



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
MEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134  
December 18, 2012

**In Attendance:**

**Committee Members**

**EMS Staff**

Carol Cunningham  
Deanna Dahl-Grove  
Martin Fuller  
Mark Marchetta  
John Pakiela

Wendy Pomerantz  
Daniel Schwerin  
Bruce Shade  
Brian Springer  
Allen Young

Sue Morris

Quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 10:11 am.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed by MOC members.

**MOTION: Dr. Dahl-Grove moved to approve and second by Dr. Pomerantz.  
VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.**

**Old Business**

Committee Membership

Dr. Pomerantz is to ask Dr. Sanders to contact Dr. Springer.

Committee received an application for membership from Mr. Brent Parquette.

**MOTION: Dr. Pomerantz moved to present the application of Mr. Parquette to the board for approval and second by Dr. Dahl-Grove.  
VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.**

### **Time Line**

No additional changes.

### **Dashboard**

No additional changes.

### **Scope of Practice**

A literature search did not address the prehospital use of naloxone. Data was requested from the Ohio Department of Health on opiate use, but the data was not conclusive. The Grants committee has approved a grant funding the study. The EMS Priority 5 research grant is a study of the utility and safety profile of the intranasal use of naloxone by Emergency Medical Responders and EMTs in a rural setting. Mr. Shade checked the curriculum and it states that the EMT is trained to recognize the overdose patient and to give ventilatory support if the patient is apneic, so the results of the study will answer the question of need.

A PowerPoint presentation designed to give training on the use and administering an epinephrine auto-injector was given by Dr. Cunningham. Dr. Springer will present this to the EMS Board for approval and then to be posted to the Division of EMS website.

### **Guidelines for the Operation of EMS Organizations**

The committee would like to clarify if this document is still needed.

**MOTION: Dr. Dahl-Grove moved to request further direction on the need for this document from the EMS Board and second by Mr. Young.**

**VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.**

### **New Business – Scope of Practice/Use of Tylenol®/Ibuprofen/Benadryl**

Dr. Schwerin gave a presentation on the administration of acetaminophen, ibuprofen and diphenhydramine. The committee feels acetaminophen and ibuprofen do not need to be addressed due to the fact that the patient's family is capable of administering these medications.

On the issue of administering diphenhydramine, the committee questioned whether there is a need for the medication during a life-threatening event and if the diagnostic and psychomotor skills required are available to EMS. The committee would like a survey of the state medical directors of the use of diphenhydramine. The committee feels the administration may fit better in the community paramedicine role.

### **Future Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2013.

Dr. Dahl-Grove made a motion to adjourn 11:50 am.