



RPAB Chairperson's Meeting
May 14, 2008
1 PM
Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS
5th Floor Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Ross Campensa, Dr. Arnold Feltoon, Dr. Craig Key, Dr. Phil Oblinger, Dr. David Toth, Dr. Michael Zorko
Division of EMS Staff: Dr. Carol Cunningham, Ellen Owens
Guests: Danielle Monnin

Absent: Dr. Robert Gwinn, Dr. Barry Knotts, Dr. Randy Marriott, Dr. Theodore Spirtos

Call to order: 1:07 PM

Approval of March 12, 2008 meeting minutes: The minutes were approved without amendments at 1:08 PM

EMS Board Activities

Regional EMS Roundtables: The EMS Board is conducting regional roundtables as an outreach program to enhance communication with EMS providers and the fire community. The first one has been held in the Canton area and was well received. The schedule of the remaining roundtable sessions can be found on the Division of EMS website.

National Accreditation Open Forum: As noted during the March RPAB Chairperson's meeting, the National Registry of EMTs will require paramedic candidates to graduate from a national accredited program to be eligible to take the NREMT examination effective January 1, 2013. If Ohio continues to require successful completion of the NREMT examination to become certified, this will impact our state significantly as only five EMS education institutions are currently nationally accredited. An open forum will be held at the June EMS Board meeting to gain more information on the impact that the new NREMT requirement will have on our educational institutions. The EMS Board meeting in June will be held at the BWC to accommodate the additional people who may attend, and the meeting will begin at 9 AM.

CHEMPACK Hospital Deployment Plan: The hospital CHEMPACK deployment plan has been created. The rollout of this program is currently being conducted in all of the regions of the state. The rollout must be completed by the end of June. A live drill was

conducted earlier this month in the Dayton area. The drill went well, and several areas of improvement that will be made in the deployment plan were identified.

National EMS Education Standards: The third, and mostly likely near final, draft of the new national EMS education standards are available for review and comment at www.naemse.org. Comments are being accepted until May 31, 2008.

NIMS: The draft revisions of the NIMS document are available for review and comment at www.regulations.gov. Comments are being accepted until June 2, 2008.

Trauma Committee

Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation: The Trauma Committee completed the Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation which graded various aspects of trauma care and resources in the state of Ohio. The evaluation will be used to identify target areas that the Trauma Committee can improve via various avenues including research, legislative changes, and procedures. This document is also available on the Division of EMS website.

Proposed geriatric trauma triage rule revisions: The EMS Board approved recommendations identified in a research report presented by the Trauma Committee. There are triage criteria that are currently being incorporated into the rules for geriatric trauma patients. These criteria include GCS < 15 with suspected traumatic brain injury, systolic blood pressure less than 100 mmHg, falls with evidence of traumatic brain injury (even from a standing position), pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle, known or suspected long bone fracture sustained in a motor vehicle crash, and multiple body regions injured.

RPAB Legislation Revisions: The review and revision of the RPAB legislation continued from the editions that were completed during the March RPAB Chairperson's meeting as the group reviewed each section of the RPAB rules. The chairs felt that 4765-3-01 could be rescinded in its entirety as the RPAB is already defined in 4765-1 and the reference to the ODH health service areas is now obsolete. In 4765-3-02 (B), an additional criteria of completion of a residency that is approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties should be added. Section (D) should be amended to state "Each term of appointment to an RPAB shall be for a period not to exceed three years and shall commence on the date of appointment by the Board." It was also suggested that the RPAB member provide an electronic address to the Division of EMS for the purposes of communication and that the RPAB member should notify the Division of EMS of any change in contact information. The group wished to delete 4765-3-04 (B) (5) and (B) (6) in its entirety and to retain the verb "shall" in (C) for the assistance of EMS organization within the region to procure a medical director or physician advisory board.

In 4765-3-05 (A), a sixth qualification should be added. This qualification will be board eligibility or board certification from an American Board of Medical Specialties approved emergency medicine residency program. Paragraph (B) should be entirely deleted and replaced by "New medical directors who do not meet the minimum qualifications listed in paragraph (A) may submit a request to become a medical director to the State Medical Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS

for review the physician's qualifications by the RPAB Chairs. Following completion of the NAEMSP or Ohio ACEP medical director course, physicians who are deemed qualified will be presented to the EMS Board for approval to serve as medical directors." Paragraph (D) will become paragraph (C), and paragraph (E) will be deleted.

Dr. Cunningham will work with Heather Frient to draft the RPAB rule revisions with the goal of presenting them to the EMS Board for review before the September RPAB Chairpersons' meeting.

Open Forum: No further business was identified.

Adjournment: 3:10 PM

Next Meeting: September 10, 2008 at 1 PM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS, 5th Floor Conference Room