

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
ODPS, EMS Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
THURSDAY, December 3, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**In Attendance:**

Dan Beil  
Pam Bradshaw  
Jim Davis  
Jim Holcomb  
John Kubincanek  
Mark Mankins  
Chris Chumita  
Chuck Sowerbrower

EMS Staff  
John Kennington  
Doug Orahood  
Millie Pontious  
Heather Reed-Frient  
John Sands  
Katie Toole  
Melissa Vermillion

Guests

Robert Bates

Meeting called to order by Chair, Jim Holcomb at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Holcomb informed the committee that a work study group was formed after the last committee meeting (October 1, 2009), which included Mr. Kennington, Ms. Vermillion, Mr. Sands, Mr. Robert Bates, legislative chairperson from the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, Mr. Dan Fitzpatrick, legislative liaison with the Ohio Fire Chiefs and Terry Gill, representing the FF/FSI committee. This group was formed to review and finalize the new firefighters' birthday rule. A memo regarding Proposed Concepts – One Expiration Date for All Certifications, which included an outline of the proposed adjusted CE for merged EMS, Fire and EMS & Fire Instructor certifications, was distributed. Mr. Sands explained the changes needed for the merging of all certifications to one expiration date (birthday). With the effective date of the new rules that will be established from these concepts, all certifications expiration dates will be merged within 90 days.

Mr. Sowerbrower came in at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Sowerbrower questioned whether the CE 30% trauma/triage hours listed is a problem with what the law requires. Ms. Reed-Frient immediately reviewed the law and reported that there are no trauma/triage hour requirements for CE. Mr. Holcomb reported that once the Education Committee approves these concepts, it will be forwarded to the EMS Board for approval before the rules are drafted and finalized. It is the hope of this committee to implement the one expiration date concept by January 2011.

**MOTION:** Mr. Kubincanek moved to approve the proposed concepts.

**VOTE:** All in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Bates and Mr. Kennington left the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Mr. Davis arrived at 10:05 a.m.

Rule 4765-1-01 Definitions and Rules 4765-7-01 and 4765-7-03 documents were distributed. Ms. Vermillion explained the changes made to the definitions as marked (highlighted in blue ink).

The committee reviewed Rule 4765-7-01 – Merging of certificates of accreditation and general provisions. Ms. Vermillion explained the revisions and comments which were highlighted on the document. Questions and discussion regarding accreditations followed.

Rule 4765-7-03 – Provisional certificate of accreditation. Lengthy discussion regarding item (D). The committee suggested splitting the two sentences into two separate items, that is, item D and item E. Furthermore, item (E) will become item (F). Ms. Reed-Frient will consult with AAG Yvonne Tertel regarding item (F) provisional certificate language. Specifically, whether to reinstate within a specified amount of time or re-apply for a new application after a school lets their provisional status expire.

Mr. Holcomb requested that the next meeting scheduled for February 4, 2010 be rescheduled to January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Pontious will send an e-mail notice rescheduling this meeting immediately after conclusion of this meeting. Moving the meeting up will allow finalizing of the rules; therefore, allowing the EMS Board to review and approve these rules by their scheduled retreat meeting on February 24-25, 2010.

John Sands distributed a draft document labeled Revised Notice of Offsite Location Form. Mr. Sands asked if everyone felt this document was needed. Most committee members felt that direct contact via telephone or e-mail with Ms. Mirarchi to inform her of the offsite location was sufficient. It was decided that this document is not needed. Mr. Sands then distributed three revised documents, which include comments and EMS staff is pleased with the changes made, titled: Certificate of Approval Site Review Report, Initial Application for Certificate of Approval and Certificate of Approval – Renewal Application, Certificate of Accreditation, initial and renewal applications, for committee members to review. Ms. Toole will e-mail these documents to all members as soon as the meeting is concluded. Committee members should review these and e-mail any changes or revisions to Mr. Sands by next Friday, December 11th.

Mr. Sowerbrower asked if the committee could propose to the EMS Board to apply lateral pressure to get law changed so schools can keep expired drugs at their labs, not have to throw these away and thereby save money for these schools. According to Mr. Davis and Mr. Holcomb this idea has been shut-down by the Pharmacy Board in the past. Mr. Holcomb and Ms. Vermillion suggested scheduling this matter for discussion through the Legislative Committee in February, 2010.

Ms. Bradshaw brought up for discussion the EMT-Basic intubation issue. Several committee members made some comments and arguments regarding this matter. This topic will be taken up by this committee in January 2010. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Holcomb suggested sending this item to the Medical Oversight Committee for input.

**MOTION:** Mr. Holcomb moved to forward the intubation issue to the Medical Oversight Committee for their review and direction.

**VOTE:** All in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Holcomb will let everyone in the committee know the date when this matter will be discussed by the Medical Oversight Committee.

Minutes from the October 1, 2009 meeting were approved.

**Future Meetings**

The next committee meeting will be held on January 21, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., ODPS, 4th floor, Conference Room C 9-10.

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Holcomb at 12:15 p.m.