

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ODOT CONFERENCE ROOM A**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009
9:30 a.m.**

In Attendance:

Pam Bradshaw	<u>EMS Staff</u>
Kevin Edmond	
Jim Holcomb	Linda Mirarchi
Mark Mankins	Millie Pontious
Dave Miller	Melissa Vermillion

Meeting called to order by Jim Holcomb at 9:40 a.m.

- Approved November 6, 2008 Education Committee meeting minutes.
- **Rules Revisions:**

Rule 4765-15-03 – EMT-Basic continuing education; **Rule 4765-16-03** – EMT-Intermediate continuing education; and, **Rule 4765-17-02** – EMT-Paramedic continuing education. Paragraph (B) was revised under each Rule to read: “An individual that receives an extension of time to complete continuing education requirements listed in paragraph (A), must complete the requirements and submit application to the division, no later than the expiration date of the granted extension.” These Rules will probably be filed on March or April, 2009. M. Vermillion will e-mail, to all committee members, the latest versions of these rules which include revisions made by the EMS Board.

Rule 4765-18-13 – Fire service instructor seeking certificate to teach as EMS instructor – Paragraph (B) is being revised to be consistent with other rules including “must take knowledge and practical prior to eight hours”. **Rule 4765-18-08** – Paragraph (B)(1)(d) Revised, should be “meets all qualifications as a certified/licensed FR, EMT, RN or PA at least five of seven years”. Committee and staff will continue to work on these and make minor revisions before filing.

- Several members of the Division of EMS staff have been working diligently on updating or creating the applications for EMS certificates to teach. They will go to the EMS Board for approval at the regularly schedule meeting in February.
- Linda Mirarchi distributed the Education Committee results from the EMS Committee Survey completed by 2008 committee members. The document also included projects that the Education Committee wanted to address in 2009.

- Also distributed, was the EMS Certificates to Teach guide. This guide is a quick reference to the qualifications necessary to be eligible for each of the EMS certificates to teach effective 2/1/2009. The document also includes the renewal requirements established in rule. The following rules can be referenced on the EMS website: **OAC 4765-18-10(E)** – Convert STI to EMS Continuing Education Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-15** – Apply for Certificate to teach as a Continuing Education Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-16** – Renewal of Certificate to teach as a Continuing Education Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-10(D)** – Upgrade STI to Assistant EMS Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-18** – Apply for Certificate to Teach as an Assistant EMS Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-19** – Renew a certificate to teach as an Assistant EMS Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-05** – Apply for a certificate to teach as an EMS Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-21** – Apply for Assistant EMS Instructor to EMS Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-06** – Renew a certificate to teach as an EMS Instructor; **OAC 4765-18-09** – Physician as EMS Instructor; and **OAC 4765-18-09(B)** Renew Physician as EMS Instructor.

- J. Holcomb explained some legislative language changes proposed at the EMS Board Retreat that will impact the work of the Education Committee. The EMS Board would like to have a change made in law that mirrors the Fire Service certification cycle, whereby the certificate to practice would expire after 3-years on the provider’s birthday. J. Holcomb proposed that the Board make an effort to have the law changed so that an EMS certificate to teach would have a 3-year certification cycle as opposed to the current 2-year cycle. He proposed that a certificate to teach also expire on the provider’s birthday. J. Holcomb also proposed that an institution, not a program, be issued the certificate of accreditation with one expiration date. Any EMS levels of training added to the certificate would be reviewed and, if approved by the Board, be subject to the institution’s existing expiration date. Finally, the National Scope of Practice has given a new title to each level of practice. J. Holcomb has proposed changing the law to reflect the changes, Emergency Medical Responder in place of First Responder, EMT will replace EMT-Basic, Advanced EMT will replace EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic will replace EMT-Paramedic. Each law change will require rule changes. Mr. Holcomb will add these to the list of projects the Education Committee will be working on this year.

EMS Curricula Review

- L. Mirarchi distributed a PowerPoint handout prepared by Dr. Carol A. Cunningham, comparing the National Scope of Practice to Ohio’s current Scope of Practice. At the January EMS Board Retreat, the Board approved a motion to adopt the National Scope of Practice as minimum skills for Ohio. J. Holcomb said the Education Committee was tasked with reviewing the National EMS Scope of Practice and National Education Standards and making recommendations on curriculum changes to the EMS Board by the end of the calendar year. In order to accomplish this work, Chairman Holcomb suggested breaking down the Committee into four subcommittees to determine curriculum recommendations at each EMS provider level. The following volunteered to chair the subcommittees.
 - J. Kubincanek and D. Beil – First Responder
 - P. Bradshaw and C. Sowerbrower - Basic

- M. Mankins and J. Kubincanek – Intermediate
- K. Edmond and D. Miller - Paramedic

Subcommittees are encouraged to include members that represent medical directors, instructors, and providers from different areas of the state and from all types of EMS training and CE programs. Use of e-mail and telephone calls for non-discussion or decision making purposes could keep travel and meeting time to a minimum. If workgroup members need a copy of the National Scope of Practice, L. Mirarchi can e-mail a copy or CD, if needed. Subcommittee Chairs are encouraged to submit meeting information, location and dates to Aleta Dodson to be posted in the EMS website

Subcommittees will make progress reports at the Education Committee meetings. The Education Committee will meet every other month in order to give subcommittees time to meet. Melissa Vermillion suggested to the Committee members that any information derived from the Workgroup's research that needs to be proposed to the Rules Committee should be forwarded to her attention.

J. Holcomb proposed to the committee members that a motion be sent to the EMS Board prior to the July, 2009 Board meeting expressing the Education Committee's recommendations concerning the Ohio EMS Curricula and the National Scope of Practice.

- Kevin Edmond asked J. Holcomb if it would be possible for someone to approach the CAAHEP/CoAEMSP regarding the accredited and non-accredited school programs and their program directors certification requirements. L. Mirarchi stated that both NREMT and CoAEMSP have been approached on the issue. The EMS Board is developing an impact survey to be sent to the Program Directors of accredited paramedic training programs. The survey will contain questions submitted by EMS Board members seeking the degree of impact the CAAHEP/CoAEMSP standards will have on their training program. L. Mirarchi will share any results with the Education Committee.
- J. Holcomb will contact John Kubincanek and ask him to review the First Responder curriculum in light of the language change to §4765.43, Ambulance Staffing, which now allows EMS organizations that substantially utilize volunteer providers to transport with a First Responder and an EMT. J. Kubincanek will be asked to submit any recommendations for curriculum change due to the impact of SB 129 becoming law on 12/30/2008 and to work with L. Mirarchi on this matter.

Future Meetings

The next committee meeting will be held on April 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

J. Holcomb called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by David Miller and second by Pamela Bradshaw.

Adjourn at 11:40 a.m.