

# MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE August 19, 2014	TIME 12:30 p.m.	LOCATION ODPS – Division of EMS – Conference Room C4-9 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Tom Allenstein (Chair), Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Brian Byrd, Jeremy Cornette, David DeVore, Vincent Harris, Linda Hines, Philip Koster, William Longworth, Thomas Wappner, Paul Westlake, Douglas Wolters and Dudley Wright II.	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Melvin House (Executive Director), David Fiffick, Connie White and Vesna Bogdanovska	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Tim Pickering, Deanna Harris, Barry Seth and Julie Rose	
<b>ABSENT</b>	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Ernest Hatmaker, Lori Mizla, Thomas Reed, Mark Resanovich, Louise Weller, Paul Wright	

## A G E N D A   T O P I C S

TOPIC	<u>National status of KKK / NFPA regulations conference call</u>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Prior to the start of the Medical Transportation meeting, Ms. Julie Rose arranged for a conference call for both the Medical Transportation Committee and the Critical Care Sub-Committee. The call is with members of the American Ambulance Association, (AAA) to provide an update to the KKK / NFPA regulations. On the call from the AAA were Aaron Reine and Mark Postma. Also on the call was Sarah McEntee, Executive Director of CAAS.</p> <p>Discussion: As we are all aware the KKK standards are set to end. The end date was extended, for a third time, and is now set for September 30, 2015.</p> <p>There are currently about 35 states that reference KKK standards in there laws.</p> <p>Concerns were raised on what will replace the KKK standards and the potential costs involved in the new standards.</p> <p>There are several agencies working on new standards, including NFPA and CAAS.</p> <p>The committee will continue to stay on top of this issue.</p>

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	None	None

TOPIC	<u>Welcome &amp; Review / Approval of June 17, 2014 minutes</u>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm</p> <p>The meeting minutes from June 17, 2014 were reviewed and approved with one change: Mr. Dudley Wright II was present at previous meeting on June 17, 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ First: Douglas Wolters</li> <li>◆ Second: William Longworth</li> </ul> <p>None Opposed, None Abstained, Minutes Approved.</p>

TOPIC	<u>Inspector meeting update</u>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Long time inspector Sherman Werstler has resigned his position with Medical Transportation due to health reasons. Mr. Werstler resignation will leave us with three (3) openings for Field Inspectors. Open inspector positions are in the Ashtabula, Chillicothe and Toledo regions. The three inspector positions are posted until the end of August. Interviews will take place and the positions should be filled by the end of September.</p> <p>A Medical Transportation Inspectors meeting was held August 13 at ODPS. This is the first quarterly meeting for the inspectors since signing their new contract which requires them to attend three out</p>

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of the four meetings. The meeting was well attended. Mr. Fiffick reiterated that the purpose of the meeting is to promote consistency in inspections. He explained that a wheelchair van was brought in to allow all the inspectors go over the vehicle together to ensure that the equipment and supplies that are to be inspected are viewed and evaluated the same way. Again, our goal is consistency.

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None	None	None

TOPIC	<b><u>Workgroup volunteers for Ambulance and Ambulette rules</u></b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mr. Allenstein asked for volunteers to form a work group to start work on the rule review for Ambulance and Ambulette. The Ambulance rules must be completed by December 2016 and Ambulette by April 2017.</p> <p>Also, Mr. Fiffick sent a survey to 11 different states requesting information on their licensing standards for Ambulance and Ambulette. The results may be useful when we review our rules.</p>
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TOPIC	<b><u>Strategic Plan: Key Focus Areas / Strategies / Goals</u></b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>For the Strategic Plan discussion, Mr. Allenstein asked Mr. Mel House: “What should this committee be focused on? “</p> <p>Mr. Mel House suggested looking in few critical issues and start working on them. One of them is Ambulette standards, entering new standards for Ambulance and Ambulette, example: when vehicles will hit a certain mileage, they cannot be used. Also, vehicles damaged with a lot of rust, damaged seatbelts, are not safe to run.</p> <p>Discussion continuing about air services. Improvements are needed in triage and coordination. All air medical provider’s need to come to an agreement on how to manage the situations.</p> <p>Ms. Julie Rose and Mr. Kent Appelhans will continue the conversation with Mr. Mel House after this meeting.</p> <p>Currently there are about fifteen (15) licensed air providers in Ohio, few of them from other states.</p>
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None	None	None

TOPIC	<b><u>Parity of Rules for all providers</u></b>
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>In order for medical vehicles to be safe, they need to meet certain standards. Discussion continued that these minimum standards should be the same for every medical vehicle, to be able to provide safe transportation of the patient. Some other standards should depend on the geographical area where that vehicle is running. This conversation will be brought on the next Medical Oversight Meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Karen Beavers requested a written form from Mr. Tom Allenstein with data information from this conversation for the “Ohio Association of EMS” magazine.</p>
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<b>TOPIC</b>	<b><u>Open Discussion</u></b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Discussion for SCT and the Scope of Practice was brought on this meeting. Ms. Julie Rose was explaining about the issue in the current Scope of Practice in paramedic, that some of the people need additional training. This committee proposed that there are certain items listed in Scope of Practice that should be underscored and identified as items that should have additional training. It is a draft what will go back to associations to be reviewed.</p> <p>An open item from previous meetings is that some providers licensed in Ohio are operating vehicles that do not have State of Ohio license plates – We have had discussions with the Ohio BMV and this is actually a BMV issue so we can't do anything about it right now. We will continue to monitor the situation...</p>	
	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
	None	None
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b><u>Adjournment</u></b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.	
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b><u>Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 2:30 pm;</u></b>	Meeting Room C4-9&10 ODPS, Division of EMS, 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b><u>Minutes Approved</u></b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	_____	_____
	Tom Allenstein, Chair	Date