



RPAB Chairperson's Meeting
September 10, 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. F. Barry Knotts, Dr. Phil Oblinger, Dr. Michael Zorko
Division of EMS Staff: Dr. Carol Cunningham, Ellen Owens

Absent: Dr. Robert Gwinn, Dr. Randy Marriott, Dr. Theodore Spirtos, Dr. David Toth

Call to order: 1:00 PM

Approval of May 14, 2008 meeting minutes: The minutes were approved without amendments at 1:02 PM

Geriatric Trauma Triage: Dr. Cunningham reported that there has been significant interest, locally and nationally, in the geriatric trauma triage recommendations that were submitted to the EMS Board by the Trauma Committee. She spoke at Pennsylvania's annual EMS conference on geriatric trauma triage and chest trauma in August. She is scheduled to speak on our geriatric trauma triage recommendations at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and St. Rita's Medical Center trauma symposiums in September and the Ohio ITLS conference in August.

National EMS Education Standards: The final draft of the National EMS Education Instructor Guidelines is available for review and comment on the NAEMSE website. The comment period ends on September 26, 2008.

National Accreditation

Feedback from the EMS Board Open Forum: The EMS Board held an open forum at the June EMS Board meeting for the EMS education institutions in Ohio to discuss the potential impact of national accreditation on our schools. Currently, five EMS schools have electively acquired national accreditation. The majority of the EMS schools, particularly the vocational institutions and fire academies, felt that the acquisition of national accreditation would present an overwhelming financial burden that would be passed on to their students.

Response from the NREMT: At the request of the EMS Board, Executive Director Richard Rucker and Dr. Cunningham sent letters to the NREMT and NHTSA to ask them specifically which avenues would satisfy the requirement of national accreditation. The response received from the NREMT did not specifically state an acceptable avenue for national accreditation. They also stated that they would be periodically examining their processes and timelines to move toward the national EMS education standards and the requirement of EMT-Paramedics candidates to graduate from nationally accredited schools.

EMS Board Proposal to CoAEMSP: During the EMS Board retreat in January, George Hatch, the executive director of CoAEMSP, presented the details of the national accreditation process to the EMS Board. During the retreat, Dr. Cunningham asked Mr. Hatch if reciprocity could be granted to Ohio's current state accreditation process since it closely mirrors that of CoAEMSP. Executive Director Rucker asked Mr. Hatch if the Division of EMS would be able to bear the cost of CoAEMSP fees if our state

accreditation process was granted reciprocity. Mr. Hatch was unable to respond without first discussing those issues with the CoAEMSP Board. At the request of the EMS Board, Executive Director Rucker and Dr. Cunningham have made a formal request to CoAEMSP to consider the proposals presented at the EMS Board meeting and have asked for a written response.

EMS/Homeland Security Committee Update

CHEMPACK: The hospital CHEMPACK functional drill was completed in Dayton and the educational materials have been completed. The Division of EMS has purchased Lectora®, a software program that will allow us to provide on-line education programs to Ohio EMS providers. Once this software is installed and functional, the Division of EMS hopes to all of the CHEMPACK education materials that have been created in addition to other programs including the State of Ohio EMS Health Crisis Planning course.

All-Hazards: The Division of EMS recently learned that Kathy Snow, the Ohio Department of Health staff member who was creating Ohio's pandemic flu plan and overseeing the Tiers of Care Committee, is no longer with the organization. In light of this fact, the All-Hazard subcommittee of the EMS/Homeland Security Committee has accepted the task of creating a pandemic flu plan for EMS providers.

TEMS: The TEMS subcommittee has elected to narrow its focus on creating a scope of practice, education guidelines, continuing education requirements, and legislation for a tactical EMT-Paramedic at this time. In addition, the qualifications for medical directors for tactical EMS agencies will be created.

NASEMSO Annual Meeting: Dr. Cunningham and Executive Director Rucker will be attending the annual meeting of the National Association of State EMS Officials during the third week of September. Dr. Cunningham has been asked to present a summary of Ohio's EMS activities and projects to the National Council of State EMS Medical Directors as well as to moderate a discussion about air medical services.

Ohio REACH Telemedicine Project: The Ohio Department of Health has received a Promising Practice grant from the CDC to continue their research and partner with the Division of EMS to address the burden of stroke in Ohio. The Ohio Department of Health is planning to use the funds to launch a telemedicine project using a spoke and hub model to link rural areas to the neurology teams at JCAHO stroke centers. The site selections are pending; however, they are exploring vendors. Dr. Cunningham has been participating in that process as some of the telemedicine centers are web-based and do not require the neurologist to physically be in the hospital or the emergency department to complete the patient assessment from a remote location.

Annual All-Member RPAB Meeting: The annual All-Member RPAB meeting will be held on November 13, 2008 at 1 PM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The room in which it will be held is yet to be determined. The RPAB chairs have been asked to provide a regional update of the actions and/or projects within their respective regions at the beginning of the All-Member RPAB meeting. The submission of a written update is requested from those chairs that are unable to attend the All-Member RPAB meeting. All in attendance felt that the sharing of this information would prove to be beneficial to other regions within the state.

RPAB legislation revisions-Review of final drafts: The drafts of the RPAB rules (chapters 4765-3-01, 4765-3-02, 4765-3-03, 4765-3-04, and 4765-3-05) were extensively discussed. The decision was made to present the draft rules as written without further amendments to the EMS Board.

Wills for Heroes: The Dayton Bar Association is offering free estate document preparation, including wills, to Ohio's First Responders. The next event is scheduled on October 11, 2008.

Open Forum: No further business was identified.

Adjournment: 2:45 PM

Next Meeting: November 13, 2008 at 10 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS, 5th Floor Conference Room