

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE February 17, 2015	TIME 2:30 p.m.	LOCATION ODOT – Conference Room G - A 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218
ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Tom Allenstein (Chair), Brian Byrd, David DeVore, Doug Wolters, Karen Beavers, Linda Hines, Mark Resanovich, Paul Westlake, Paul Wright, Philip Koster, Thomas Wappner, Vincent Harris and William Longworth.	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	David Fiffick, Connie White, Joe Stack and Vesna Bogdanovska	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Deanna Harris – EMS Board, Barry Seth – Lagrange FD, Daryl McNutt – EMS Board, Karen Beavers – OAEMS, Amy Haughn – NCH, Michael Jackson – Air Evac, Becky Baute – EMS Board, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz – EMS Board, Julie Rose – CCA.	
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Douglas Wolters, Dudley Wright II, Ernest Hatmaker, Jeremy Cornette, Kent Appelhans, Lori Mizla, Louise Weller and Thomas Reed.	

A G E N D A T O P I C S

TOPIC	→ WELCOME & REVIEW / Approval of Minutes
DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 2:38 p.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><i>Chairman Allenstein made a motion for approving the meeting minutes from December 16, 2014. They were reviewed and approved without change.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ <i>First: Mr. Doug Wolters;</i> ♦ <i>Second: Ms. Karen Beavers.</i> <p><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> </div>
TOPIC	→ COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT
DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Fiffick explained the rules that must be followed in order to be appointed to a committee. An application must be submitted every year along with a current C. V. or Resume'. (Board Members to not have to include a C.V. or Resume') All applications go to investigation for a background check. Once the background investigation is complete the application goes to the committee chair for approval. Once the committee chair approves, the application goes to the Board chair for approval with final appointment being confirmed by the Board. By rule, Committee make up should have even representation throughout the state, have no more than two (2) members from any one organization, and have no more than 15 members. Committee members must attend a minimum of 60% of all meetings over a 2 year period.</p>
TOPIC	→ INSPECTOR UPDATE Mr. Fiffick
DISCUSSION	<p style="text-align: center;">❖ New Vehicle Decal Update</p> <p>The new vehicle decal is still being worked on this ODPS's IT department and the BMV. A sample of the new card with attached decal was shown to the committee. The decal will be removed from the card and place on the vehicle. The card can then be used for the service to obtain their initial or renewal license plates from the BMV. The new card and decal system will start in July 2015.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">❖ Photographs of violations</p>

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The committee was shown photographs taken by Field Inspectors of types of violations they encounter while out performing inspections. The pictures will be used for training and education.

❖ OSHP Inspections

We have been working with the Ohio State Highway Patrol on creating a training module for Field Inspectors on vehicle roadworthiness inspection. The training will be developed and provided by OSHP to update inspectors on proper inspection techniques. The training is planned to take place fall of 2015.

❖ Vehicle Maintenance Check sheet

Work continues on creating a vehicle maintenance check sheet to be used by services as a standardized form. Our goal is to have a form that services must maintain on all vehicles. This process will require rule changes.

TOPIC → **STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Medical transportation strategic plan is priority number 10 (ten). This group identified 2 (two) objectives: strategies and goals.

Objective number 1 (one) was developing effective and enforceable rules for Ambulette, Ambulance, MoICU and Air Services. When these rules are created, financials need to be discussed making sure that all providers are able to meet and comply with the rules.

Second strategic and goal is developing a plan to work with other related committees, as this committee interfaces and interrelates with many different groups. Key objective should be a consultation referral.

Chairman Allenstein presented document for this plan, please see the attachment below:

Priority Area #10: Medical Transportation		
Medical Transportation Committee – Tom Allenstein, Chair		
Strategies & Goals	Key Objectives	Action Steps
1. Create effective and enforceable rules	1.1 Rules for Ambulette, Ambulance, MoICU, and Air are developed and reviewed regularly to assure they are consistently enforced by all inspectors	1.1.1 Groups will be assembled for each particular set of rules to review and provide recommendation. Groups should include providers within the public and private sector to assure that the rules could be met by all providing the particular level of care.
	1.2 Rules will be developed such that they can be complied with by all providers of medical transportation.	1.1.2 Rules will be written such that they meet standards that does not put undue financial burden on all providers to meet the standards while maintaining necessary equipment that meets the patient's needs.
2. Develop a plan to work with other related committees	2.1 Consultation and referral to other committees should be made on items that may have overlap to assure full input is gathered.	2.1.1 All items are brought before the committee, will be assessed for overlap with other committees and share them with those groups prior to acting on the items.

Chairman Allenstein made a motion for adopting this strategic plan.

- ◆ ***First: Mr. Paul Westlake;***
- ◆ ***Second: Ms. Karen Beavers.***

None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.

DISCUSSION

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TOPIC	→ <u>EMSC EQUIPMENT LIST:</u>
DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Joe Stack talked about a webinar on Joint Policy Statement for Equipment for Ground Ambulances. The webinar was scheduled for later today from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Discussion continued for the relevance of adult supplies and equipment from the EMSC Equipment list. Dr. Hamilton mentions a topic from the last board meeting reminding that each of the committee members will sign off or bring their final thoughts for adopting an equipment list. Mr. Fiffick pointed out that the pediatric list was satisfactory. However, there were some issues with the adult list. He also discussed a comparison between the underweight adults and overweight children. Overweight children cannot be treated like pediatric. Chairman Allenstein asked if there will be a problem if the committee members endorse the pediatric piece of the equipment following the regular standards for the Ambulance for the adults as long that is meets or exceeds, is there any discretion to do that. Conversation continued about Mr. Koster’s question about the difference between endorsing and adopting. Dr. Hamilton agrees that this list needs to be adopting, and he listed many of the organizations that agree the entire list needs to be adopted. During the discussion the point out that about twenty items that were required had been taken off and now they are back on the required list. Mr. Fiffick noted that the list may change from time to time. He would like to take the current list of supplies and equipment required for licensed services out of rule and have the able to adopt a list approved by the Board; much likely of “Scoop of Practice”. This would allow the Board make any needed changes to the list and not have to go through the lengthy rules process. Changes can be made every year, or whenever they are necessary to be done; obviously considering the expenses.</p> <p>Mr. Stack provided percentage information about squads from year 2009 carrying the items from the list.</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chairman Allenstein made a motion for endorsing EMSC Pediatric Equipment List.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>First: Mr. Paul Westlake;</i> ◆ <i>Second: Ms. Linda Hines.</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> </div>
TOPIC	→ <u>RULES REVIEW:</u>
DISCUSSION	<p>For the rules review, the assigned committee chairs are: Mr. Tom Wappner for Ambulette and Mr. Phil Koster for Ambulance.</p>
TOPIC	→ <u>OPEN DISCUSSION:</u>
DISCUSSION	<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">❖ Share Point</p> </div> <p>Mr. Fiffick addressed the use of SharePoint by committee members when they are working on updating the Ambulance and Ambulette Rules. More information on accessing SharePoint and how it will be used will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Fiffick asked that committee members make sure their e-mail address on file with EMS is correct. E mail addresses are required to be loaded into SharePoint prior to it being used.</p> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">❖ Oil Well / EMS</p> </div> <p>The committee was made aware of an out of state company, Remote Medical International, (RMI) that contracts with oil well drilling companies to provide EMS 24/7 at their drill sites. RMI contacted the Division of EMS for information on Ohio laws and rules they will need to follow in order to function in Ohio. RMI stays on the drill site providing first aid response but does not transport. They would contract with a local EMS agency if transportation to the hospital is needed.</p>

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❖ Revocation of Certification Notification

Mr. Fiffick opened discussion on a question that was presented to the Division of EMS. The question pertains to how a service could be notified or find out about disciplinary action that has been taken against a certificate holder that works for their service. The concern of the service is that if a certificate holder's license is suspended or revoked by the Board and continues to work the service is not in compliance with the law and unable to bill for any transports that individual runs.

The committee was informed that the Division of EMS is aware of the issue and is working on a solution. There are a considerable number of legal procedures that must be followed before the disciplinary actions taken by the Board against certificate holders can be made public. The Division of EMS will develop a method for services to follow to obtain disciplinary action information as quickly as legally allowed.

❖ KKK - NFPA - CAAS Standards

Ms. Rose opened discussion on the most recent information of the KKK – Star of Life Ambulance Standards. Ms. Rose discovered recently that the KKK standards will not be sun setting as previously thought. The KKK standards will stay in place on a year by year basis until a new standard is developers and agreed upon by a significant number of states. Also, Effective July 1, 2015 the KKK will adopt newly revised requirements to include a revised patient compartment configuration and the new cot securement regulations, SAE J3026, J3027, and J3043. These changes will affect new production ambulances ordered after July 1, 2015.

❖ Scope of Practice

The discussion continued on Scope of Practice presented document from Critical Care meeting. Currently in the Scope of Practice for Paramedic there are certain items, such as transport for ventilator patients capable of FIO2 management, positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP), Central line monitoring, IV infusion pump perfusing medications requiring dosing, maintenance of blood administration, thrombolytic therapy initiation and monitoring, they were disadvantaging providers in the state.

TOPIC

→ ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Allenstein:

- *First: Mr. Douglas Wolters;*
- *Second: Mr. David DeVore.*

None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

TOPIC

→ NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm;

Meeting Room: G - A
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