



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ODPS, Conference Room 134
Tuesday, August 16, 2011
10:00 AM**

In Attendance:

	<u>EMS Staff</u>	<u>ODPS Legal</u>
Deanna Dahl-Grove, Chair		
Martin Fuller	Carol Cunningham	
Vickie Graymire	Ellen Owens	<u>Guests</u>
John Pakiela	Millie Pontious	
Wendy Pomerantz	John Sands	
Brian Springer	Linda Mirarchi	
Tami Wires		

Meeting called to order by Dr. Pakiela at 10:12 A.M.

Welcome and Introductions – Individual introductions.

Approval of June 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Committee members proceeded to approve the June 14, 2011 minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Pomerantz moved to approve the minutes and second by Dr. Springer.

VOTE: All in favor, none against, no abstentions.

• **New Business**

1. **E-Mail Received Regarding the i-STAT[®] System: Advanced Handheld and Test Cartridge Blood Analysis System – Ellen Owens**

Ms. Owens discussed the e-mail received, and the documents related to the e-mail were distributed to all the committee members regarding **i-STAT[®] System**. Dr. Cunningham suggested contacting the EMS medical director associated with the author of the e-mail to obtain feedback to better glean the background of the thought processes and goals that he or she anticipates by including the use of the **i-STAT[®]** system in their EMS protocols. Ms. Owens will reply to this request by explaining that “at this point it is not in the paramedic scope of practice. At the moment, the current curriculum is under review to if advanced handheld and test cartridge blood analysis system may fall under the new curriculum which will be in effect in 2012. In the

meantime, the Medical Oversight Committee will request information from this medical director about his or her rationale on how they foresee the **i-STAT**[®] system will be used within their emergency care system.

2. IV Initiation Without Transport – Board Position Paper

Mr. Sands reported that this item was discussed at the MOC April meeting. Nursing homes are asking EMTs to establish non-emergent IV access on patients at an extended care facility without providing transport. At their April meeting, Ms. Owens suggested that the EMS Board develop a position paper regarding this issue for posting the EMS website. There was a discussion of the legal definition of “emergency medical services,” and how it relates to services performed before or during any transport of a patient, including transports between hospitals and transports to and from helicopters. Ms. Owens will check with Heather Frient and Anne Vitale, ODPS legal counsel, to find out if a draft of this paper has been prepared.

3. Education Rules Summary – Linda Mirarchi

Ms. Mirarchi initiated her discussion by suggesting that the items the Medical Oversight Committee requested at their last meeting be taken back to the Education Committee for their consideration, review, and response. Ms. Mirarchi explained that the rules will be reviewed by the Rules Committee in September followed by anticipated approval by the EMS Board in October, public hearing in December; and JCARR in January 2012. Ms. Mirarchi also reported that the Education Committee has also reviewed the refresher courses for each EMS provider level and have included the new performance skills amendment of the amount of hours Ms. Owens reported that the EMS Board needs to decide when the new titles for Ohio EMTs will go into effect. Questions were addressed by Ms. Mirarchi and Mr. Sands. Ms. Vitale stopped by for a few minutes to answer any questions the members might have. Dr. Cunningham updated Ms. Vitale regarding the EMS Board addressing the new EMTs titles at their next meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Pomerantz moved to accept the draft rules as discussed and second by Dr. Pakiela.

VOTE: All in favor, none against, no abstentions.

- **Old Business**

1. Update on the 12-lead EKG Training Module

Mr. Sands reported that he had spoken to ODPS’ Visual Communications representative regarding the training module. He apologized for the delay in getting the training module operational on the Division of EMS website, and assured Mr. Sands that he would have something available by the end of the week.

- **Open Forum**

Dr. Cunningham has been informing all the EMS Board's subcommittees that Mark Resanovich and she will be traveling to Israel to be part of the American Israel Education Foundation to participate in an emergency medical services and homeland security mission from December 4th through the 9th. Dr. Cunningham asked the committee members to let them know if there are any issues, topics, or questions they would like them to present or have addressed during the mission. They will be traveling throughout the country and will visit and meet with government officials, first responders, military, lay persons from their communities, hospital and trauma center personnel, and other members of their emergency response network.

Dr. Cunningham also mentioned that she will be working with the RPABs in drafting updates and editions to the state guidelines to make them compliant with the National EMS Scope of Practice Model.

Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th, ODPS, 1st floor, Room 134, at 10:00 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.