

## MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

### 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, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conf. Rm.1107

**Committee Members Present:** Tom Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Dave DeVore, Linda Hines, Michael Jackson, Robert Martin, Mark Resanovich, Doug Wolters, Dudley Wright

**Committee Members Absent:** Lisa Feicht, Vincent Harris, Amy Haughn, Natasha Meinert, Julie Rose, Jerry Winkler

**DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:** Dave Fiffick, Connie White, Linda Smith

#### **Public Present:**

**Welcome and Introduction** – T. Allenstein  
Meeting convened at 2:35 p.m.

#### **Approval of August 14, 2018 Minutes**

**ACTION:** *Motion to approve the Medical Transportation meeting minutes from August 14, 2018* – Mr. DeVore – First. Mr. Wolters – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**Proposed New Committee Members:** None  
Mr. Allenstein: Scott Arthur resigned.

**HR Ad Hoc Workgroup/Task Force:** Appoint committee member to group  
Mark Resanovich

#### **Review Passenger Assistance Programs for Board Approval:**

**Mr. Fiffick:** This program meets our requirements. Request to be approved.

1. On Time Medi Transport

**ACTION:** *Motion to approve On Time Medi Transport.* Mr. Wolters – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2. Pro Training / Pro CPR – Mr. Fiffick – The CPR and First Aid was approved by the committee at the last meeting, however, when the program was presented to the Board it was not approved due to the following concerns:

- a. The hands on portion of the CPR training done through an internet web camera with the student using a cardboard box/mannequin. The Board felt the instructor could not adequately evaluate a student through a web camera and using a cardboard box / mannequin. determine hand placement, depth of compression or ventilations evaluating via web camera and cardboard box / mannequin.
- b. The Board was fine with the program if the hands on portion of the instruction was done in person by an instructor. However, the certification cards issued do not distinguish between in person or internet hands on evaluation.

The Board sent the program back to the committee to re-evaluate and get clarification on the hands on training.

- a. The committee again discussed the use of training through a web camera. Mr. Fiffick played a video of the Pro Training/Pro CPR program that showed four screens at once, with the instructor in the top right and three students in the other screens, so members could see all four at the same time. They each had a CPR box manikin with the instructor overseeing the students perform the instructions on the manikin given by the instructor. The MT committee is skeptical about the adequacy of the CPR and ability of the instructor to determine hand placement, depth of compression or ventilations evaluating via web camera and cardboard box / mannequin.

The committee also reviewed what other states may accept this type of program on the Pro Training webpage. The website stated that the Ohio Department of Public Safety / Div. of EMS accepts Pro Training / Pro CPR for continuing education for EMS providers because they are CAPCE approved. The committee decided to forward this on to the education committee for review.

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**ACTION: Motion to forward Pro Training / Pro CPR program on to the Education Committee.** Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Life Care Hospice: Update**

Mr. Fiffick: At the last meeting the committee requested a meeting be scheduled with LifeCare Hospice to get a better understanding of what they were looking to do. The meeting was held September 24<sup>th</sup> at Med Flight in Columbus. A lengthy discussion ensued with LifeCare Hospice. Topics discussed were:

How does a patient's DNR status come into play?  
Specific to and from locations for hospice permitted transport;  
Determining when a patient is admitted into hospice;  
Vehicle specifications / Equipment on the vehicle  
Staffing the hospice transport vehicle  
License plate requirements

There was not a lot of new information was presented, but committee members heard directly from LifeCare Hospice representatives of what they were trying to accomplish. Since the meeting, it was reported that the draft legislation is being put on hold until issues between other hospice entities are resolved.

**Discuss Alternative stretcher transportation in EMS:**

Mr. Allenstein: Looking at stretcher (alternative deliveries) in the future, drone etc. Need to have a discussion.

**Discuss Fatigue in EMS:** Lengthy discussion ensued

Mr. Allenstein: Patterson study outcome, caffeine is a way to combat fatigue issues; could not find any real correlation anything working < 24 hour shifts but anything >24 hour shift – they could see degradation.

Mr. Allenstein: Example of someone working too many hours: limo accident that killed 20 people.

Mr. Allenstein: What as a state can we do? Some suggestions: require paramedic CE – offer Fatigue Education. Educate how to manage the team. Draft a curriculum for Ambulance providers.

**Discuss Selling Ambulances to the General Public:**

Mr. Allenstein – What needs to be done to decertify ambulances before selling? Need to come up with a rule to deregulate a sold ambulance to the public. Discussion: Take all markings off, lights, sirens, plates, paint them black, etc.

**Adjourn**

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**ACTION:** *Motion to adjourn at 3:43 p.m.* Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**Next Committee Meeting:** December 11, 2018 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
ODPS Room 1107