

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2019

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, June 18, 2019, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conf. Rm.1107

Committee Members Present: Tom Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Linda Hines, Robert Martin, Mark Resanovich, Vincent Harris, Amy Haughn, Natasha Meinert, Julie Rose

Committee Members Absent: Dave DeVore, Jerry Winkler, Dudley Wright

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

Public Present: Rob Norton

Welcome and Introduction – T. Allenstein. Meeting convened at 2:39 p.m.

Approval of April 16, 2019 Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation meeting minutes from April 16, 2019 – Ms. Rose – First. Mr. Martin – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Proposed New Committee Members: Robert Norton and Re-appoint Doug Walters

Review Passenger Assistance Programs for Board Approval:

1. **Mr. Fiffick:** Passenger Assistance Training for Transit Services, PAT is an ODOT program. The program was reviewed and it is recommended that it be approved. We currently have 9 approved programs not including PASS and Drive. PASS and Drive are both in the process of updating their programs.

ACTION: Motion to approve ODOT Training Program. Ms. Meinert – First. Ms. Hines – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Pediatric Vent Transport

Mr. Fiffick: The committee held a discussion at the April meeting regarding pediatric vent transports. It was recommended that the issue be sent to the Medical Oversight committee to be reviewed.

The issue was sent to the medical oversight committee and was discussed. The issue was also sent to the EMS-C committee. The EMS-C committee is the committee that initially recommended that paramedics could not transport pediatric vent patients. The EMS-C committee with Dr. Cunningham was going to craft a recommendation that would allow a paramedic to transport a pediatric patient (individual under 16 years old) under specific circumstances. The EMS-C committee was going to come up with the recommendation to take to the board on June 19th and possibly in changing the scope of practice as well.

Discuss Alternative Forms of Stretcher Transportation in EMS (Ad-Hoc):

Mr. Resanovich: The Ad-Hoc committee met this morning at 11:30. At this point we are on a fact-finding mission. We want to be pro-active in determining if there are alternative acceptable forms of stretcher transportation.

Ms. Rose: Psychiatric transports are another topic that was discussed. Psychiatric patients do not necessarily need to be transported in an ambulance or even on a stretcher. There are, however safety risks when transporting a psychiatric patient by other means.

Medicated patients are typically denied acceptance into some facilities, so medicating the patient isn't the answer either. Some local law enforcement will transport these patients in the back of their cruisers which are locked unless opened from the exterior of the vehicle. An alternative mode of transportation, in the form of the caged back seat like in law enforcement vehicles, for psychiatric patients is something that needs to be discussed as well.

Mr. Fiffick: If the transport is not in a wheelchair van or an ambulance, then this committee does not have jurisdiction on the transport. The law would need to be changed to give us jurisdiction over other type of vehicles.

Discuss Fatigue in EMS:

There is an HR group that has been formed, and this topic has now been passed off to that HR group. That group did meet and is continuing discussions on the fatigue in EMS issue.

Adjourn

ACTION: *Motion to adjourn at 3:29 p.m.* Mr. Harris – First. Ms. Haughn – Second.
None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next Committee Meeting: August 20, 2019 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
ODPS Room 1107