

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ODPS, 5th floor, Conference Room C5-8
Thursday, April 1, 2010
9:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

Dan Beil	<u>EMS Staff</u>	<u>ODPS Legal Staff</u>
Chris Chumita	John Kennington	Heather Frient
Michael Cronin	Chuck Milam	
Jim Davis	Linda Mirarchi	
Kevin Edmond	Ellen Owens	
Jim Holcomb	Carol Palantekin	
John Kubincanek	Millie Pontious	
Mark Mankins	John Sands	
Bill Mehbod	Melissa Vermillion	

Meeting called to order by Chair, Jim Holcomb at 9:35 a.m.

Updates

Ms. Mirarchi updated the committee members regarding administrative changes the EMS Executive Director has made starting with a new assignment related to the Education Committee liaison which will take effect on June 3, 2010. Chuck Milam will be the new Education Committee administrative liaison with the continuing assistance of Linda Mirarchi. Millie Pontious will continue to be the support person for the committee. Ms. Mirarchi also commented that Jim Davis, EMS Board Chairman, will be addressing the Committee later on today regarding the National Accreditation and his meeting with Senator Carey. Mr. Davis had also requested the all EMS committees submit their 2010 goals to the EMS Board.

Welcome and Introductions – Mr. Bill Mehbod was introduced to the audience. Mr. Mehbod is representing Pam Bradshaw and Chuck Sowerbrower who could not be present today. Ms. Mirarchi reported that Mr. Mehbod has been named the new EMS Education Program Director at Cincinnati State. Individual introductions by those present followed.

Education Committee - Mr. Holcomb commented that the Education Committee had accomplished a lot over the last year, year an a half thanks to the staff members but also the hard work of the committee members and will continue to do the same. The next committee meeting will be Thursday, June 3rd, EMS Conference Room.

Heather Frient, John Kubincanek and Dan Beil came in at 9:46 a.m. and introduced themselves.

The committee members reviewed and approved the January 21, 2010 meeting minutes.

Mr. Holcomb continued with the Education Committee 2010 Goals: To complete and submit the revised First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic curriculums to the EMS Board by October 2010; to completed associated rules by the December regular meeting of the EMS Board; to work with the Fire Committee to complete revisions to the Public Safety Instructor course; criteria for the EMS Instructor Mentorship will follow the revision to the Public Safety Instructor course; and finally, to submit both curriculums to the EMS Board by the scheduled December 2010 meeting.

One of the committee members asked about the Basics Intubation issue. Mr. Holcomb answered that this item has been referred to MOC (Medical Oversight Committee). Ms. Mirarchi responded that Dr. Cunningham, as a member of the MOC, had referred this item to RPABs (Regional Physicians Advisory Board) for discussion and feedback. Ms. Owens reported that the RPABs are reviewing the Basics intubation matter and wanted to take a look at more statistics from the Paramedic level; and, they also felt that it was more of a research issue rather than a statistical issue and would be taking intubation as well as supraglottic airway to their local region for discussion. The RPABs will be meeting in May and bring forward a recommendation. Ms. Owens also reported that Dr. Cunningham will also be asking the EMS Children Committee to look at this issue from a pediatric standpoint and report their findings. Mr. Kubincanek asked Ms. Mirarchi if the EMT-Basic Sub-Committee had any suggestion regarding intubation and Ms. Mirarchi replied that they wanted to remove it because it was a lot of hours and there aren't many medical directors that allow their Basics to intubate and there were not enough attempts to keep this skill current. Mr. Mehbod, from Cincinnati State EMS program also commented that they allow 16 hours to instruct intubation at the moment. But he does not feel that it is a skill that is utilized enough to maintain the skill at a level that instructors would like them to have. Mr. Mehbod further stated that instructors at Cincinnati State would like to have the 16 hours of intubation instruction spent on something else. Ms. Mirarchi commented that after conversations with several medical directors she only knows of one that feels that intubation by Basics is something we should keep in their scope of practice. Several of the committee members present commented that intubation should be removed from the Basics scope of practice. Mr. Cronin commented that in the Knox county area all EMTs are able to intubate; however, their success rate is very low and it is because of not having sufficient training. Mr. Cronin feels that a better alternative would be to teach airway management as opposed to intubation skills.

Mr. Holcomb asked Ms. Mirarchi to please prepare a recommendation by the Education Committee to be forwarded to the EMS Board members suggesting that the EMT Basic curriculum include objectives for training in supraglottic airway for a pulseless and apneic patients and the removal of advanced airway objectives for orotracheal intubation with pulseless and apneic patients.

Mr. Holcomb asked all committee members to complete the State Board of EMS Committee Member Application form and to make necessary revisions to the Education Committee Roster. If not able to complete during the meeting, Mr. Holcomb asked that the forms be submitted via e-mail or f to Millie Pontious.

Curriculum Subcommittee Reports

- First Responders - Dan Beil reported that the first responder curriculum has been revised and the subcommittee's recommendations are ready. In response to the revision of ORC 4765.43, the first responder curriculum now includes a driving component. Also, the sub-committee recommended adoption of the National EMS Education Standards (NEMSES) and the baseline established at **48 hours** rather than 40 hours. The rule pertaining to the 48 hours will be updated by Ms. Frient.
- **MOTION:** Mr. Beil moved to adopt the baseline of 48 hours and second by Mr. Kubincanek.
VOTE: All in favor, none against, no abstentions.
- EMT-B – Bill Mehbod reported that the EMT-B curriculum has been revised and the subcommittee's recommendations are ready. The Education Committee discussed the concerns by the subcommittee over the intubation objectives in the EMT-B curriculum. Mr. Edmond asked if there was any discussion regarding the increase of anatomy and physiology at the EMT-B instructors' level with the national curriculum. Mr. Mehbod answered that this is an item that is being addressed. Mr. Edmond feels that this might be an item that might be addressed by holding instructors seminars or workshops to address it through methodology.
- EMT-I – Mark Mankins reported that the revisions to the EMT-I curriculum was in progress and being reviewed by the subcommittee members. Mr. Mankins is still reviewing the GAP analysis. Mr. Mankins asked the committee members for input regarding intubation by EMT-Intermediates. After several comments were heard regarding this item, consensus was to leave intubation unchanged in the EMT-I curriculum and scope of practice.
- EMT-P – Kevin Edmond reported that the subcommittee members are reviewing the revised EMT-P curriculum at the moment. Mr. Edmond stated that he has done some research on course contact hours and found out that no other state require less than 1,000 contact hours. Mr. Edmond further stated that most states require didactic and laboratory hours and clinical competencies. The subcommittee will recommend a minimum of 1,000 hours for the Paramedic curriculum. Mr. Edmond asked the committee members that if there is anything else they would like to bring up or discuss, to please e-mail him.

Mr. Holcomb asked that all the sub-committee chairperson(s) submit a copy of each curriculum report once it is finalized to Ms. Pontious. She will then forward it to all committee members.

Ms. Mirarchi asked Mr. Holcomb is there is a time-period by which all the reports need to be submitted to the EMS Board and a time-period for these to be effective? Mr. Holcomb would like to have the revised document, including the 4 curriculums, to the EMS Board by October 2010.

Mr. Davis arrived at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Mirarchi asked the committee members to review the 2009 National EMS Education Standards – Gap Analysis Template, which had been distributed earlier. Ms. Mirarchi also commented that if anyone would like to have this document e-mailed to their attention, to please let Ms. Pontious know.

Mr. Holcomb and Ms. Mirarchi introduced Mr. Davis, EMS Board Chairman, to those present at the meeting. Mr. Davis informed the committee members that the ODPS legislative liaison Justin Long had successfully scheduled a meeting with Senator Carey, of the southeastern Ohio district, to discuss the effects of the National EMS Education standards. Mr. Rucker, Mr. Long and Mr. Davis met with Senator Carey to discuss the Senator's concerns regarding EMS care in his district. Mr. Davis and Mr. Rucker updated Senator Carey regarding the EMS Board's approval of the National Accreditation Paramedic Training Program and the implementation plan by 2017. Mr. Davis and Mr. Rucker also broke down the National Registry and the National Accreditation for Senator Carey. Mr. Davis stated that an Ad Hoc Committee had been formed to develop a facilitation plan to assist Ohio schools with the accreditation process. Mr. Davis also mentioned that a separate committee will be formed to research funding needs and sources. Senator Carey (finance committee chair) and his staff were very gracious and expressed their desire to work with EMS in order to find funding, some through re-appropriation of grant money and any other funding available. Senator Carey asked that the Division of EMS write down the concepts of the legislation and offered his staff to come up with the language for the bill.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Rucker have also met with NREMT Executive Director Bill Brown, Jr. and will continue to do so in the future. Mr. Davis also mentioned that Alan Boster, EMS Grant Coordinator, has agreed to take back to the Grants Committee Senator Carey's request to begin looking at ways to make grant funding more flexible so that we can put it to good use at Ohio EMS communities. Ms. Mirarchi commented that workshops will be planned to answer general questions that schools and agencies may have regarding the implementation of national accreditation. The first workshop will feature Dr. George Hatch, Executive Director CoAEMSP, a national representative who will also be the person to review the initial application. Next, regional workshops will be offered to assist the paramedic programs in completing the CAAHEP/CoAEMSP application. The third piece will be to have mentor, in a non-competitive area, review the completed application to make sure everything has been included. The main

objective is to facilitate the implementation of the Ohio Accreditation of Paramedic Training Program by 2017.

Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Davis reported that Mark Resanovich is chairing a group that is looking at an Advanced Paramedic Program that would cover Tactical EMS, Critical Care EMS, etc. Mr. Holcomb advised the committee members that, sometime in the near future, this item will be something that this committee (Education) will be reviewing as far as the curriculum to make sure it meets certain standards, etc.

Open Forum

Mr. Kennington reported that the One Card Certification, combining EMS & Fire certificates to a single expiration date and issuance of a single accreditation certificate, is right on target, January 1, 2011. Mr. Kennington thanked John Sands and Melissa Vermillion for their effort in writing the rules related to this item. There are still a couple more meetings to address the fiscal impact and then the rules will be filed. The Fire Committee approved the rules and wrote their recommendation to Director Rucker. Mr. Kennington has been presenting the One Card Certification process at several events and the feedback has been very positive.

Future Meetings

The next committee meeting will be held on June 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., ODPS, 4th floor, Conference Room C4 / 9-10.

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Holcomb at 11:10 a.m.