

**State Board of Emergency Medical Services  
EMS Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 20, 2013  
Shipley Building Motorcycle Room 143  
11:00 AM**

**In Attendance:**

**Committee Members:**

Matthew Dick  
Daniel Beil  
Tom Duffee  
Mark Mankins  
Charles Sowerbrower  
Chris Chumita  
Bruce Shade  
Kevin Edmond  
Lisa Nickles  
George Snyder

**Staff:**

Ellen Owens  
Thomas Gwinn  
Rachel Moore

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Approval of November 14, 2012 meeting minutes**

**MOTION: Mr. Dick moved to approve the November 14, 2012 meeting minutes.  
FIRST: Mr. Mankins. SECOND: Mr. Shade. MOTION PASSED**

**EMS Preceptor Orientation Course**

Mr. Sowerbrower shared with the subcommittee a proposal that he and three other EMS training programs within Southeast Ohio, have been working on to blend their preceptor orientations. They are working to create one preceptor orientation system. Their difficulty is which department of the four of them would be responsible for issuing and housing the continuing education credits. They thought about rotating it or subdividing it, but one of Mr. Sowerbrower's co-workers threw out the idea of seeing if they could house it on the EMS website. This way the continuing education would be out of their hands. To keep up with the training and credits, each of the training programs would get a listing back from this website to see who all has taken the training and test and are

now preceptors in the area. The training programs also want to be able to offer continuing education for EMT's through this combined preceptor orientation. This group is hoping to put the preceptor orientation online, and they wanted to have it housed on the Division of EMS website. It was questioned whether or not it was appropriate for the division to house and execute this orientation. A list would need to be kept of all individuals who participated in and completed the testing. Mr. Beil questioned if this would end up being available for all individuals around Ohio, or just those who are attending those four training programs. He also wanted to know how feedback and paperwork would be collected from around Ohio. The manual for the preceptor training is 90% how do you precept, and 10% how to complete the form. The system they are looking to adopt is a daily activity log sheet which would have on it the four logos of the participating programs, that the student would take with them to a clinical site, they execute the clinical, then one copy stays at the site and one stays with the student, this is a way to check up on the student to make sure that they did complete the clinicals. This was just one idea, and Mr. Sowerbrower wanted to see if the division website would be an appropriate vehicle to house this Mr. Sowerbrower inquired if this would be a possibility, and if the committee would be willing to approve it. A question was also posed wondering if it would be possible to come up with a statewide form to use for this. They were hoping that the state website would be able to house this program, and sanction the continuing education credits. They would like to be able to monitor students/preceptors in the ambulance setting. The gold test would be when a site visit is conducted, and they want to see the paperwork related to the training, and make sure that this process is working. The proposal as of right now is that the four programs need a place to house the training, and to be able to issue the continuing education, the next logical step would be could this be used for the rest of this state. Mr. Shade feels that this is a good idea; he also thinks that this should be like a pilot for what can be created and used for the other 21 training locations around the state. Mr. Shade inquired how much work and expense would this create for the Division. The expectation is that the Division of EMS houses it on their website, and the Education Subcommittee creates it. Mr. Shade feels that the EMS website would be the rightful place to house this course. This is designed for hospital and EMS preceptors. There is a quiz built into this course that will ask everyone who takes it what part of Ohio they are from. A more detailed proposal may need to be created before this can be brought before the Division of EMS to be added to the website. In order to avoid a philosophical trap where one program has control of the preceptor lists, they want it housed in a neutral place.

**MOTION: Mr. Shade proposed to add this to the Strategic Plan and Dashboard, to have this hosted on the EMS website. SECOND: Mr. Chumita. Mr. Beil wanted to add an amendment, he recommended including CAAHEP.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Division of EMS needs specifics on this proposal in order to be able to assist, approve and create. The State is concerned with the quality of training and that individuals will actually be getting trained, and not side stepping the process. A

subcommittee was created to work on this project, Mr. Sowerbrower as the chair, Mr. Beil, Mr. Mankins, and Mr. Duffee also volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.

### **Identify “substantially similar” curricula criteria**

The Division of EMS can accept training from another state that is substantially similar to the training that individuals go through to gain a certification in Ohio. Ms. Owens challenged the subcommittee to create a definition that we will go by when reviewing and approving EMS reciprocity applications in Ohio. On the reciprocity application, an individual is asked if they have training that is above and beyond what is required in Ohio. There is a verification of training form that is filled out by the certifying agency from the state the individual is moving from. The Paramedic scope of practice is the only one that is the same between Ohio and nationally. Mr. Chumita stated that if individuals have a certification from the National Registry, they should be given an Ohio card, and it should be left up to the Medical Director to get them to learn the skills they didn't learn when they trained in the state that they came from. Ms. Nickles feels that each individual who comes to Ohio should have to complete a refresher in order to come into Ohio, because they are already required to be Nationally Registered. Mr. Snyder agrees, he feels it is a very clean and straight forward proposal. He feels that makes “substantially similar” a moot point. Ellen will have to bring this before the EMS Board to be approved. Mr. Snyder also feels that an individual will have to do the training regardless, so they will get it out of the way, and also be approved to transfer to Ohio. Is there a motion to bring this before the Board? Mr. Snyder wants to make a definition of “substantially similar” proposal, if one meets the transition or Paramedic level, they will be able to get certified right away in Ohio, if they don't they must take a refresher. Ms. Nickles made a motion that an individual must have a national certification and must meet the definition of “substantially similar” for reciprocity with Ohio. Mr. Chumita agreed, he feels anyone who has a current National Registry certification card should be able to transfer. Ms. Nickles seconded this. Mr. Shade asked if the subcommittee was taking into account that individuals will need to take a refresher if they are not registered under the current NREMT scope of practice. If an individual has an old, valid National Registry card, they will need to take a transition refresher. Mr. Snyder said this would take the state to state verification process away. He feels this would streamline the process for the EMS Division, because they won't have to look at the training from the other state to determine eligibility, but they will need to be nationally trained in order to be eligible. An amendment was suggested to this motion. If an individual is mid-cycle, they will need to provide proof of National Registry completion. Mr. Chumita brought a motion to the floor that reciprocity applicants must provide a valid and most current National Registry certificate reflecting the most current national scope of practice. After a lengthy discussion of wording on this definition, it was decided upon this definition:

***Reciprocity applicants must provide a valid National Registry certification reflecting the current national scope of practice at the appropriate level of certification or provide a valid National Registry certification with documentation of the required education to obtain a National Registry certificate reflective of the current National Scope of Practice to demonstrate substantial compliance with current Ohio curriculum.***

**MOTION:** Mr. Chumita made a motion to accept this as the definition for “substantially similar”. **SECOND:** Ms. Nickles. **ALL IN FAVOR:** Mr. Beil, nay. Mr. Chumita, yea. Mr. Mankins, nay. Mr. Duffee, nay. Mr. Shade, yea. Mr. Edmond, nay. Ms. Nickles, yea. Mr. Snyder, yea. Mr. Sowerbrower had left the meeting at 12:10 for a previous engagement, and was unable to weigh in on this vote. Tie vote, Mr. Dick was called upon to break the tie, he voted yea. Motion passed.

#### **Public Safety Instructor course and EMS module**

The Fire side of the Public Safety Instructor course was approved by the Fire Committee, they recommended a few items to be cleaned up, but other than that the course was approved.

**MOTION:** To approve the Public Safety Instructor course curriculum. **FIRST:** Ms. Nickles. **SECOND:** Mr. Shade. None opposed. Motion approved.

#### **Update EMS Instructional Guidance documents**

The EMR and EMT Instructional Guidance documents are being combined.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be May 22.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mr. Mankins moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 PM. **SECOND:** Mr. Chumita, and Mr. Shade. **MOTION PASSED.**