

## MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES ~FINAL~	DATE February 18, 2014	TIME 2:30 p.m.	LOCATION ODPS – Conference Room 134 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><u>Medical Transportation Committee Members:</u> Tom Allenstein (Chair), Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Brian Byrd, Jeremy Cornette, David DeVore, Vincent Harris, Ernest Hatmaker, Linda Hines, Philip Koster, William Longworth, Mark Resanovich, Thomas Wappner, Paul Westlake, Douglas Wolters, and Paul Wright</p> <p><u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</u> Rachel Moore and Connie White</p> <p><u>EMFTS Board Members:</u> Daryl McNutt and Julie Rose</p> <p><u>ODPS Staff:</u> None</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u></p>		
<b>ABSENT</b>	<p>Medical Transportation Committee Members: Lori Mizla, Thomas Reed, Louise Weller, and Dudley Wright II</p>		

### AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	Welcome and Introduction		
<b>DISCUSSION</b> (T. Allenstein)	<p>Tom Allenstein, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. A quick introduction of those members present.</p> <p>The meeting minutes from December 17, 2013 were reviewed and approved without change.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b><i>ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting.</i></b> Paul Wright – First. Kent Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.</p> </div>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None			

TOPIC	Description of Committee Overview		
<b>DISCUSSION</b> (T. Allenstein)	<p>The Committee discussed the purpose of the Medical Transportation Committee and agreed to the following description:</p> <p><i>“The purpose of the Medical Transportation Committee is to identify and address issues pertinent to all medical transportation within the State of Ohio”.</i></p>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None			

TOPIC	Review of Online CPR/First Aid for Ambulettes (OAC 4766-3-13)		
<b>DISCUSSION</b> (T. Allenstein)	<p>The Committee discussed an inquiry from a company requesting the possibility of using a CPR online/e-course (i.e., <a href="http://www.eCPRCertification.com">www.eCPRCertification.com</a>). Currently ambulette companies are required to provide CPR training per OAC 4765-3-13. The current rules require that each driver/attendant must have proof of successful completion of the “American Red Cross” or equivalent certifying organization basic course in first aid as approved by the board. The Committee was in agreement that there is not only a need but an expectation from the public that ambulette drivers/attendants should indeed complete a course that includes a practical application of the skills. The concern being that there are no guarantees that the on-line/e-course was actually completed by the individual in which the certificate is issued. There are too many unknown factors when dealing with online/e-courses. After much discussion the Committee agreed not to recommend any online/e-course that does not involve a practical application of the skills.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b><i>ACTION: Motion not to approve any CPR/First Aid online/e-course training that does not involve a practical application of the skills.</i></b> Doug Wolters – First. Paul Wright – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.</p> </div>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None			

TOPIC		<b>Appropriate Use of Helicopters</b>		
DISCUSSION (T. Allenstein)	The Committee discussed the concern with the appropriate use of helicopters to transport patients. There are two main issues:			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Several agencies are being contacted to transport the same patient via helicopter, which results in several helicopters arriving on the same scene. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Weather shopping (one agency declines the run due to weather, another agency then contacted for the same run.</li> <li>b) ETA shopping.</li> <li>c) Lack of communication between agencies.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) The need to determine if and when a helicopter is actually necessary to transport a patient.</li> </ol>			
	The Committee discussed the need to possibly develop additional training to educate providers and dispatchers when calling for a helicopter. As well as OAEMS is planning to add an inside class to their conference to address said issues.			
The Critical Care Subcommittee will make a recommendation to the EMFTS Board to form a workgroup to gather the data pertaining to the utilization of helicopters and solicit information from hospitals and air medical providers. Once the data is collected, the workgroup present their findings to the Subcommittee. The data will be used to determine if there is an issue that needs to be addressed and then move forward accordingly.				
		ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
		None		
TOPIC		<b>Scope of Practice and the Relationship to Medicare SCT Billing Code</b>		
DISCUSSION (T. Allenstein)	Some providers are concerned that the current Medicare guidelines for billing of a specialty care transport is in conflict with the State Scope of Practice. This conflict may cause Medicare reimbursement and billing issues when providers are using the specialty care transport SCT billable code (i.e., BLS transport vs a critical care transport.) The claim can and has been denied and/or the reimbursement reduced . The Committee discussed these specific concerns. After much discussion, the Committee agreed that the concern is more a Scope of Practice issue and should be addressed by the EMFTS Board directly. The Chair will take the concern to the EMFTS Board for further discussion.			
			ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
		None		
TOPIC		<b>Future Meeting Dates and Location</b>		
DISCUSSION (T. Allenstein)	Many committees meet the day before the EMFTS Board meeting and that has been a struggle with coordination as many members serve on several committees that meet the same day and time. To alleviate the-day-before-board-meeting scheduling conflicts it has been proposed that the Medical Transportation Committee and the Critical Care Subcommittee meet another day.			
	The Critical Care Subcommittee is contemplating meeting the same day as the Ohio Association of Critical Care Transport (last Friday of each odd month). If this also works for the Medical Transportation Committee to meet, both committee meeting dates can be changed accordingly. Tom Allenstein will work with Julie Rose (Critical Care Subcommittee Chair) and Kent Appelhans (MT Committee Vice Chair) to decide the future meeting dates and forward to the Committee once determined.			
		ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
		Chair forward future meeting dates to Committee.	Tom Allenstein	ASAP
TOPIC		<b>Open Discussion</b>		
DISCUSSION (All)	<u>Rule Review</u> – list of rules to be reviewed with due dates to be provided to the Committee.			
	<u>New Services &amp; Vehicle Licensing.</u> Committee still concerned with the delay of licensing new services and vehicles due to Pharmacy Board issues/delays. As this is a longtime concern, Mr. Allenstein will follow up with EMS Executive Director House and EMFTS Board Chair McNutt regarding the proposed meeting between EMS and the Pharmacy Board to discuss the Committee's concerns.			

TOPIC   <b>Open Discussion (con't)</b>		
<p><u>Ambulette Rules</u> – the rule requires that all services must complete passenger assistance training. The Committee would like to develop a standard training for all services throughout the state. The Committee will develop a list of objectives that must be included in each training. Once developed and approved by the EMFTS Board, the Inspectors will confirm that the training did indeed contain those objectives. (i.e. Ohio Department of Aging’s DRIVE program). Will be added as a future agenda item.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Provide list of the required objectives	Connie White	Next meeting
Provide information of the DRIVE program	Connie White	Next meeting
ALL ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Chair forward future meeting dates to Committee.		Tom Allenstein
Provide list of the required objectives		Connie White
Provide information of the DRIVE program		Connie White
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>		
NEXT MEETING		
<p>Next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Friday, March 28, 2014 ~ <i>cancelled</i></b>  ODPS, Division of EMS  1970 W. Broad St.,  Columbus, Ohio 43223</li> </ul>		