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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
EMS Conference Room
Thursday, April 7, 2011
9:30 a.m.**

In Attendance:

Committee Members

Dan Beil
Pam Bradshaw
Chris Chumita
Michael Cronin
Jim Davis, Board Chair
John Kubincanek, Chair
Mark Mankins
Bill Mehbod
Lisa Nickles

EMS Staff

Linda Mirarchi
John Sands
Carol Palantekin
Millie Pontious
Melissa Vermillion

Guests

Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Ms. Mirarchi made a few comments regarding today's agenda.

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Kubincanek welcomed Lisa Nickles to the education committee and expressed his gratitude for her willingness to serve as a committee member. Individual introductions followed.

The committee members reviewed the August 5, 2010 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Bradshaw moved to approve the minutes and second by Mr. Chumita.

VOTE: All in favor, none against, Ms. Nickles abstained.

Preface

Reviewed updated instructor rules which were distributed earlier. Rules 4765-18-09, Qualifications for a physician as instructor; 4765-8-15, Certification by reciprocity; and, 4765-18-21, Upgrade process for certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor to EMS instructor.

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Ms. Mirarchi reported that while reviewing and revising each rule, she usually looks at the gap analysis (National & Ohio), as well as the national scope and a document that Dr. Cunningham compiled comparing the Ohio scope of practice with the National EMS scope of practice where it shows where Ohio **exceeds, falls below or not definitely addressed** a skill under each EMS level. Ms. Mirarchi further stated that she has tried to be consistent as far as context, language as similar as possible, and flow is correct. Ms. Mirarchi also expressed that every curriculum is tied to the Ohio scope.

Curriculum Subcommittee Reports and Discussion Regarding Changes to the Proposed Curriculum

Mr. Kubincanek suggested discussing the rules by each level. The members agreed that this would be the way to proceed.

4765-12-02 – First responder curriculum – Several revisions were suggested; language changes were made for consistency; and, eye irrigation portion was added to the program. Section (A)(7) ~~Written and practical testing as proscribed by the board~~ was deleted. Under section **(B) Accredited institution offering a training program, as . . . Evaluations shall include a comprehensive written examination, and a practical skills examination as established by the board.** Section (D) was revised to read: A first responder refresher program shall consist of **at least** fifteen hours . . . ; and, under (D)(5) new language was added to read: Three hours on illness and injury management; including assisting patients with epinephrine auto-injectors **to include eye irrigation.** Please see attached draft.

4765-12-04 – First responder scope of practice – Added **eye irrigation** to the first responder's emergency medical services list. Please see attached draft.

4765-12-03 – First responder continuing education – Added new language on (A)(1) Completion of **at least** fifteen hours of continuing education . . . New language on (A)(1)(e) illness and injury management **to include eye irrigation.** See attached draft.

Mr. Davis stopped by and announced that Richard Rucker will be stepping down as Executive Director of EMS. Mr. Kubincanek added that Mr. Rucker will be taking a position with ODPS, Ohio State Highway Patrol. Mr. Kubincanek thanked Mr. Rucker for his many years of support and service and wished him well on his new venture. Mr. Kubincanek introduced Ms. Nickles to Mr. Davis.

Ms. Vermillion asked if the committee members had given any thought to setting an effective date when all EMS training programs would begin teaching the new EMT's curriculum. Discussion followed and it was decided that schools will be ready to start teaching the new curriculum effective January 1, 2012. Ms. Vermillion will discuss this issue with ODPS legal counsel Heather Frient. Committee members decided to meet

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on Thursday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m., in order to finalize these rules and forward it to the EMS Board for their May meeting.

Discussion regarding **reciprocity** was brought up by Mr. Mankins. Ms. Mirarchi commented that reciprocity will need to be reviewed at all levels again.

A motion was made by Ms. Nickles to approve the EMT-First Responder's curriculum, scope of practice and continuing education rules with the revisions discussed, seconded by Ms. Bradshaw. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

4765-15-01 – EMT-Basic Curriculum – Ms. Bradshaw started the review of the basic curriculum. Several revisions were suggested; language changes were made for consistency; revised (A)(2) An airway portion that includes procedures for airway management, respiration, artificial ventilation, and **blind insertion airway devices**. Language revisions to: section (B) **Accredited institution offering a training program**, as outlined in paragraphs (A) of this rule, . . .and, **Evaluations shall include a comprehensive written exam and a practical exam as established by the board**; (C) An EMT-basic refresher **program** shall consists of **at least** thirty hours . . .; and (D) **Accredited or approved institutions offering a training program**, as outlined . . . Please see attached draft for additional revisions.

4765-15-04 – EMT-Basic Scope of Practice – Added (A)(7)(c) & (d) Partial re-breather masks and Venturi masks. New language on (B)(2) **Blind insertion airway devices of pulseless and apneic patients only**. See attached draft.

4765-15-03 - EMT-Basic Continuing Education – Revised language for consistency, (A)(1) Completion of **at least** forty hours of continuing education including . . . See attached draft.

A motion was made by Ms. Nickles to accept the EMT-Basic's curriculum, scope of practice and continuing education rules with the revisions discussed, seconded by Ms. Bradshaw. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

4765-16-01 – EMT-Intermediate Curriculum – Revised sections (1)(d) **Fundamental** anatomy and physiology; (3)(a) **Assessment**, history taking and physical examinations; (B)(2) A minimum of three **blind insertions**, which may be . . .; (3) A minimum of one subcutaneous injection, **which may be completed on a mannequin or simulator**; (9) A minimum of **three** bronchodilator administrations; (C) **Accredited institution offering a training program** (changed for consistency); (D) An EMT-intermediate refresher training program shall consist of **at least** forty hours (added for consistency with law) . . .; and, (E) **An accredited or approved institution offering a training program** . . . Evaluations shall include a comprehensive written exam and a practical ~~skills~~ exam . . . (changed for consistency). See attached draft.

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Mr. Kubincanek commented that he would like to add Lidocaine to the pharmacology list and therefore this item will be referred to the Medical Oversight Committee.

4765-16-04 - EMT-Intermediate scope of practice – Deleted (C)(5) Dual lumen airway & (C)(6) Supraglottic airway and added new **Blind insertion airway devices of apneic patients**. See attached draft.

4765-16-03 - EMT-Intermediate Continuing Education – (A)(1) Completion of **at least** sixty hours of continuing . . . See attached draft.

A motion was made by Mr. Mankins to approve the EMT-Intermediate's curriculum, scope of practice and continuing education rules with the revisions discussed, seconded by Mr. Chumita. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

4765-17-01 – EMT-Paramedic Curriculum - Changed section (A)(1) to read: **At least five hundred** hours shall be devoted . . .; and, (A)(2) **At least** four hundred hours shall be devoted to clinical, and field training **to include minimum skill set competency**; deleted part of the language on (C)(3) and revised to read: **A portion that includes the pharmacology of emergency medications**; under (C)(3) deleted (i) through (xv); added new language under (C)(6) A portion devoted to management of shock, **segment elevation myocardial infarction and stroke alert criteria**; changed language for consistency and added (C) and (D) in section (E) to read: **Accredited institution offering a training program, as outlined in paragraphs (A), (C) and (D) of this rule, shall provide for regular written and practical skills evaluations of student performance and achievement throughout the course of the program. Evaluations shall include a comprehensive written exam and a practical exam as established by the board.** Former paragraph (B) now (F) should be deleted. Revised sections for consistency, section (G) An EMT-paramedic refresher **program** shall consist of **at least** forty-eight hours . . .; and, section (H) **Accredited or approved institutions offering a training program**, as outlined in paragraph (G) of this rule, shall . . . See attached draft.

4765-17-03 – EMT-Paramedic scope of practice – Added several emergency medical services skills to those originally listed. See attached draft.

4765-17-02 EMT-Paramedic Continuing Education – One revision to section (A)(1): Completion of **at least** eighty-six hours of continuing education . . . See attached draft.

A motion was made by Mr. Chumita to approve the EMT-Paramedic's curriculum, scope of practice and continuing education rules with the revisions discussed, seconded by Ms. Bradshaw. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

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Open Forum

June agenda items: Ms. Vermillion will discuss fiscal impact of rules; and intubation (MOC).

Ms. Bradshaw commented that the Ohio instructors group will now include all EMS instructors in the state of Ohio. A representative will continue to serve on the EMS Board and will change from the Ohio Instructor Coordinators Society to the Ohio Association of EMS Educators. Ms. Bradshaw reported that she had attended the national organization conference and she reported that Ohio would like to be part of the states chapter organization to move Ohio into the national level.

Ms. Mirarchi reported that there is a National Accreditation website online. She will be updating this website as needed.

Ms. Mirarchi informed the committee members that the final NHTSA assessment is now available. The two recommendations for education were:

1) Reform the current Ohio accreditation process into a State approval process that works in conjunction with the nationally recognized EMS education program accreditation to assure Ohio students continue to get the best possible educational preparation; and, 2) Assure that after January 1, 2013, graduates of non-CAAHEP accredited paramedic education programs understand their eligibility for Ohio certification but not national certification through the NREMT.

Future Meeting

The committee decided to meet next month on May 5, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., 1st floor, Hearing Room 109.

Mr. Kubincanek made a motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m.; unanimously approved.