



## EMS Homeland Security Committee

05/04/2012

10:00 AM

ODPS – 1790 West Broad Street, Columbus  
Shiple Building, Hearing Room 109 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Meeting called by: Mark Resanovich, Chair Type of meeting: Regular  
Committee Mtg.

Attendees: Todd Barstow Dr. Carol Cunningham  
Deanna Harris Ray Friedmann  
David Gerstner Don Snyder  
Ellen Owens

Guest(s):

---- Minutes ----

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

### Open Forum

### Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the April 13, 2012 meeting were not available. They will need to be approved at the next meeting.

### EMS Annex to Crisis Standard of Care:

Mr. Resanovich advised the committee of the timelines for completion of the annex. The final document must be submitted to the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) by May 30<sup>th</sup>. The OHA needs to present the document to the Medical Coordination Planning committee prior to submitting the full document to the Department of Health by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Resanovich indicated he would like to have the Annex finalized at the next meeting – May 11<sup>th</sup>, so it can be presented to the EMS board for review on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Copies of the latest draft of the Annex were distributed for review by those in attendance. Several areas of the document that were perceived as unclear were reworded and information that was considered unnecessary was deleted to keep the document as short and concise as possible. It was decided the format of the document should be change to have an introductory section followed by an opening statement before the EMD section and the EMS triage criteria section.

Discussion regarding the draft included the following: (See attached revised annex new language)

- Change “must” to “should” since the document will be a guideline
- Head Injuries section of EMD and EMS criteria to be changed to separate out head injuries in children and patients on anticoagulants as bullet points under vomiting
- Add unless pregnant to #5 painless vaginal bleeding
- Remove Loss of consciousness (under #4 in EMS criteria) as it is included in next reference to LOC for > 5 seconds
- In #6 of EMS section change “normal” to “stable” pulse oximetry and move the language after oximetry to follow “resolve”

Mr. Resanovich asked about the reference materials that should be attached to the Annex. The Crisis Standards of Care document will contain several reference charts that will be applicable to the EMS Annex. Mr. Resanovich indicated he would like for EMS to be able to pull the Annex out of the full document and have all necessary reference material immediately available rather than having to search through the full document to find them.

Suggested attachments included:

- Pediatric Trauma Score
- Triage Tool for Burn Victims
- START
- Jump START
- Revised Trauma Score

The viability of EMS using the Revised Trauma Score (RTS) in a disaster situation was discussed. The consensus of those in attendance was that the RTS minus the co-efficients should be included.

Mr. Gerstner asked if START and Jump START needed to be referenced in the document. Mr. Resanovich advised these triage systems had been accepted by the EMS Board at the request of ODPS Homeland Security. The intent of designating a specific triage system was to encourage a single system that would be used by all agencies at a multi-agency incident.

Mr. Friedmann noted the recent survey from the Division of EMS asked for the type of triage system used by the agency. Ms. Owens will bring a summary of the responses to this question to the next meeting. Although the initial deadline for responding to the survey was May 4<sup>th</sup>, it is recognized that follow-up calls and mailings will be needed to increase participation.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. – ODPS Hearing Room 109