

**MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE (COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE)
AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

| MINUTES | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
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| | April 15, 2014 | 3:00 PM | ODPS – Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218 |

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| ATTENDEES | <p><u>Committee Chairperson:</u> Deanna Harris</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Mary Ahlers, Karen Beavers, Pam Bradshaw, James Davis, Tom Duffee, Geoff Dutton, Holly Herron, JD Postage, Joshua Tilton, Dr. Paul Zeeb</p> <p><u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</u> Dr. Carol Cunningham, Melvin House, John Sands, Dawn Vondracek</p> <p><u>ODPS Staff:</u> None</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Eric Cortez, Brent Parquette, Adam Howard, Jonathan Lever, Jeffrey Bruggeman, Herb de la Porte</p> <p><u>Absent Committee Members:</u> Matthew Dick, Ernest Hatmaker, Dr. David Keseg, Gary Redd, Bruce Shade, Dr. Brian Springer, Joseph Toth, Mike White</p> |
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AGENDA TOPICS

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| TOPIC | Welcome |
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| DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i> | The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairperson Deanna Harris. |
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| TOPIC | Meeting Minutes |
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| DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i> | <i>A motion was made by Chn. Harris to approve the 2/18/14 draft meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were not updated to include suggested revision by Dr. Carol Cunningham; therefore, the meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the next meeting.</i> |
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| TOPIC | Old Business |
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| DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i> | The Committee reviewed the 2013 accomplishments of the MIHC (previously known as Community Paramedicine) Ad Hoc Committee. As no changes were proposed, this document will be submitted as part of the EMFETS Committee Accomplishments Summary. |
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| DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i> | Chn. Harris updated the Committee on the communication piece drafted by legal on the status of Community Paramedicine in Ohio. Chn. Harris stated that comments received by Board and MIHC Committee members were incorporated into the draft, pending legal review and implementation. Clarification as to “community needs” was proposed to the draft document. |
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ACTION: Motion was made to clarify “community needs” in the draft document written by legal. Dr. Keseg – First. Ms. Ahlers – Second. All members were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion was approved.

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| DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i> | Chn. Harris discussed House Bill 809 “The Field EMS Bill” and asked Committee members to share their knowledge. Mr. Tilton stated that there is a proposal within the Field EMS Bill where EMS would transfer from the federal DOT to DHHS, which would provide EMS and grant funding opportunities that are currently lacking at the state and federal level. |
| | EMS on the Hill Day in Washington, DC, is March 25, 2014. Mary Ahlers will be attending. Chn. Harris will get the Board’s opinion if an Ohio contingent should be sent. |

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| DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i> | Chn. Harris shared her presentation on Ohio’s Progress toward Community Paramedicine given at the University of Cincinnati Residency Course on Community Paramedicine. The community’s perception is that Ohio isn’t supportive of MIHC. Chn. Harris stressed that an association or group must champion MIHC for it to get carried through to legislation. |
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| <p>DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris and Dr. Cunningham)</i></p> | <p>Dr. Cunningham shared the first draft of the MIHC White Paper. The paper's purpose is to justify the legislative change needed to incorporate Mobile Integrated Healthcare into Ohio EMS law. The Committee was asked to send suggestions or comments to Dr. Cunningham.</p> |
| <p>DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i></p> | <p>Mr. Postage suggested that the Committee develop guidelines on completing a community needs assessment. Dr. Cunningham stressed that MIHC isn't ours to build and not the assigned mission of the Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee. OHA or ODH should be contacted. Again, a champion must be identified to carry the legislation through.</p> <p>Chn. Harris suggested we develop a "resource packet" on MIHC issues and that documents related to this topic be forwarded to her.</p> <p>The stakeholder list was reviewed, and it was suggested that "clients" (including patients) and consumer advocacy groups be added to the stakeholder list.</p> |
| <p>TOPIC</p> | <p>New Business</p> |
| <p>DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris, Mary Ahlers, JD Postage)</i></p> | <p>Chn. Harris asked for feedback on the March 25, 2014, "EMS on the Hill" in Washington DC. Mary Ahlers, JD Postage, and Jonathan Lever attended the Summit held the day before.</p> <p>Mary Ahlers stated there were many dynamic speakers and a feeling of comradery and support for H.R. 809, which proposes EMS be nationally regulated. Ohio US Representative Brad Wenstrup is a strong supporter of MIHC and offered assistance to the Committee. As far as revising Ohio law, he suggested adding "emergency prevention" instead of taking out "emergency."</p> <p>JD Postage added the Joint Commission speaker suggested MIHC may be regulated under them within 5-10 years. Good information on how other agencies fund MIHC, such as hospitals partnering with payer sources, such as home health care, with payment based upon performance based outcomes.</p> <p>Jonathan discussed additional funding arrangements. For example, home health care is contacted when EMS is called as patients are in a CADD system; unique hospice models are being developing; the Pittsburgh mental health care model is connecting people with resources; and MedStar is partnering with ACOs for shared savings (per member per month fees plus a percentage of any additional savings at year-end).</p> <p>Dan Swayze, Chief Operating Officer at Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania, shared with JD that Pennsylvania is in the process of writing a white paper. Dan Swayze also told Jon that he was meeting with CMS on national reimbursement and PA Medicaid.</p> |
| <p>DISCUSSION <i>(Chn Harris, James Davis)</i></p> | <p>Chairperson Harris and James Davis attended a stakeholder meeting was held on 4/14/14. The Ohio Fire Alliance (Ohio Fire Chief's, Ohio Assoc of Professional Fire Fighters and the Ohio State Fire Fighter's Assoc) hosted a stake holder's meeting to include some private EMS, county/city/township officials, and the Ohio Hospital Association. The Ohio Fire Alliance is willing to take the lead on championing MIHC.</p> <p>MIHC is generating traction. The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association added community paramedicine to its July 2014 Conference agenda. Larry Bennett of University of Cincinnati continues to offer CP courses.</p> <p>It is important that Committee members, and anyone else we are aware of, speaking on CP go through the Committee to better ensure a unified message is delivered on mobile integrated healthcare The Power Point developed by Chairperson Harris is available to anyone interested.</p> |
| <p>DISCUSSION <i>(Chn Harris, Dr.</i></p> | <p>The community paramedicine communication piece was distributed via LISTSERVS on 4/14/14. There are many questions on whether EMS can provide support to an event, such</p> |

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| <i>Cunningham)</i> | as a marathon. Dr. Cunningham advised to first check with local municipalities; rules may be on the books that limit what EMS can do. In the absence of city rules that prohibit event-specific EMS support, Chairperson Harris advised that, in general, if EMS is simply setting up a makeshift location at a well-attended event to shorten response time, this would be considered an extension of providing EMS emergency services and not community paramedicine. |
| DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris, Dr. Cunningham, Mr. Davis)</i> | <p>Dr. Cunningham presented the draft white paper by section (6 pages). The paper's target audience is legislators/lay people/business people, and is written from a business viewpoint to determine whether time and resources would be dedicated toward moving community paramedicine forward. Dr. Cunningham reiterated that only published references should be used to maintain the integrity of any white paper.</p> <p>Committee members suggested adding that EMS reimbursement will be quality based, not quantity, which may be an incentive for support.</p> <p>James Davis suggested that the paper clearly emphasize that MIHC integrates with other providers and is not intended to be a takeover of services, as this is a primary concern of the health care community. Chn. Harris also reiterated that the loudest and strongest fear is getting pushed out. We need to emphasize that MIHC isn't intended to replace but to fill in existing gaps. Also, we need to emphasize that communities will not be pressured and will not be mandated to participate.</p> <p>Instead of rewriting the white paper to set this tone, the Committee agreed that a one-page executive summary be included to recap mobile integrated healthcare as collaborative—not mandated or designed to push out any specific healthcare group. MIHC should fill in gaps to meet community needs, ideally achieving financial savings. Links can be used in the white paper executive summary.</p> <p>Mr. Davis suggested that we answer 5 questions: What are we trying to solve? Why is it a problem? How can the problem be solved? What needs to be done? How is it financed?</p> |

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| Chn. Harris will request links from Committee members for possible inclusion in the executive summary | Chn. Harris | |
| Chn. Harris will draft the executive summary for Dr. Cunningham's review | Chn. Harris | |

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| DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i> | The meeting was adjourned. |
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- ATTACHMENTS**
- The Community Paramedicine Communication piece
 - Draft White Paper
 - EMS Introduction to ACOs
 - Power Point developed by Chn. Harris

- NEXT MEETING**
- The next scheduled meeting is June 17, 2014.