

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ODOT CONFERENCE ROOM G-B**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008
9:30 a.m.**

In Attendance:

Dan Beil	Linda Mirarchi
Pam Bradshaw	Ellen Owens
Jim Davis	John Sands
Kevin Edmond	Chuck Sowerbrower
Jim Holcomb	Melissa Vermillion
John Kubincanek	

Meeting called to order by Jim Holcomb at 9:40 a.m.

Items to be Reviewed and Discussed

- **Chapter 4765-15, 16, 17 and 19 – (CE only, also discussion on any limits to on-line CE hours).**
 - **Draft Language on Passing Percentages – 4765-7-07 - Renewal of accreditation.**
 - (B) Should read – The application for renewal shall clearly indicate the date by which it must be completed and **received by** the division.
 - (E) Should read – Every twenty-four months after the effective date of this rule, the board shall review **If it is determined the rule needs to be amended, the board shall due so immediately.**
 - **4765-15-03, 4765-16-03 and 4765-17-02, paragraph (A)(1)(c) was modified by the Trauma Committee to read: **Beginning with the applicant’s first full certification cycle following the effective date of this rule, eight hours on trauma issues, to include triage transportation protocols approved by the board.****
 - **4765-15-03, 4765-16-03 and 4765-17-02, paragraph (A)(3) should also be revised to read: **Current registration with ... and completion of the triage transportation protocols ... board.****
 - **4765-15-03, 4765-16-03 and 4765-17-02, paragraph (A) will be revised as: Except as otherwise provided in section 4765.31 of the Revised Code ... as an EMT-basic shall **be in** compliance with one of the four following continuing education requirements:**
 - **4765-15-03, 4765-16-03 and 4765-17-02, paragraph (B) should be added and should read: When applying for renewal of a certificate of practice, a person who is certified as an (EMT-basic, intermediate or paramedic level) will be considered compliant if one of the four continuing education requirements is completed during a**

board approved extension period in accordance with section 4765.31 of the Revised Code and chapter 4765-19 of the Administrative Code.

- J. Holcomb advised the committee that there is plenty of time to review and make changes to these rules. Mr. Holcomb also suggested having the Research Committee review the rules, specifically, the required numbers of hours specified in each rule.
- EMS Division's Education personnel will review and revise 4765-17-02(A)(d).
- J. Holcomb asked Ellen Owens to introduce these rules to the RPAB members and to ask for their review and comments.
- Review and discussion of **4765-19-01, 02, 03 and 04**. Members discussed 01, 02 and 03 and did not submit any changes. Linda Mirarchi asked for suggestions regarding 4765-19-04. Specifically, how to communicate the exemption from continuing education requirements for applicants on active military duty. Ms. Mirarchi will prepare a memorandum to include the exemption from continuing education for active military personnel and will forward it to John Kubincanek for publication in the OAEMS newsletter.

Guidelines for Healthcare Provider to Paramedic (OAC 4765-6-02(E))

- This memorandum was distributed to the Education Committee members. The guidelines were prepared by several Education Committee members and summarized by Board member Mark Marchetta on September, 2002. OAC 4765-6-02(E) states that "An accredited training program for EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic training with the approval of the program coordinator and program medical director may accept previous training of the student, by documenting the students competency in the objectives, as established by the board for the section that credit is given. The training program shall assess the student's competency through written and practical testing." The guidelines included in this memorandum pertain to Physician Assistant, RN, LPN, Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapist Assistant, Radiological Technician, and Respiratory Therapist that wish to become paramedics. The Board would like this committee to review and propose any changes required.
- Several program coordinators explained how their program tests and develops individualized curriculum for each candidate (student). Jim Davis brought up for discussion the potential for a student to file discrimination charges against an accredited training program if there isn't a contract signed by the student and program director which specifies the curriculum the student needs to complete before he/she is given a paramedic certification. Program coordinators assured Mr. Davis that a written contract or proposal, which explains to the individual student how to successfully complete the course, is provided for each student applicant prior to the commencement of the independent student's training program. Ms. Mirarchi referred to OAC 4765-7-02(A)(20)(f & g) which requires the EMS training program to make written policies available to students identifying the criteria for successful completion of each component of the curriculum as well as criteria for successful completion of the full training program.

- J. Holcomb asked the committee members to review these guidelines further and to be ready to bring up and discuss other issues, if necessary, at the November Education Committee meeting.

Future Meetings

Thursday, November 6th will be the next Committee meeting. The December, 2008 meeting might be cancelled depending on whether the Committee will have items (Rules) to discuss or to decide on. J. Holcomb informed the committee of the cancellation of the January 09 Education Committee meeting. Future committee meetings have been scheduled through April 09 and will be at the ODOT conference room's area. The next topic for discussion at future meetings will be the new curriculum. Waiting to see what the national standards will be before proceeding. Chuck Sowerbrower asked if the Board had taken a position regarding the new curriculum and the new scope of practice? Open discussion regarding scope of practice (national) and scope of practice in Ohio. John Sands or Linda Mirarchi will follow-up on the national and state (Ohio) scope of practice issue; however, L. Mirarchi commented that the decision will have to come from the Board as far as what to adopt. The Education Committee will then be able to look at this issue.

J. Holcomb made a motion to adjourn (12:25 p.m.); unanimously approved.