a failure of the entire psychomotor examination.
- Documented remediation is required before a candidate attempts the entire psychomotor on their next full attempt (Remediation must be verified and occur after the last unsuccessful attempt at the psychomotor examination).
 - A candidate is permitted three full attempts of the psychomotor examination.
- Recommendations for the coordination and conduct of psychomotor examinations provided in the NR EMT Psychomotor Examination Users Guide (2016) will be used as the basis for conducting the Ohio EMT psychomotor examination.