

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE June 17, 2014	TIME 2:30 p.m.	LOCATION ODPS – Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218
ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Tom Allenstein (Chair), Kent Appelhans, Brian Byrd, Jeremy Cornette, David DeVore, Linda Hines, Philip Koster, William Longworth, Thomas Reed, Mark Resanovich, Thomas Wappner, Louise Weller, Paul Westlake, Vincent Harris, Dudley Wright II, and Paul Wright	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Melvin House, David Fiffick, Connie White and Vesna Bogdanovska	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Daryl McNutt and Julie Rose	
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Karen Beavers, , Ernest Hatmaker, Lori Mizla, Douglas Wolters	

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	Welcome & Review / Approval of February 18, 2014 minutes (Tom Allenstein)		
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm ➤ The meeting minutes from February 18, 2014 were reviewed and approved without change. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First: Kent Appelhans • Second: Linda Hines ➤ None Opposed, None Abstained, Minutes Approved. 		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	None	None	None

TOPIC	Ohio Specific rules on ambulance specification KKK / NFPA		
DISCUSSION (Tom Allenstein)	<p>The KKK standards were extended through January 1, 2015 that may be replaced with the NFPA standards beyond that. Mr. Paul Wright suggested removing the standard, changing the rules and the law, which would be challenging. Mr. Melvin House explains that it would take 2 years for any of rule changes to occur. There will be more on this subject in the future.</p>		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	None	None	None

TOPIC	Five (5) year rule review: Ambulance 2016, Ambulette 2014, MoICU 2017		
DISCUSSION (David Fiffick)	<p>David Fiffick was introduced as the newly hired Chief of Medical Transportation. He comes with over 31 years of experience in the private ambulance industry. Dave worked on the ambulance as an EMT and Paramedic eventually becoming General Manager. Dave also served 13 years on the EMS Board, two of which he served as chairman.</p> <p>The committee needs to get started with the Five (5) year rule review. David Fiffick mentioned The review needs to be completed by December 2016 for ambulance, April 2017 for Ambulette and MoICU. It is going to take 18-24 months to work through. All the processes with Ambulance need to be started very quickly. He mentioned that they just finished with the Air rules and everything went through to JCARR. Two items were taken out of the air rules, driver training and lights and siren policy for pilots.</p>		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	None	None	None

TOPIC	Field Inspector Training		
DISCUSSION (David Fiffick)	<p>Quarterly meetings have been scheduled with the inspectors. Our goals for the meetings are to have more consistency with inspections and to gather information from the inspectors to assist us in updating the rules and laws.</p> <p>Mr. Fiffick and Ms. White have performed four (4) inspections in the last month. All have been Ambulette, and none passed inspection. Ambulette continues to be the biggest problem Medical Transportation has been dealing with. This committee will need to work to raise the standards.</p> <p>Being shorthanded over the past several months, we have fallen behind with renewals. However, with the return of Diane Conrad and the addition of Mr. Fiffick we are now current.</p>		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	None	None	None

TOPIC	Department of Aging, "Drive Program"		
DISCUSSION (David Fiffick)	<p>The committee discussed the follow-up on violations issued to services, especially for wheelchair vehicles, and how to possibly make the vehicles safer for the citizens/clients of Ohio. One issue with the Ambulette drivers is the "Passenger Assistance Course" that must be taken. Ms. White discussed 2 programs that she is aware of: the "DRIVE" program which is expensive; the other program is on-line and is called "PASS" program. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Division of EMS putting together a program that would be available for individuals to take.</p> <p>Several committee members started discussing securement issues with the wheelchairs and electric wheelchairs. It was decided that this issue will be discussed further when the committee starts reviewing the Ambulette rules.</p>		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	None	None	None

TOPIC	BMV: Out of state services licensed by Ohio but do not have Ohio plates	
DISCUSSION (David Fiffick)	An issue surfaced that will need to be addressed by the committee. The issue involves out of state ambulance services, that are licensed in Ohio, but (1) do not have Ohio plates, (a BMV issue), and (2) are responding, in times of overload, to emergency calls in Ohio and transporting. Mr. Fiffick will research the issue further and report at the next meeting.	
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
	None	None
		DEADLINE
		None

TOPIC	Further discussion on SCT Issues	
DISCUSSION (Tom Allenstein)	The concern was that the Scope of Practice for Paramedics might not support the use of SCT billing in the State of Ohio. The group from Critical Care sub-committee will work on the issue, document and deliver the results to this committee.	
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
	None	None
		DEADLINE
		None

TOPIC	Strategic Plan: Key Focus Areas / Strategies / Goals	
DISCUSSION (Tom Allenstein)	<p>For the Strategic Plan discussion, Mr. Allenstein asked: "How do we as a Board, me as a Board Member need to take my duty seriously which is to protect the citizens of the state of Ohio, make sure that the medical transportation for the state is being done in a way so that everybody is held to the same standard and what happens with KKK standards when they go away and NFPA? How do I assure that you are following the same standards?"</p> <p>Mr. Resanovich talked about standards between private and public providers, and gave some examples for different communities, having different standards.</p> <p>Mr. Allenstein said that everybody should follow rules in the same way.</p> <p>Mr. Harris is worried about minimum standards. A decision that all suggestions be given to Mr. Resanovich, who will bring them to the next Meeting. He also explained how workgroups can work and what rules go along with that, start with key elements and start working on Key Focus, Strategies and Goals. Will bring this as an agenda item for the next meeting to work on the goals from this group for the strategic plan.</p>	
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
	None	None
		DEADLINE
		None

TOPIC	Open Discussion	
DISCUSSION	Mr. Fiffick suggests another committee meeting for reviewing the law and writing new rules.	
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
	None	None
		DEADLINE
		None

TOPIC	Adjournment	
DISCUSSION	Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.	Minutes submitted by: Vesna Bogdanovska
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
	None	None
		DEADLINE
		None

TOPIC	Other	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 Meeting Room C4-9&10 12:30 pm – 2:00pm ODPS, Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223 	
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
	None	None
		DEADLINE
		None

TOPIC	Minutes Approved	
	<p>_____</p> <p>Tom Allenstein, Chair</p>	
	<p>_____</p> <p>Date</p>	