

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ODPS, 4th floor, Conference Room C4 (9&10)
Thursday, June 3, 2010
9:30 a.m.**

In Attendance:

Dan Beil	<u>EMS Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Pam Bradshaw	John Kennington	Jay Clevenger
Chris Chumita	Chuck Milam	
Michael Cronin	Linda Mirarchi	
Jim Davis	Ellen Owens	
Kevin Edmond	Carol Palantekin	
Jim Holcomb	Millie Pontious	
John Kubincanek	Melissa Vermillion	
Mark Mankins		
Bill Mehbod		

Meeting called to order by Chair, Jim Holcomb at 9:37 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Individual introductions by those present followed.

The committee members reviewed the April 1, 2010 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Beil moved to approve the minutes and second by Mr. Kubincanek.

VOTE: All in favor, none against, no abstentions.

Curriculum Subcommittee Reports

- First Responder – Mr. Beil reported that the First Responder curriculum has been completed and approved by this committee.
- EMT-B – Pam Bradshaw reported that the EMT-B curriculum is still being worked on. Ms. Bradshaw asked the committee members if intubation should be included in the EMT-B curriculum. Lengthy discussion about this item followed and it was decided to leave this item out of the EMT-B curriculum. The committee decided to recommend to the EMS Board to remove the endotracheal intubation from the EMT-Basic scope of practice.
- EMT-I – Mark Mankins reported that the EMT-I curriculum report is still in progress.
- EMT-P – Kevin Edmond reported that he has continued his research, had also sent out a survey (did not received much feedback). Lengthy discussion and

question and answer period followed. Mr. Edmond reported that he had also sent out a proposal with the curriculum breakdown of 270 hours (OAC) as it is at present time and the proposed 500-600 hours for didactic and lab and 500 hours for clinical.

Mr. Edmond reported that the paramedic subcommittee is currently looking at a 900 hours as the course minimum for paramedic training. At issue are two items: (1) the National EMS Education Standards references the CoAEMSP standard range of 1000 -1300 hours; and, (2) Title IV, HEA Student Grant and Loan Programs require minimum and maximum curriculum hours. Several of the committee members brought up issues and concerns regarding the curriculum hours which would affect their students.

The paramedic subcommittee presented results from their national survey of paramedic programs whose students perform well on the NREMT. The survey indicated a range of 1000-1100 hours, evenly split between didactic/lab and clinical/field internships, is the most common number and meets the curriculum objectives.

Jim Holcomb mentioned that he had talked to Chiefs Cliff Mason and Bob Bates, Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, regarding the initial training hours and they are in agreement with the hours requirement.

Review and discussion of the following rules:

Ms. Vermillion distributed draft copies of several rules. Ms. Vermillion discussed some of the proposed changes and answered questions regarding same.

- **4765-18-03** - *Instructor Training Program Requirements – Knowledge testing issue.* A question involving knowledge examination paragraph (B)(1)(a), “*If the individual is unable to pass the knowledge examination within three attempts, the applicant must wait for a time period of six months and complete a board approved course at the appropriate level before attempting the examination again;*” Mr. Holcomb suggested further discussion of this item at the next Education Committee meeting.
- **4765-18-09** - *Qualifications for a physician as instructor.* Will present at Board meeting for review and approval of concepts only. Per the Ohio Medical Board's counsel, a certificate of training is issued to an Ohio physician as a limited license. It is issued for internships, residency and clinical fellowships, but not licensed to practice on their own. Therefore, the physician can not be a medical director of an agency. Furthermore, the physician has been issued a certificate of training for a period of one year and is renewable by the Medical Board for a period of five years. Therefore, this committee recommends that the CE instructor (physician) certificate be issued for a time period to run concurrently with the Medical Board certificate of training. Discussed and referred to the Rules Committee's July meeting.

- **4765-18-15** - *Qualifications for a certificate to teach continuing education.*
A certificate of training issue was raised regarding not being able to meet the 3/5 years requirement to be licensed; and, the issue that RN and PA have to have 3/5 but the holder of a certificate of training as a physician does not.
Discussed and referred to the Rules Committee's July meeting.
- **4765-18-21** - *Upgrade process for certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor to EMS instructor.* The committee discussed adding a new paragraph (5) which would read: *Has passed the knowledge examination at the level of the individual's certificate to practice as an EMT, within the preceding three years. However, if the individual passed the knowledge examination in order to become certified as an assistant EMS instructor, regardless of time lapsed since passing the test, the individual is not required to pass another knowledge examination.*

Open Forum

Discussion regarding an issue with the number of EMSI knowledge exam attempts and the time limit between attempts or on attempts. Currently have an applicant with 1 year between attempts 2 & 3 and then 5.5 years between attempts 5 & 6. By rule the applicant must sit out 6 months and take a refresher prior to attempt 7. The committee members recommended the matter be sent to the Rules Committee for review.

There will be further discussion regarding 4765-18-03 at the next Education Committee meeting.

Further discussion regarding Rule 4765-18-09 and once again the members decided that it should be presented to the Board for review and approval of concepts only but it will need to be reviewed by the Rules Committee and legal.

Mr. Kennington brought-up a reciprocity issue presented at the May EMS Board meeting. To remedy this particular situation, the committee suggests application be submitted to the EMS Board and it will be processed as a non-violation consent for the Board's review and approval. This matter needs to be reviewed by Principal Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel. Since this issue is a result of a certification rule, OAC 4765-8-15, the committee recommends the matter be sent to the Rules Committee for review.

The last item on the agenda, *Update on Instructor Mentor Course* will be tabled until the next committee meeting.

Several members of the committee proposed scheduling a different meeting room for the remaining Education Committee meetings.

Future Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on August 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., ODOT, Conference Room G-B.

Mr. Holcomb made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 noon and was second by Mr. Mehbod and Ms. Bradshaw.