MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

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

MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2021 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, Ohio Department of Public Safety, TEAMS Meeting

Committee Members Present: Tom Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Robert Norton, Mark Resanovich, Doug Wolters, Dudley Wright, Natasha Meinert, Amy Haughn, Vincent Harris

Committee Members Absent: Julie Rose, Rob Martin, Jerry Winkler

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Dave Fiffick, Stephanie Ferguson

Visitor: None

Welcome and Introduction: – T. Allenstein- Meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of February 2, 2021 Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation meeting minutes from February 2, 2021 – Ms. Haughn – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

New Committee Members: Tabled until all past attendance can be reviewed

Review Passenger Assistance Training Program: None

Review of 2021 Committee Topics:

- Five year Rule Review for Ambulance and Ambulette:

  Committee members are requested to review all the current rules and bring any revisions to the next meeting. All changes need to be completed by the August, 2021 meeting so that it can be taken to the EMFTS Board for approval.
- **COVID Response or needs:**

  Discussion was held and members reported that they’re not having any issues with obtaining PPE, although prices have increased. Also discussed the vaccination rate of EMS personnel. Most agencies are reporting that about 50% of their personnel have been vaccinated.

- **Balance Billing**

  The committee discussed the “No Surprise Act” recently passed by congress. The act takes effect January 1, 2022 and provides protection for consumers against unexpected medical bills. This will mostly effect the Air Medical services, but not ALS/BLS services. Ohio has passed a similar law that also goes into effect in January 2022. The Ohio Ambulance Association (OAA) is trying to get better clarification and understanding of the new law.

- **Move forward with Ad-Hoc Alternative Stretcher Transport**

  Mr. Resanovich spoke about the new level of BLS transports in the non-emergent ambulance. The Ad-Hoc committee has been discussing this and how we would regulate this new level of medical transportation. The committee will be writing rules to be reviewed at the next meeting.

- **Minimum Staffing**

  There are only a few EMS agencies that have requested and received approval to run at minimum staffing due to personnel being out due to COVID. Minimum staffing will only last as long as the Governors declared Health Care Emergency is in place.

- **Endorsements**

  The recognition of a Critical Care Paramedic endorsement was developed by the Critical Care Sub Committee and then approved by the board in late 2019 or early 2020. It has yet to been put into OAC 4765. The committee will continue

- **Alternative K-Spec Standards / Law Change**

  < Really wasn’t anything productive discussed on this topic >

**Next Committee Meeting:** June 15th, 2021 from 2:30pm – 4:00pm
Adjournment:


Meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm