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

MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2021 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 1106

Committee Members Present: Amy Haughn, Dave Devore, Doug Wolters, Julie Rose, Kent Appelhans, Mark Resanovich, Natasha Meinert, Robert Norton, Vincent Harris, Ruda Jenkins

Committee Members Absent: Dudley Wright, Jerry Winkler, John Bichard

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Dave Fiffick, Stephanie Ferguson, Aaron Jennings, and Beverly Cooper

Visitor: None

Welcome and Introduction: – T. Allenstein- Meeting convened at 2:36 p.m.

Review / Approve August 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes:


Committee Members Attendance:

The committee currently sits at 14 members, and no new applications have been received.

Passenger Assistance Training Program:

None
Review Ambulette Rules:

Mr. Fiffick explained that the major changes made to the Ohio Administrative Code was all references to paper applications and forms to the MTLS Online System. The revised OAC 4766-3 will be available for viewing once all changes are approved.

Section 4766-3-13 (A) (8) will be revised to include DOT Exams. The MTLS staff gets a lot of medical exams that are completed by chiropractors because this is something that is permitted on DOT Exams for truck drivers. DOT Exams are more in-depth than the physical that is currently required.

The changes will now read “A copy of a valid signed statement from a physician, nurse practitioner, or a physician's assistant acting within their scope of practice, or a Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical, declaring that the driver/operator does not have a medical condition, physical condition, including vision impairment (not corrected), which could interfere with safe driving, passenger assistance, the provision of emergency treatment activity, or could jeopardize the health and welfare of a client and/or general public;”

**ACTION:** Motion to approve changes to OAC 4766-3 – Mr. Wolters – First. Mr. Norton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Review Inspection Forms for Ambulance (ALS, BLS & BLS NEO) and Ambulette:

Tabled until December 14, 2019 meeting

Open Discussion:

BLS Ambulance Vs. BLS NEO Ambulance

Mr. Fiffick posed the question to the committee, does a current BLS ambulance have the expectation to have invasive airways? Committee members agreed that this would be up to the protocol that is completed by the Medical Director.

Ambulances services licensed at the BLS level have gone from about 7 BLS services to roughly 30 within the last few years, and a vast majority of these BLS services do not want anything to do with running and ambulance service. They just want to be able to transport by stretcher. Perfect for the NEO ambulance.

The changes to the OAC for the BLS NEO Ambulance were sent to CSI (Common Sense Intuitive) after the August Board meeting. Ms. Cooper advised that there is no specific timeframe for it to stay in CSI. JCARR would be the next step. All of these steps could push the implementation date to July of 2022. Ms. Cooper, at the recommendation of the committee, will look in to the possibility of trying to expedite this process and addition to the level of service.
Waveform Capnography:

In addition to the discussion above about the invasive airways, this would then result in a service being required to have waveform capnography. At what point does a service qualify to have or not have the waveform capnography. A lot of services are having their Medical Directors take out “advanced airways” from the protocol, thus exempting them from having to have waveform capnography. In the current BLS structure, majority of services are required to have waveform capnography. In the proposed BLS NEO service, services would not be required to have waveform capnography due to being in non-emergent status when transporting.

Committee members held discussions about the current staffing crisis that nearly every service is facing in trying to find EMT’s to staff their ambulances. Committee members believe that pushing the waveform capnography issue on current BLS services could further progress the current staffing crisis.

Next Committee Meeting: December 14, 2021 from 2:30pm – 4:00pm
ODPS Conference Room 1107

Adjournment:


Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm