



RURAL EMS COMMITTEE

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

RURAL EMS COMMITTEE 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: Deanna Harris, Eric Burns, Dr. Thomas Charlton, Tristan Coomer, Vincent Gildone, Doug LaRue, and Diane Simon. A quorum was present.

Committee Members Absent: Karen Beavers, Mary Ahlers, Joel Dickinson, Daniel Heuchert, and Michael Wood.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Robert Wagoner, John Miller, Robin Burmeister, Kris Miller, and Joe Stack.

Guests Present: Daniel Prokop.

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 3:11 pm. Vice-Chair Deanna Harris welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Tristan Coomer, seconded by Vince Gildone, to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2018, meeting with two corrections. Unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM: Robin Burmeister will send a .pdf copy of the approved minutes for posting to the website.

Open Forum:

EMS-C program coordinator, Joe Stack, informed the committee that the grant application benefitting a Pediatric Care Coordination position was successful. Mr. Stack asked that the Rural EMS Committee be willing to work with EMS-C in developing a statewide team of knowledgeable individuals. The team will assist EMS-C in developing best practices, inroads to rural areas, the need for subject matter experts to help be leaders, and that some funding may be available (committee members are exempt from receiving payment for services and time). Tristan Coomer volunteered to serve on the state team. Vince Gildone has someone assigned to work with the team. Mr. Stack will send information to Mr. Gildone.

Mr. Stack also informed the committee that an in-person meeting in Texas is being scheduled and that three individuals from Ohio can attend.

No one from ODH has been appointed to the workgroup to date. Robert Wagoner stated that some hospitals may have a pediatric appointee in place. Joe Stack will reach out to the ODH division.

Mr. Stack will keep the committee apprised of matters as they develop.

ACTION ITEM: Joe Stack will send information to Tristan Coomer and Dr. Tom Charlton regarding the team and pending in-person meeting.

Old Business:

A list of fire charters that have high school programs was not yet available. Further discussion was tabled until the December meeting. The committee would like to review why some programs are more successful than others and needs to develop a 'best practices' outline.

ACTION ITEM: John Miller and Kris Miller will work to get a list of programs from EMS Education that offer both EMS and Fire at the high school level for the December meeting.

Discussion about progress regarding school programs with Apollo ensued. Doug LaRue reported that the program director has begun to explore needs for school programs.

New Business:

The EMFTS Board HR ad hoc workgroup needs a committee appointee. Vice-Chair Deanna Harris reported that the ad hoc group will be meeting during the odd months of the Board and that a volunteer is needed for the committee. Eric Burns volunteered to serve on the group.

ACTION ITEM: Deanna Harris will submit Eric Burns' name for approval to serve on the HR ad hoc workgroup at the October 17, 2018, Board meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Doug LaRue, seconded by Dr. Tom Charlton, to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Next meeting: December 11, 2018, from 3-5 p.m. Room TBD, DPS Building, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Support Staff