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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Hearing Room 109
Thursday, June 2, 2011
9:30 a.m.**

In Attendance:

Committee Members

Dan Beil
Kevin Edmond
Bill Mehbod
John Kubincanek, Chair
Lisa Nickles

EMS Staff

Linda Mirarchi
John Sands
Tom Macklin
Carol Palantekin
Millie Pontious
Melissa Vermillion
John Kennington

Guests

Meeting called to order at 9:39 a.m.

Approval of 5/5/2011 Education Committee Meeting Minutes

The committee members reviewed the May 5, 2011 meeting minutes.

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

VOTE: All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

Discussion of Rules

Ms. Mirarchi informed Mr. Kubincanek that there is not a quorum since six members are needed to have a quorum. Therefore, the vote taken to approve the May 5, 2011 minutes (above) is null. The committee members will not be able to vote on any motions during the rest of the meeting.

Ms. Mirarchi commented that she had sent out the revised rules, originally discussed during the May 5th meeting, to all committee members. Ms. Mirarchi also explained that several items discussed at our last meeting will not be included in the rules since these items are not part of the language the Medical Oversight Committee and the EMS Board have already approved. Ms. Mirarchi reported that the first responder curriculum has been revised based on the standards but you also have to look at the standards set by the EMS Board and the Ohio scope of practice in order to truly be teaching the Ohio First responder or emergency medical responder. Discussion regarding final revisions

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to the Basics, Intermediates, and Paramedics levels curriculum and scope of practice followed.

Ms. Nickles asked for verification on giving immunizations by Intermediates. Ms. Mirarchi will check on this item.

Ms. Mirarchi, Mr. Kubincanek, Ms. Bradshaw and Ms. Vermillion will be attending the June 14th Medical Oversight Committee to update the committee members on the language revisions the Education Committee has made.

Ms. Vermillion advised the committee members that the Rules Committee will meet in July and hopefully the education committee will have finalized the rules and have submitted the rules to the Rules Committee by then.

Rules Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Ms. Mirarchi and Ms. Vermillion discussed the Rule Summary Fiscal Analysis (RSFA document) pertaining to each rule and asked for input from committee members. Ms. Vermillion will finalize this document.

Review and discussion of Paramedic Curriculum and Scope of Practice

Committee members reviewed and discussed the Paramedic curriculum and scope of practice and suggested several changes be adopted. Regarding the curriculum, Committee members suggested revising the language to read “mannequin or simulator” on (D)(2)(b), (D)(7) and (D)(8). The Committee suggested spelling-out “EKG” and “ALS” abbreviations. The Committee further suggested defining “ALS” and “Team Leader” on the accreditation document. The committee members also proposed striking all parentheses throughout the document.

During the review of the Paramedic scope of practice, the committee members had several questions regarding several items. Mr. Edmond will provide the documentation he compiled during the last two years regarding the Paramedic level to the Committee members. Mr. Sands will present the Paramedic level rules to the Medical Oversight Committee for approval.

Ms. Mirarchi asked about the NREMT Paramedic renewal requirements. Ms. Mirarchi reported that the National Registry will require transition (bridge) courses for all NREMT renewals. The Paramedics have until 2016-2017 to complete this requirement. Further discussion by the committee regarding creating a special course in order to maintain the national registry certification followed. Mr. Sands suggested creating a mandatory CE (through an accredited facility) course to be offered during a 3-year certification cycle which includes a block of continuing education hours. Mr. Sands commented that transition courses for first responders, basics, intermediates and paramedics will be required.

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Further discussion regarding **mandating** continuing education courses for the Paramedic level followed. Ms. Mirarchi suggested collecting course information for a Paramedic refresher program that could meet the requirements of the certificate to be submitted to National Registry. Mr. Sands and Mr. Beil would like to mandate certain training requirements or creating a CE course that covers those items approved by the EMS Board and NREMT.

Open Forum

Mr. Kubincanek stressed the need of having a quorum at the next meeting in order to approve and finalized the rules and submit it to the Rules Committee by their next meeting on July 20th. The EMS Board will meet on Wednesday, August 17th. The committee members decided to meet on July 7th and Mr. Kubincanek will make sure he has a commitment from several committee members that they will attend the next meeting.

Future Meeting

The committee will meet next month on July 7, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., 1st floor, Hearing Room 109.

Mr. Kubincanek made a motion to adjourn at 12:45 p.m.