



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134
August 14, 2012

In Attendance:

Committee Members

Allen Young
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove
Geoff Dutton
Martin Fuller

Dr. Wendy Pomerantz
Bruce Shade
Dr. Brian Springer
Tami Wires

EMS Staff

Sue Morris
Dr. Carol Cunningham

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

Welcome and Introductions

Geoff Dutton announced the appointment of Mel House, the Director of the Division of EMS.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed by MOC members.

MOTION: Dr. Pomerantz moved to approve and second by Mr. Young.

VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Old Business

Committee Membership

The committee needs a replacement for Dr. Cudnik, a member of the committee from the central Ohio. Dr. Cunningham suggests Dr. Matt Sanders.

Ms. Graymire has resigned.

Strategic Plan

Dashboard: Continuing project
Epi-Pen[®] and Zofran[®] usage

Dr. Cunningham presented the results of the scope of practice use from the 20 states that replied to her inquiry. The committee was presented with two studies of the use of Zofran[®]. While both supported the usage, the committee would like to do a more complete literature search. The use of sublingual Zofran[®] would eliminate the possibility of overdose.

Dr. Springer is to contact his medical librarian to complete the search.

Discussion continued on the use of the Epi-Pen[®]. The committee supports the usage of the Epi-Pen[®] during a true anaphylactic reaction. The committee recommends that there be appropriate training and follow-up. The committee will recommend to the EMS Board that medical directors may add epinephrine auto-injectors (i.e. Epi-Pens[®] and Epi-Pen Jr.s[®]) to their protocols for EMTs .

Motion: Recommendation to the EMS Board - Medical directors can add the utilization of Epi-Pens[®] and Epi-Pen Jr.s[®] their EMT protocols.;
Moved by Dr. Dahl-Grove and seconded by Dr. Pomerantz. MOTION PASSED.

Update of the Ohio ACEP EMS Medical Directors course

Dr. Springer reported, in reference to the ACEP course, that while the course has the old terminology for the old EMS providers, the new terminology will be in place by the fall.

Medical Director Certification

Dr. Cunningham presented the white paper she was requested to draft by the Committee to support the creation of an Ohio EMS medical director certification. By creating this certification, it would facilitate the creation of a medical director database. This would provide the RPAB with a resource list of qualified physicians who are eligible to serve when an EMS agency has lost their EMS medical director Mr. House suggests usage of the MRC data base as a potential repository. The committee requests a count of current Physician EMS Instructors.

Motion: To present the Ohio EMS Medical Director Certification paper to the board.
Moved by Dr. Pomerantz and seconded by Dr. Dahl-Grove. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Mel House, the new director was introduced to the committee.

Guidelines for the Operation of EMS Organizations

The committee is questioning why the document is appropriate. This is part of the ORC. Mr. Shade suggests a workgroup. It was also suggested sending this to EMS System Development. The committee feels the document is outside of the scope of the committee.

The First recommendation: The staff to break the document split into the different sections and work on the medical direction part.

Second recommendation: To create a workgroup and work on the document in this committee with input from EMS Systems Development.

Dr. Springer is to get input from EMS Systems Development and report out to the Board.

Administration of Flolan[®]

The committee was presented with a question on the administration of Flolan[®]. The pediatric representatives on the committee gave an overview of the medication. The committee recommends

contacting the doctor to ascertain what actions the prescribing physician would like to be taken. In addition, education would have to be provided, the medication must be added to the drug license, and additional training would have to be given to the EMS providers. Further discussion on this to continue at the next meeting.

Future Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2012.

Dr. Pomerantz made a motion to adjourn 12:05 PM.