

EMS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES / DRAFT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	August 18, 2015	1:00PM	ODPS – Room 134 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223

ATTENDEES	<p><u>Members</u>: : Deanna Harris, Chair; Karen Beavers; Vincent Gildone; Mark Resanovich; Bernard Schweter; Barry Seth</p> <p><u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff</u>: Ellen Owens; Melvin House</p> <p><u>Guests</u>: None</p>
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ABSENT	Members: Jim Davis; Joel Decker; Herb de la Porte; Geoff Dutton
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AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	Welcome
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DISCUSSION (Ms. Harris)	The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM. Ms. Harris welcomed the members as the new chair of the committee. Mr. Davis will be remaining on the committee, but had asked to step down as chair due to other commitments. Introductions of those in attendance were made.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None.		

TOPIC	Review of Minutes
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DISCUSSION (Ms. Harris)	No minutes to review due to lack of quorum at prior meetings and amount of time since full committee meeting.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None.		

TOPIC	Selection of Vice Chair
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DISCUSSION (Ms. Harris)	Ms. Harris advised the committee needed to select a vice chair to conduct meetings in her absence. By rule, the vice chair must be a member of the EMTFTS Board. Ms. Harris will speak with Mr. Davis to determine his willingness to serve as vice chair of the committee.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact Mr. Davis to determine willingness to serve as Vice Chair	Ms. Harris	Prior to next meeting

TOPIC	Committee Assignments / Strategic Plan
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DISCUSSION (Ms. Harris)	<p>The Strategic Plan Priorities document was distributed. Ms. Harris reviewed those items assigned to the committee.</p> <p>Priority Area #2: Dispatch</p> <p>Action Step 1.1.1 – Research and identify states implementing best practices and review those models: A survey needs to be developed for distribution to the other states.</p> <p>Action Step 1.1.2 – Issue a grant to study and develop a report on the existing public safety dispatch practices, providers and centers in Ohio: Complete. Report was presented to the EMFTS Board and is posted on the EMS webpage.</p> <p>Action Step 1.1.3 through 1.1.7 – All pertain to development of concept paper. All still pending. Mr. Resanovich voiced concern that the EMFTS Board does not have authority over dispatch to accomplish the stated Strategy and Goal: Develop and implement dispatch center and emergency medical dispatch certification. The first step should be to establish a need.</p>
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Priority Area #5: Data

Action Step 1.1.1 – Review and refine the “Data Usage” policy and create a data validation policy. This should be addressed by DEMS data center staff.

Action Step 1.1.2 – Ensure data availability to key stakeholders and customers for use in local quality assessment and improvement programs. This should be addressed by DEMS data center staff.

Action Step 1.1.3 – Create and publish an EMFTS board annual report. An annual report was developed and is available on the DEMS webpage. This is an ongoing action item and the report format needs to be reviewed and expanded.

Action Step 1.1.4 – Create a quality improvement program for EMS based on data and evidence-based standards. Tim Erskine sits on the National Data Steering Committee that is working to create national standards.

Priority Area #6: Health and Safety

Action Step 1.1.1 – Identify the number of accidents involving emergency vehicles in Ohio. A report developed by Sue Morris was previously sent to committee members for review. The number of crashes in relation to the number of calls/miles is small but noteworthy. The unknown is whether the crash was a result of too little training, or number of road hours/fatigue.

Action Step 1.1.2 – Identify types of training and availability presently in existence throughout Ohio.

Action Step 1.1.3 – Determine if there is a need for a requirement for emergency drivers training or other requirements to achieve needed skill. Director House noted the need for driver training was a NHTSA recommendation and there is a national push. Discussion included the potential cost factor for those not already providing EVOC training to personnel and the need to only establish course objectives (already established by NHTSA) which would allow for acceptance of more than one course of instruction. The training could be a one-time requirement and required prior to issuance of certification. The requirement could be established in rules, rather than needing a legislative change. It was noted Chapter 8 rules addressing requirements for certification are up for review. It was the consensus of the committee to recommend to the EMFTS Board that EVOC training be established as a requirement for initial certification.

Ms. Beavers asked for clarification on the recommendation to require background checks for certificate holders. Director House advised he had discussed this with DPS administration. Administration is not opposed, but is unable to provide funding. A legislative change would be needed to implement. Rules could be established that mandates schools require a background check for admission into a course, but this would be a one-time only event. Most schools that have clinical requirements within their courses already require a background check.

Strategy and Goal for Violence in the Workplace and Assault on providers will be addressed by Homeland Security sub-committee.

Director House and Mr. Resanovich left for another meeting at 2:15 PM.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Reach out to Dr. Mencl to determine availability of contact developed in grant study.	Ms. Harris	None established
Develop dispatch survey (as follow-up to survey conducted by Dr. Mencl). Committee members to send any suggested questions to Ms. Harris.	Ms. Harris to create preliminary draft for review and comment by committee members.	None established
Create list of Stakeholders with interest in dispatch	Committee	None established
Ask EMS data center staff to develop data usage policy.	Director House	None established
Recommend to Board that EVOC training be required for initial certification.	Ms. Harris	August meeting

Distance Learning / Reciprocity Applicants		
TOPIC	Distance Learning / Reciprocity Applicants	
DISCUSSION (Ms. Harris)	Concerns have been raised by DEMS staff regarding an increase in individuals completing online courses in other states, with limited hands on-skill requirements, then seeking Ohio certification by reciprocity. There are also concerns that some out-of-state programs, are requiring students to arrange for clinical and field internship requirements within their home state. This raises liability concerns for the students and the clinical/field sites as Ohio law only provides coverage for course through Ohio accredited programs. Mrs. Mirarchi has taken this issue to the Education Committee for discussion but was unavailable to attend this meeting.	
ACTION ITEMS		
Invite Mrs. Mirarchi to attend the December meeting to provide additional information on the problem and to discuss the recommendations made by the Education Committee.	Ms. Owens	
Committee Assignments		
DISCUSSION (Ms. Harris)	Action Items as noted reviewed	
ACTION ITEMS		
As previously noted		
Adjournment		
DISCUSSION (Ms. Harris)	Meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM.	
ACTION ITEMS		
None		

Next meeting: December 15, 2015