

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	December 17, 2013	3:00 PM	ODPS – Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218

ATTENDEES	<p><u><i>Committee Chairperson:</i></u> Deanna Harris</p> <p><u><i>Committee Members:</i></u> Mary Ahlers, Karen Beavers, Pam Bradshaw, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Ernest Hatmaker, Holly Herron, Dr. David Keseg, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Joshua Tilton, Mike White, Dr. Paul Zeeb</p> <p><u><i>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</i></u> Dr. Carol Cunningham, Mel House, John Sands, Dawn Vondracek</p> <p><u><i>ODPS Staff:</i></u> Andy Spencer</p> <p><u><i>Guests:</i></u> Daniel Ellenberger, JD Postage</p> <p><u><i>Absent Committee Members:</i></u> Matthew Dick, Gary Redd, Bruce Shade, Dr. Brian Springer</p>
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AGENDA TOPICS

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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ACTION ITEM(S)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

TOPIC	Meeting Minutes
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DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i>	<u><i>ACTION:</i></u> A motion was made by Chn. Harris to approve the 10/15/13 draft meeting minutes with no changes. Mr. Davis– First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.
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ACTION ITEM(S)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TOPIC	Old Business
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DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i>	Ms. Harris presented a company newsletter announcing that Community Paramedicine is being practiced by Ohio EMS providers. Anna Firestone, legal counsel, recommended the EMS providers be reported to Investigations but also suggested contacting the Assistant Attorney General for guidance.
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ACTION ITEM(S)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Chn. Harris will present newsletter to EMFTS Board for deliberation of possible investigation of practicing outside of Emergency Care as outlined by law.	Chn. Harris	October 16 th Board Meeting

	Chn. Harris spoke with Gary Redd, who is no longer interested in being on the Community Paramedicine Committee. Also, Dr. Brian Springer does not intend to resign from the Committee. Chn. Harris requested a larger meeting room.
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	<u><i>ACTION:</i></u> Motion was made to remove Gary Redd from the Community Paramedicine Committee. All members were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion was approved.
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DISCUSSION <i>(Chn. Harris)</i>	Chn. Harris reported that interest in becoming Community Paramedicine Committee members exceeds the allowed membership.
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	<u><i>ACTION:</i></u> Motion was made to recommend to the EMFTS Board that Community Paramedicine Committee membership exceed 15 members. None opposed. None abstained. Motion was approved.
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	Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee applications were reviewed and approved (subject to EMFTS Board approval of more than 15 members) for: Mary Ahlers (TriHealth), Karen Beavers (EMFTS Board), Ernest Hatmaker (EMFTS Board), Holly Herron (Ohio Health) and Mike White (Newark Fire Dept). Additional applications are anticipated from JD Postage, Daniel Ellenberger and Tom Duffee.
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ACTION: Motion was made to induct new members to the Community Paramedicine Committee. Those members are as follows: Mary Ahlers, Karen Beavers, Ernest Hatmaker, Holly Herron and Mike White. James Davis – First. Pam Bradshaw – Second. All members were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion was approved.

DISCUSSION
(Chn. Harris)

The Committee agreed that a communication be sent out to stakeholders and EMS providers about the status of Community Paramedicine in Ohio. EMS providers practicing Community Paramedicine have no liability protections and are at risk by practicing outside of emergency activation. Schools have started offering classes on Community Paramedicine. Any communications should be informational and state that Community Paramedicine is being reviewed but has not yet been implemented and, therefore, cannot be practiced until written into the OAC and ORC.

ACTION: Motion was made to ask Board to send out communications to stakeholders and EMS personnel about the status of Community Paramedicine in Ohio. James Davis – First. Pam Bradshaw – Second. All members were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion was approved.

DISCUSSION
(Dr. Cunningham/
Mr. Davis, Chn. Harris)

Despite lack of regulation, there is momentum in the Ohio health care environment toward Community Paramedicine. Therefore, the state of Ohio needs to respond. The biggest hurdle is changing the law in ORC and defining it in OAC, and identifying the process of changing it (seek law change vs. pieces in place – curriculum, continuing education, define who qualifies, funding, endorsement vs. certification, etc.). Changes in language discussed: (1) Replace Emergency with NON emergency; (2) just take the word "emergency" out; or (3) Call it Mobile Integrated Healthcare (the new term for Community Paramedicine programs). The anticipated timeframe to change the law and implement Community Paramedicine is 2+ years. Grants were also discussed as a possibility of opening the door to Community Paramedicine, but legal would need to approve.

ACTION: Motion was made to recommend that the EMFTS Board immediately seek legislative changes to the ORC to allow for Community Paramedicine in Ohio. James Davis – First. Joshua Tilton – Second. All members were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion was approved.

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DISCUSSION
(Mr. Davis, Chn. Harris)

The Committee identified stakeholders: Hospice, Home Health Care, ONA, OHA, Fire Chiefs, Ohio Association of EMS, Mental Health, Payor Groups (Insurance, Medicare, Medicaid), Council on Aging, Public Health (State, County, City), Respiratory Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Paramedic education programs/teaching institutions, Physician groups (OSMA - Primary Care, ACEP), APN's, PA's.

Community paramedicine is intended to fill in gaps and work in concert with existing services. It is not intended to take the place of or displace any current services.

Obtaining stakeholder feedback can be achieved through a 1st quarter stakeholders' meeting or by stakeholder participation/involvement with the Community Paramedicine Committee.

DISCUSSION
(Chn. Harris)

At the May 2013 EMS Board meeting, this Committee motioned the Board to approve that the Community Paramedicine Committee and Resource Committee work together to create and ultimately release a Request for Proposals. The RFP would utilize priority Five Funding during the 2014 grant period for community paramedicine research projects.

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Chn. Harris will discuss with the EMFT Board what projects may qualify under the RFP	Chn. Harris	December 17 th Meeting
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TOPIC	New Business
DISCUSSION (Chn. Harris)	<p>Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee applications were reviewed and approved (subject to EMFTS Board approval) for: JD Postage (Violet Township and Nationwide Children’s Hospital), Joseph Toth (Parma Hospital), Daniel Ellenberger (Univ Hospitals of Cleveland, Troy Fire & Cuyahoga Comm College) and Tom Duffee (Clark State Community College and Enon Mad-River Twp Fire & EMS)</p> <p><i>ACTION: Motion was made to induct new members to the Community Paramedicine Committee. Those members are as follows: JD Postage, Joseph Toth, Daniel Ellenberger and Tom Duffee. James Davis – First. Pam Bradshaw – Second. All members were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion was approved.</i></p>
DISCUSSION (Chn. Harris, Exec Dir Mel House and Andy Spencer)	<p>Chn. Harris stated the meeting purpose was to broadly define Ohio’s Community Paramedic and discuss the legislative process of incorporating Community Paramedicine. Executive Director Mel House introduced Andy Spencer, DPS Legislative Liaison. Mr. Spencer described the opportunity to include new programs such as Community Paramedicine in the February 2014 Mid-biennium Budget Review (MBR). The process is to seek DPS approval, develop an implementation strategy, identify stakeholders and identify organization(s) to carry it through to legislation.</p>
DISCUSSION (Chn. Harris)	<p>Chn. Harris led the ad hoc Committee discussion to conceptually define Ohio’s Community Paramedic as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>Experience</u> –Must have two years full-time paramedic experience before applying to a training program accredited by the EMFTS Board. ❖ <u>Endorsement</u> – Upon graduation from an accredited training program, will receive Community Paramedicine endorsement (not certification). ❖ <u>Community Paramedic Scope of Practice</u> – Remains unchanged from Paramedic, but could expand in future. ❖ <u>Specialty Continuing Education</u> – Community Paramedic endorsement will require additional specialty continuing education as determined by the EMFTs board. ❖ <u>Medical Oversight</u> – Provided by medical director with appropriate credentials as approved by the EMFTs board. ❖ <u>Immunity</u>: Immunity protection regardless of location while performing Community Paramedic-activities. ❖ <u>Practice Location</u>: Per needs assessment for individual community. ❖ <u>Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement</u>: Unchanged for medical directors, detailed under OAC 4765-3-05. ❖ <u>Types of Care</u>: Including but not limited to pre-hospital services, preventative care, social service referrals, chronic care support, treat and release, follow up care and maintenance. ❖ <u>Transport</u> – Disposition of patients per community paramedicine protocols and medical direction.
ATTACHMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel reimbursement forms • “Who is Ohio’s Community Paramedic” EMS Handout • Minnesota Department of Human Services (January 2012). <i>Community Paramedic Services Legislative Report - Health Services Medical Management</i> 	
NEXT MEETING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next scheduled meeting is February 18, 2014. 	