

**MEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	June 14, 2016	9:37 a.m. – 11:39 a.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<u>Committee Members:</u> Geoff Dutton – Chair, Dr. Thomas Charlton, James Davis, Martin Fuller, Brent Parquette, Dr. Daniel Schwerin, Eric Wiedlebacher, Tami Wires.  <u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</u> Sue Morris, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Susan Edwards.  <u>ODPS Staff:</u>  <u>Guests:</u>		
<b>ABSENT</b>	Committee Members: Eric Cortez, William Longworth, Mark Marchetta, Allen Young.		
<b>AGENDA TOPICS</b>			
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Welcome</b>		
	Meeting held in Room 1101. Introduction of new committee member Dr. Thomas Charlton. New meeting time will be 9:30 to 11:30 to allow more time to cover issues. EMSC committee starts at 11:00 a.m. so some people may have to leave early in months that the EMSC committee meets.		
	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	None		
<b>Approval of Minutes (October and December 2015)</b>			
	Meeting minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Dr. Schwerin, seconded by Mr. Wiedlebacher. None opposed. Minutes approved. Meeting minutes from the December 15, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Dr. Schwerin, seconded by Ms. Wires. None opposed. Minutes approved.		
	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	None		
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>			
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>CARES RECAP</b>		
	The biggest stumbling block to the statewide CARES registration is the cost of hiring the required full-time statewide administrative person (registrar). Registration annual fee for CARES is \$15,000 for the entire state, but this fee does not include the cost of the registrar. The functionality of CARES requires not only EMS, but hospitals as well. Hospitals would need to express interest and fully participate. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation may be interested in supporting the project. Although both the Medical Oversight Committee and the EMFTS Board are supportive of the idea, cannot support cost which includes the salary and benefits for the required statewide registrar. Another Committee will be assessing this issue (Systems Development). Mr. Parquette mentioned that he believes that individual departments can no longer join CARES independently.		

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None

TOPIC	MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE/CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT
DISCUSSION	Nothing further to report at this time. Input is needed from Julie Rose for the discussion.

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None

TOPIC	DISCONTINUATION OF WALLET CARDS
(Dr. Cunningham)	Dr. Cunningham reported that the State Medical Board discontinued wallet cards; however, they were amendable to adding something to their software allowing doctors to print a wallet card. EMS sent the draft language approved by the Board in January or February, but nothing is on their website yet. Dr. Cunningham will propose to the Board to send another letter to the head of the Medical Board. Dr. Schwerin suggested that the Board align with the Ohio ACEP to go to the State Medical Board to ask for language to be added to print the physician wallet cards. Mr. Davis suggested that Executive Director House go to Director Born about this issue. Chairman Dutton asked for a motion that the committee recommend to the Board that ACEP, American College of Surgeons, and Director Born work together to approach the State Medical Board about adding previously recommended and allow the option to print a wallet card. Dr. Schwerin motioned, Dr. Charlton seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

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Present to Board

Chair Dutton/Dr. Cunningham

TOPIC	DIRECTORY OF MEDICAL DIRECTORS
(Chairman Dutton)	Legal has given the opinion that there is nothing that prohibits the Board from collecting information and compiling a list of current and prospective EMS medical directors, and that even a "certificate" would be permissible although the specifics would need to be reviewed by Legal. The Committee contemplated the possibility of some type of recognition that can be given if the issuance of a certificate is not possible. Dr. Cunningham referred to her proposal packet from a few years ago where the request for an Ohio EMS Medical Director certificate is voluntary similar to what is currently in place for the Ohio Physician EMS Instructor certification. Eligibility for the Ohio EMS Medical Director certificate could also be directed toward emergency medicine residency programs to capture new graduates who meet the requirements to serve as an EMS medical director who are not currently overseeing an EMS agency. Similar to Physician EMS instructor, the proposed Ohio EMS Medical Director certificate gives us avenue to check someone's qualifications and to create a log of primary medical directors, EMS medical directors serving in an assistant or adjunct capacity as well as students graduating from residency programs. Mr. Davis felt it was important for the Board to be presented with the suggestion that the easiest way to get the information initially is to reach out to the Board of Pharmacy since every Ohio EMS agency must have a drug license signed by a medical director and they must have a protocol on file with the Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Davis also suggested a rule change so that an EMS agency that experiences a loss of medical direction would temporarily fall under the Division of EMS and the State Medical Director so that there is no gap in the EMS agency's medical direction.

Dr. Cunningham brought up the fact that a certification would identify a qualified pool of candidates. Motion to seek Board approval for Committee to work with staff to establish a voluntary Medical Director certification and registry. Motion by Dr. Charlton, second by Ms. Wires. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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Present to Board	Chair Dutton/Dr. Cunningham	

**NEW BUSINESS**

<b>TOPIC</b>	Adrenal Insufficiency
(Dr. Cunningham)	There is an organization is trying to get hydrocortisone available on every squad for the treatment of patient with adrenal insufficiency. Dr. Cunningham’s response to them was that steroids (hydrocortisone) are within the scope of practice and the local medical directors may, if they wish, write a protocol for that. There is currently no protocol in state guidelines; however, the Board has agreed to use the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines as a foundation for the state guidelines which are currently being revamped. Once the revisions are completed, the administration of steroids will be included in the state guidelines, although the use of this document is not mandatory. Steroid administration has never been prohibited. The group is the Adrenal Insufficiency United Organization.

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None		

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Strategic Plan</b>
<b>Discussion</b> (Chair Dutton)	An open-ended discussion ensued regarding issues that need to be addressed next by the MOC and the priority items should be. The EMFTS Board suggested the MOC the unaddressed items cited in the last NHTSA review as a launch pad for new ideas and priorities. Mr. Davis suggested the list of items be sent out and this be discussed at the next meeting. Chair Dutton will send out list and website to the NITSA assessment.

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Send out email with list and website	Chair Dutton	August 15, 2016

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Review of Continuing Education and National Registry Training Requirements</b>
<b>Discussion</b> (Chair Dutton)	The Board requested this Committee look at this issue. The rules pertaining to EMS are renewed on a regular basis. There are some deadlines coming up next year that relate to Certificate to Teach, Certificate to Practice, and CE requirements. This might be a good time to go back and look in detail at the rules as they exist and look to see if the MOC should consider recommending the Board to revise or update of those rules. Some points of discussion that have come up at the Board meetings that may give the MOC a sense of the discussion and what the MOC may want to examine were presented. Key issues were outlined in the attached document as well as copies of pertinent sections of the OAC. (See Attachment A). CE seems to be a significant issue. Mr. Davis suggested changing the Ohio EMS certification renewal cycle from three years to two years to match that of the National Registry of EMTs.

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<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Possible Congressional funding for gaps</b>
<b>Discussion</b> (Dr. Cunningham)	Dr. Cunningham received a call from the Department of Homeland Security regarding possible funding on four focus areas. She is looking for articles or documentation of needs or gaps in the areas of wildfires, mass care, floods, and training for EMS rural volunteer agencies. She needs any available documentation within the next 7 to 10 days.

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None		

**OPEN FORUM**

<b>TOPIC</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b> (Mr. Davis)	<p>Surgical Medical Emergencies</p> <p>There is an article in the June JEMS magazine about prehospital field amputation protocols in Ohio. Mr. Davis mentioned that there may be a problem that the provider is at risk of practicing out of scope.</p>

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None		

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:39 a.m. by Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Schwerin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next meetings: (Bi-monthly, TUESDAY before the third WEDNESDAY of the month at 9:30am)

- Tuesday, August 16, 2016.
- Tuesday, October 18, 2016.
- Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

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Geoff Dutton, Acting Chair

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Date