

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

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	June 17, 2014	3:00 PM	ODPS – Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218

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

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>DISCUSSION (Chn. Harris)</b>	The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairperson Deanna Harris.

ACTION ITEM(S)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>DISCUSSION (Chn. Harris)</b>	<p><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> A motion was made by Chn. Harris to approve the 2/18/14 draft meeting minutes with the addition of Joe Toth as an attendee. Mr. Toth – First. Mr. Postage – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> A motion was made by Chn. Harris to approve the 4/15/14 draft meeting minutes with no changes. Ms. Ahlers – First. Mr. Postage – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.</p>

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>DISCUSSION (Chn. Harris, Mary Ahlers, JD Postage)</b>	<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><b>DISCUSSION</b> <i>(Chn Harris, James Davis)</i></p>	<p>Chairperson Harris and James Davis attended a stakeholder meeting 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><b>DISCUSSION</b> <i>(Chn Harris, Dr. Cunningham)</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 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.</p>
<p><b>DISCUSSION</b> <i>(Chn. Harris, Dr. Cunningham, Mr. Davis)</i></p>	<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>

<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Chn. Harris will request links from Committee members for possible inclusion in the executive summary	Chn. Harris	Ongoing
Chn. Harris will draft the executive summary for Dr. Cunningham's review	Chn. Harris	6/10/14

**TOPIC**      **New Business**

**DISCUSSION**  
*(Chn. Harris)*      The Committee finalized the MIHC white paper and executive summary.

<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Chn. Harris will present the MIHC white paper and executive summary to the EMFTS board for approval	Chn. Harris	6/18/14

**DISCUSSION**  
*(Chn. Harris)*      The meeting was adjourned.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- None

**NEXT MEETING**

- The next scheduled meeting is August 19, 2014.