



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134
April 17, 2012

In Attendance:

Committee Members

EMS Staff

Michael Cudnik
Carol Cunningham
Deanna Dahl-Grove
Martin Fuller
Mark Marchetta
John Pakiela
Wendy Pomerantz
Brian Springer

Sue Morris

Quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 10:20 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed by MOC members.

MOTION: Mr. Marchetta moved to approve and second by Dr. Dahl-Grove.

VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Time Sensitive Diseases (TSD)

Time critical diagnosis stroke legislation was put forth by the American Heart Association. This was not supported but gave the opportunity to be more nimble and address all time sensitive diseases.

No motion on TSD at this time. The committee will be keeping this item in mind for the future discussions.

Dr. Pakiela arrived 10:30a

Strategic Plan

8.2.1 - Seek liability immunity for the RPABs.

Dr. Cunningham stated this will need funding. Dr. Springer asked if legal council had any input on this. Dr. Cunningham explained that when the physician is functioning in the role of RPAB, they are covered under the AG's office. But there is concern that the AG's office will have the funding to be able to give the level of immunity needed by the physicians when functioning as an agencies medical director. One suggestion would be outsourcing to an insurance company.

Dr. Pakiela reminded the committee that anything that had legislative needs, it is to be sent to Mr. Davis's committee for legislative priorities.

MOTION: Dr. Pomerantz moved to take 8.2.1 to the board to be sent to the Legislative (Policy and Regulation) committee and second by Mr. Marchetta. VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

8.2.2 - Seek statutory authority to develop and require medical directors certification for all agency medical directors.

Dr. Dahl-Grove asked if there is a certification available through ACEP or NASEP. Dr. Cunningham suggested if this could mirror the Physician EMS Instructor application process it would create a certificate and also an auditing process. The courses available through would allow for a completion certificate to be generated.

Dr. Cunningham suggested the application for medical director certification should include a list of the agencies that are under the physician's direction.

The committee is requesting the membership to lay out a one page white paper. Dr. Springer will draft core concepts that the committee would like to be addressed.

It is noted that 8.2.1 must be completed before 8.2.2 can be worked upon.

MOTION: Dr. Pomerantz moved that a white paper of proposed concepts be drafted second by Dr. Dahl-Grove. VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

8.1.3 – Support the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACEP), in updating and enhancing Ohio EMS Medical director course.

Dr. Cunningham reported this may already be done. The committee wants to review this to be assured that all EMS provider titles are updated.

EMT Interfacility Transport of Patients and the Scope of Practice

Question on hanging a second bag would be considered starting not maintaining. The current white paper needs to be updated.

Dr. C changed the verbiage: “-Shall not initiate the infusion of blood or blood products, including the initiation or infusion of additional units. Under the current scope of practice the paramedic may only maintain the infusion of blood or blood products.”

“-Shall not initiate the infusion of intravenous parenteral nutrition products, including the initiation or infusion of additional units. Under the current scope of practice the paramedic may only maintain the infusion of intravenous parenteral nutrition products.”

MOTION: Dr. Pomerantz moved to adopt the modifications and to recommend board approval and second by Dr. Dahl-Grove.

VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Approved Medications

Dr. Cunningham read the question sent to the division in reference to anesthetic eye drops and gave the following answer:

Normal saline works just as well for eye irrigation as Lactated Ringer’s. Also the problem with topical anesthetic eye drops is that they are short-acting and repeated doses can damage the cornea in addition to progressive shortening of the duration of action. In the past, the MOC did not add this to the list of approved medications due to this reason. The ORC 4765-17-13 (A) (19) would give the EMS medical director the latitude of including topical anesthetics eye drops in EMS protocol that he/she provides to the EMS agency.”

This answer is accepted by the committee.

Use of Ultrasound

A question was received by the Division about the use of ultrasound in the field. The committee requests at letter would be sent to the provider and the medical director to confirm that currently the use of ultrasound is not in the scope of practice. The committee directed Sue to reply to the questioner and his medical director if the doctor would want to complete a study, he would need to approach his IRB for the opportunity to study the use of ultrasound then bring the proposal to the Medical Oversight Committee for review. In addition there is funding available from the Grant committee

The letter to this provider is to be sent to Dr. Springer for his approval.

Air Medical Guidelines

MOTION: Dr. Pakiela moved to table any further discussions and second by Dr. Pomerantz.

VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Membership Attendance

Tami Wires sent a message that the date and time of the meeting is in conflict with her work schedule and would understand if the committee chose to replace her. The committee asked that Sue send an e-mail to Tami Wires expressing the desire of the committee that Ms. Wires continue serving.

Future Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2012.

Dr. Dahl-Grove made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 AM.