

EMS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

RURAL EMS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2019

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Karen Beavers, Eric Burns, Chair, Tom Charlton MD, Clark Crago, Herb de la Porte, Joel Dickinson, Royce Goodpaster, Daniel Heuchert, Todd Shroyer, and Diane Simon.

Committee Members Absent: Mary Ahlers, Tristan Coomer, Vincent Gildone, Douglas LaRue, Chad Magrum, and Joshua Tilton.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Rob Wagoner and Robin Burmeister

Public Present: Jeff Jackson, Ken Majors, and Daniel Prokop (State Office-Rural Health)

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 3:01 p.m. Eric Burns, Chair, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The first order of business was to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2019, meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Rural EMS Committee August 20, 2019, meeting minutes. Clark Crago – First. Tom Charleton MD – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Old Business

2020 National Rural EMS & Care Conference – Rob Wagoner reported that the conference is scheduled for April 22-23, 2020, at the Marriott Renaissance in downtown Columbus. A phone conference call was held and discussions about an agenda and content and programs ensued. It

will consist of a panel discussion regarding rural issues, with a focus on community paramedicine. No breakout groups are planned at the event. The committee may need volunteers to speak about the Rural EMS Committee and what it does, and we need to seek vendors to participate in the event, find other presenters, etc. The next conference call is scheduled for 10/28/19. Send questions, comments, ideas, etc., to Rob Wagoner.

Dan Prokop, Ohio Dept. of Health, participated in the NOSORH (National Organization State Offices Rural Health) call. He can provide information on the \$750k grant that was received, with highlights regarding setting up three community paramedicine connections in the state and how to sustain them in rural medicine (e.g. EMS agencies partnering with critical care access hospitals.) Applications for agencies to apply for grant monies for setting up community paramedicine may be opened near the end of October.

Handoff Sheets – Diane Simon reported that she, Rob Wagoner, and Jeff Dutton have been discussing the need for ease of information from first responders to hospitals about patients so that attending physicians have critical information quickly in hand. Work is being done to create information on the state website for organized, immediate feedback. There will be no state mandate or form—each agency can utilize what works best (even if it’s a paper) to get information about the patient to the ER care staff. The Committee discussed issues with different software programs and no one product can fit the needs for all hospital systems. The general consensus is that handing a paper report to hospital staff is currently the easiest and most timely. Keep a copy of it (snap a photo of it with a phone if that is easiest).

Committee Applications – Dr. Charlton reached out to a few individuals and invited them to apply to serve on this committee.

Fatigue Policy – Discussion about developing a fatigue policy was addressed. Dr. Charlton said that most data is based on physicians and impairment after working X number of hours. A mandatory rest period may need to be developed, but there is the concern that responders will go to a second job on the “rest” day. Discussion ensued about if the shifts are shortened from 24 hours that responders will find alternative careers. There may be a recommendation for hours/day and not police it.

New Business

Executive Meeting – Herb de la Porte volunteered to take committee meeting information to the Executive Meeting that takes place before the board meeting on October 16, 2019. Robin Burmeister will send an overview of the committee meeting to Mr. de la Porte.

Expanding Committee – Eric Burns, as Chair, will discuss adding members with Dudley H.A. Wright II.

Open Forum

No discussion.

Adjourn

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 3:54 p.m. Todd Shroyer – First. Joel Dickinson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 3-5 p.m., at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Burmeister, EMS Support Staff