



EMS Homeland Security Committee

07/05/2012

10:00 AM

ODPS – 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus
Shipley Building, Hearing Room 109 (1st Floor)

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

Attendees:	Dr. Michael Zorko	Dr. Carol Cunningham
	Dave Gerstner	Ellen Owens
	Ray Friedmann	Deanna Harris
	Geoff Dutton	Tom Macklin
	Joe Stack	Greg Smith

Guest(s):

----Minutes----

Meeting called to order by Mr. Resanovich at 10:10 a.m.

Open Forum

Changes to the Emergency Medical Services Annex:

- Take out the paragraph referring to Dr. John Hick's article in the *Journal of Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*. Insert - There are three levels of capacity for standards of care.
- Remove the footnote from the flowchart on page 13 referring to Mr. John Hick's article.
- Change sequence and wording of key triggers or indicators:
 1. Increased emergency medical dispatch call volumes

2. Increased hospital diversion
 3. Increased requests for mutual aid
 4. Shortage of manpower
 - Lack of staff
 - Attrition of staff
 5. Storage of supplies
 6. Shortage of EMS vehicles assets
 7. Activation of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Emergency Response Plan
 8. Results of surveillance by the local or state health department
 9. Notifications of emergencies by public health agencies
 10. Depletion of state assets
 11. Depletion of federal assets
- Prior to the identification of these or other triggers or indicators, each local EMS agency should have an established notification protocol.
 - Discussed adding sample notification protocol:

Example notification: Any agency EMS has received notification of a public health emergency which may require institution of standard crisis of care, senior staff will be meeting to discuss this.

Notification to:

- EMS agency supervisor or administrator
- EMS medical director(s)
- EMS providers
- Emergency medical dispatchers
- Local emergency management agency
- Local health departments

The Committee discussed the need to rewrite and reorganize the Annex. Dr. Cunningham will reformulate and Mr. Resanovich will write a sample notification.

11.1.3 – Support ODH in the continued development of hospital preparedness planning.

Issues to work on with ODH:

- CHEMPACK
- Communication
- Improve collaborative response

Legislative changes needed:

- Alter EMS staffing/vehicles allowances (type of staffing/type of vehicle)
- Add ODH representative to EMS Board
- Add EMS representative to ODH Board (if they have a position)
- Dispensing of drugs/medications
- Give up sales tax for preparedness (EMS)

CHEMPACK:

Changes need to be made in the procedures so the process goes smoother.

11.2.3 - Identify strategies and develop programs to protect the EMS workforce and their families during a disaster.

The Committee discussed the need for EMS workers to feel like their families are safe during a disaster. If they don't feel like they are safe they may be more hesitant to help.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Gerstner moved to adjourn, Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: All in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be September 7th at 10:00 a.m. – ODPS Hearing Room 109