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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
SPECIALTY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Hearing Room 109
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
12:00 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Committee Members

Dr. Brian Springer, Chair
Dr. Carol Cunningham
Asst. Chief Michael Grossman
Dr. Brendan Hawthorn
Dr. Donald Locasto

EMS Staff

Dr. Linda Mirarchi

Guests

Dr. Dustin Calhoun

Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m. Quorum is met.

Welcome and Introductions

2012 Committee Member Roster and Contact Information

The committee members reviewed 2012 roster and were asked to update their contact information.

Approval of November Committee Meeting Minutes

No minutes to approve - no quorum for the November 2011 meeting.

Travel Reimbursement Form

The committee members received the DPS Board/Commission Travel Invoice Form, DPS 0118 2/08. In order to receive reimbursement committee members must complete the form and submit it to Linda Mirarchi or Diane Walton, Division of EMS, no later than 30 days after the meeting.

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Old Business

Review TEMS to Specialty Care Committee Transition

Dr. Springer provided an overview of the TEMS to Specialty Care Committee transition rationale. Dr. Springer noted that the TEMS Committee was focused on training and certification based on a competency matrix and limited to certified paramedics. The proposed TEMS certification met several challenges including certification and renewal issues, testing development, and scope of practice clarification. Both law enforcement and fire service organizations were unclear about the certification scope of practice and the impact the TEMS certification would have on renewal and training time and cost.

In response to these concerns, TEMS was aligned with specialty care areas to include other areas of specialty care such as, air medical transportation, critical care transportation and hazardous materials rescue, to become a foundation core for EMS Board approved specialty care endorsements. Under this structure, a candidate wishing to receive an EMS Board endorsement must be able to demonstrate that he/she has successfully completed the curriculum requirements of the specialty care area (e.g. TEMS) approved by the Ohio EMS Board.

Chief Grossman compared it to having a motorcycle endorsement on this driver's license.

Dr. Springer said that new legislation would need to be enacted in order to implement an EMS Board endorsement process. The endorsement concept must be taken forward first and approved by Ohio EMS and Ohio ODPS Directors. Director Learning did advise Dr. Springer that DPS Legal Services does not write draft legislation.

New Business

Dr. Springer was advised by Director Learning that the legislation would need a bill sponsor after the concepts were approved by ODPS Administration. Draft legislation would need to be submitted through the sponsors of such legislation for review. It was also suggested that the committee obtain letters of approval/support from stakeholders and stakeholder organizations, after approval of the concepts.

Dr. Springer will need a concept paper for the EMS Board February 2012 meeting.

Dr. Cunningham asked about the draft legislation that may have been drafted for TEMS. Mr. Grossman suggested the committee work from that. Dr. Springer replied that he did not have a copy of the draft legislation but would look into it. He would also follow-up on some endorsement language that possibly was drafted.

Committee discussed range of national, state and local organizations that would be supportive of an EMS Board endorsement. Organizations included the Buckeye

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Sheriffs Association, the Ohio Tactical Officers Association, the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, the Commission on Air and Medical Transportation Services, the Ohio Association of Critical Care Transportation, the Air Medical Physicians Association, ChemTrec, Ashland Chemical, the state Association of Industrial Hygienists, and the Ohio Medical Transportation Board.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Springer agreed to have the concept paper drafted and emailed to the committee members by January 25, 2012.

Dr. Hawthorn agreed to follow-up on letters of support for TEMS, Chief Grossman will follow-up with the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, Dr. Locasto will follow-up with the Air Medical Physicians Association, Dr. Springer will follow-up with Board member Pamela Bradshaw, Ohio Instructor/ Coordinators' Society, and Dr. Hawthorn will follow-up with Ohio Association of Critical Care Transportation. Timeline for follow-up – ASAP.

Future Meeting

Tentatively, the committee will meet on March 7, 2012, pending what actions the Ohio EMS Board may take for establishing new committees at the February 15, 16, and 17, 2012 Ohio EMS Board Retreat. Dr. Mirarchi will go ahead and tentatively reserve a meeting room for Dr. Springer.

Dr. Locasto made a motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. and second by Dr. Hawthorn.