

EMT-B Workgroup Minutes

March 6, 2009

Shawnee State University-EMS Building

Those Attending: Pam Bradshaw, Bill Turner, Tim Jackson, William Mehbod, Debbie Schiff, David Hoffman, Chuck Sowerbrower, Judy Boggs, Bob Hasselfeld, John Sands, John Redouty.

Meeting called to order at 10:00

Pam explained the purpose of the meeting and thanked everyone for their willingness to participate in this workgroup. She thanked Bill Turner for letting the workgroup meet at Shawnee State.

Introductions were done by all those in attendance.

The National Scope of Practice was discussed. It was explained that the State of Ohio EMS Board had voted in January to accept the National Scope of Practice. John Sands had a copy of the PowerPoint that was done by Dr. Cunningham explaining the differences. This was given to all in attendance.

The major differences identified by the group for the EMT-B was intubations, CPAP and blood glucose monitoring. There was a lengthy discussion as to intubation since it seems like there are multiple medical directors that do not allow EMT-B to intubate. The group would like to check to see if there is any way we could ask the medical directors in the State of Ohio who allow intubations by basics.

A discussion about the number of hours suggested in the National Curriculum versus the State of Ohio was held. Pam explained that the 130 hours is a minimum number of hours for the EMT-B class as schools can request to have more hours. Many of those in attendance uses the 130 hours with some added more hours to clinical time. The addition of more clinical hours was felt to be a good thing. The National Curriculum suggests 150-170 hours. It was discussed that the number of hours be broken down more like the paramedic program (didactic, lab and clinical time) instead of way the EMT-B curriculum is broken up now in the State of Ohio. This will be revisited again after looking at the curriculum and instructional guidelines.

Pam suggested that we might be able to accomplish this task easier and quicker if this group divided into smaller groups and worked on sections of the curriculum. The time line for the completion of looking at the curriculum was given by the Education Committee from the EMS Board. They would like to have all of the curricula completed by August and at the latest the end of 2009. This workgroup decided to break-up in to similar areas and Pam suggested that they use instructors teaching the EMT-B classes to assist with their groups. Each division will meet to discuss their section(s) and then bring their suggestions back to the main workgroup.

The division of this group is as follows:

Bill Turner, Debbie Schiff, Judy Boggs, John Redouty, Greg Barch will look at Module V-Medical Patient Management and compare this section to the National Curriculum

William Mehbod, David Hoffman, Chuck Sowerbrower, Bob Hasselfeld and John Sands will look at Module I-Preparatory and Module II-Patient Assessment and compare these sections to the National Curriculum

Pam Bradshaw and Tim Jackson will look at Module IV-Trauma Patient Management and compare this section to the National Curriculum

Module III-Airway and Cardiac Arrest Management will be looked at a later time and hopefully the group will have some information regarding the use of intubation and the competency of this skill by EMT-Bs in the State of Ohio.

Each group was asked to set their own meeting times and keep minutes of these minutes. All information is to be forward to Pam Bradshaw as she will need to keep the EMS Education Committee and the EMS Board informed. Pam encouraged all those attending to attend the EMS Board meetings and welcomed them to attend the education committee meetings.

The next meeting of the EMT-B workgroup will be April 24, 2009 at Holzer Jackson Hospital and will be hosted by Jim Jackson. This meeting will start at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Bradshaw