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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Hearing Room 109  
Thursday, August 4, 2011  
9:30 a.m.**

**In Attendance:**

Committee Members

Dan Beil  
Chris Chumita  
Michael Cronin  
John Kubincanek, Chair  
Mark Mankins  
Bill Mehbod  
Lisa Nickles  
Chuck Sowerbrower

EMS Staff  
  
Linda Mirarchi  
Millie Pontious  
John Sands  
Carol Palantekin

Guests  
  
Lois Souder  
Tamara Thomas

ODPS Legal  
  
Anne Vitale

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of 7/7/2011 Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

The committee members reviewed the July 7, 2011 meetings minutes.

**MOTION: Mr. Beil moved to approve the July 7, 2011 minutes with a couple of revisions and second by Mr. Sowerbrower.**

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

**Discussion Regarding a Special Needs Continuing Education Requirement**

Several committee members expressed ideas on how to address this issue. An Ad Hoc sub-committee was created and Lisa Nickles (will Chair), Mark Mankins, Linda Mirarchi, John Sands and John Kubincanek volunteered to work on designing a course on EMS and special needs populations; create courses or presentations on physical, cognitive, behavioral and medically induced special needs; and to establish an EMS webpage for courses and presentations on special needs populations. The sub-committee will consult with Capt. William Piwtorak, EMS Coordinator and Special Needs Administrator, Liberty Twp. Fire Department, and ask for his input and guidance in achieving these objectives.

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Mr. Kubincanek asked if there was any way of tracking how many EMTs take a special needs program. Ms. Mirarchi will ask the ODPS IT group if there is any way of tracking who takes the special needs program if it is available on the EMS Website as a continuing education program. Mr. Mankins mentioned that Capt. Piwtorak can assist and provide presentation materials addressing various special needs areas. The subcommittee will also discuss this item with the State of Ohio EMS Medical Director.

EMS Executive Director Jeffrey Leaming stopped by to introduce himself to the committee members and offer his assistance if needed.

### **Discussion – EMSI Course Revision and Mentorship Program in Rule 4765-18-04**

Linda Mirarchi distributed copies of: 1) 2002 National Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors (National Association of EMS Educators); 2) Ohio EMS Instructor Training Mentorship Objective Check Sheet, created by Mark Mankins and Linda Mirarchi in 2009; and, 3) 4765-18-04 EMS instructor training program curriculum and 4765-18-21 Upgrade process for certificate to teach as assistant EMS instructor to EMS instructor with two attachments regarding Outline for Fire and Emergency Medical Services Instructor Course and the EMS Instructor Course – 8-Hour Module (Objectives). After discussion, the committee drafted a document to be used in the EMSI Training Mentorship Program referenced in 4765-18-04. The committee will also revise the current Public Safety Instructor course because of changes in the EMS and NFPA standards. Mr. Mankins will serve as the Fire Services Advisory Committee liaison to the Education Committee.

The committee members agreed to use Mr. Mankins document (revised), Ohio EMS Instructor Training Mentorship Objective Check Sheet, with several additions (columns). Mr. Mankins agreed to revise the document and will present it at the committee's October meeting. All committee members suggested that a time period should be specified in the instructors' rule since the rules in effect are very confusing. Ms. Mirarchi asked the committee members "if it is inconceivable to leave it up to the local mentorship program's discretion?" Ms. Mirarchi and Mr. Mankins will revise the guidance portion of the EMSI application by the next committee meeting (October). Ms. Mirarchi will also prepare a cover letter which will include all the items program directors need to have in a folder for her review when she visits a site.

### **Final Draft Curriculum and Scope of Practice**

EMS Legal Counsel Anne Vitale reported that an introductory paragraph has been added to the new curriculum rules indicating that a training program beginning on or after September 1, 2012 must use the new curriculum but may begin teaching the new curriculum after the effective date of the rule (tentatively, February 2012). Ms. Vitale also explained that a "sunset" paragraph has been added to the current curriculum rules requiring any training program beginning on or after September 1, 2012 to teach from the new curriculum. Ms. Vitale asked the committee members how the language related to orotracheal intubation of pulseless and apneic patients should be addressed since it will be rescinded from the EMT-basic scope of practice effective September 1,

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2012 on 4765.15-04(B)(2). Ms. Vitale will add a paragraph to 4765.15-04(B)(2) regarding this item. The rules are scheduled to be approved by the Medical Oversight Committee at their August meeting; the rules will then go to the Rules Committee in September; the rules will be reviewed by the EMS Board at their October meeting; and, hopefully, a public hearing will be scheduled in December.

**MOTION: Mr. Mankins moved to accept the rules as amended and second by Mr. Chumita.**

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

### **Open Forum**

Ms. Mirarchi asked for facility suggestions from the Committee members to roll-out the new EMS curriculum at the National Association of EMS Instructors. The room needs to accommodate 100 participants and has to be free; available Friday through Monday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM with AV equipment provided. It can't be an auditorium or theater; coffee has to be provided each morning at no cost; parking has to be free; there must be an easel available in the room; and has to have dining options close by. Several committee members will check into location possibilities and let Ms. Mirarchi know.

### **Future Meeting**

The committee will meet on October 6, 2011 at 9:30 AM, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Hearing Room 109.

Mr. Mankins made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 PM and second by Ms. Nickles.