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STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2018

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Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Tom Allenstein, Karen Beavers, Geoff Dutton, Julie Rose, Diane Simon and George Snyder

Committee Members Absent: Deanna Harris, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz,

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Mel House, Valerie Koker, Ellen Owens, Kris Patalita, Rob Wagoner and Mike Wise.

Public Present: ~none~

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 8:37 am. Mr. Allenstein welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Allenstein asked for a motion to approve the August 16, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Dutton moved to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Snyder seconded that motion. It should be noted that there was not a quorum for the June 20, 2018 meeting; therefore, only notes were produced and no motion was necessary.

ACTION: *Motion to approve the August 16, 2017 Executive Committee minutes.* Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved. Mr. Allenstein was part of the affirmative vote.

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Old Business

Strategic Plan

Mr. Allenstein asked the group if the committees were having any difficulties accomplishing the tasks assigned them through the Strategic Plan. Executive Director House stated that the purpose of the Executive Committee meeting is to keep the strategic plan moving forward and to have each committee report on the progress they have made.

Mr. Allenstein reported on the Medical Transportation Committee and the areas on which they are currently working. He advised that this committee has the assignment of looking at fatigue and alternate delivery services. He stated they had productive discussions regarding both. He further advised that he planned to discuss transporting hospice patients at today's Board meeting. There has been a request submitted from a hospice organization that wants to have a dedicated vehicle for transporting hospice patients. They are looking for special consideration.

Ms. Rose entered the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

Mr. Allenstein then reported on the committee's discussion on fatigue. He advised that they believe that one issue that leads to fatigue is that many providers are working numerous jobs just to get by financially. The committee recommends drafting a white paper regarding fatigue and they plan to present that recommendation to the Board.

Ms. Rose then reported on the work the Critical Care Subcommittee is doing. They have been finishing up a position paper that was approved at the last meeting. Their recent discussion was related to how to get push the position paper out. The subcommittee decided it needed to be disseminated through various Listserv compilations. She advised that due to that discussion, they were not able to spend much time on the strategic plan projects.

Ms. Beavers reported on the robust conversation the Rural EMS Committee had regarding recruitment and retention. They believe that working with the schools is crucial for recruitment. She also advised that communicating and getting the word out is also vital. The Rural EMS Committee plans to work closely with the EMS Children's Committee. There was additional discussion about the rural population of Ohio and the issues associated with getting volunteers.

The topic of an EMFTS Board Human Resources (HR) ad hoc workgroup was brought up. The group discussed the task of creating that workgroup. Mr. Wagoner suggested that the committee chairs ask for volunteers or see who from their committee members are willing to serve on a task force or workgroup. Mr. Allenstein asked the committee chairs present to start the process of getting their respective committee members to form a workgroup to focus on the workforce issues as it affects all of the committees. Mr. Allenstein asked that the committee chairs have the representatives identified from their committees by the next executive meeting on October 17, 2018. The members will then be approved at the Board meeting. There was also discussion regarding when the group would meet. It was decided that the group would need to meet in the off months from the Board meetings. There is no room on the schedule for a meeting the day before the Board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: The various committees under the EMFTS Board need to have a representative identified for the HR ad hoc workgroup/task force by October 17, 2018.

Mr. House advised that some of the strategic plan items are not assigned to any particular committee and have been taken on by the DEMS. Mr. Wagoner then described the items and gave an update on the progress. Both are under the pillar of Improve Population Health Through Prevention & Wellness. The first was regarding the topic “Partner with State and Federal Agencies.” Mr. Wagoner described the progress as follows:

- Ohio Office of Rural Health
 - June 2018: Conduct study of Ohio rural EMS needs and jointly conduct site visits with DEMS, ORH, and The Paramedic Foundation who is the contractor
- National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
 - August 2018: Submitted proposal to host the 2020 National Rural EMS & Care Conference in Columbus, OH
 - Partnership with Ohio Office of Rural Health, DEMS, and the Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care (National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, NASEMSO, National Rural Health Association, and the National Rural Health Resource Center)
- Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative through Indiana University’s Center for Criminal Justice Research
 - March 2018: Joined 7 other states to participate in a first-of-its-kind regional judicial effort by states to combat the opioid epidemic that is receiving a \$1 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Ohio Brain Injury Advisory Committee
 - May 2018: Provided EMS and trauma data and analysis for joint publication with OSU, ODH, and others
- Coverdell Stroke Program
 - March 2018: Ongoing participation with national program in partnership with ODH
- Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership
 - September 2018: Elderly Fall Prevention Resource Guide republished in partnership with ODPS and DEMS

Mr. Wagoner then spoke about the “Improve Data Sharing” aspect under the same pillar. Mr. Wagoner described the progress as follows:

- EMSIRS Rewrite Project
 - May 2018: Proposal for funding to rewrite EMSIRS presented to ODPS TRCC and approved
 - June 2018: Business case to rewrite EMSIRS submitted and approved by ODPS Project Governance Board
 - June 2018: Funding released by NHTSA
 - August – September 2018: Project planning continues with ODPS IT, DEMS, and Digital Innovation
 - October 2018: Project kick-off with anticipated deployment July 2019
 - Goals include:

- Improve data reporting to 100%
- Increase data accuracy
- Increase external customer data sharing via agency dashboards to display current agency and state-related EMS data on a 12-month rolling calendar with 24/7/365 access
- Improve internal data sharing, data visualization, and continuum of care linkage between EMSIRS, Acute Care Registry, and Trauma Rehabilitation Registry
- OTR: Acute Care Trauma Registry and Trauma Rehabilitation Registry
 - Discussions and work plan under way with our vendor Digital Innovation to spin up the Ohio Trauma Rehabilitation Registry and link to the Acute Care Trauma Registry (a first for DI)
- Fire Testing
 - June 2018: Improved test delivery experience for students, improved security of system, and implemented item-level statistics to improve test form development (response times, RPBI, discrimination indices, item difficulty)
 - September 2018: Improve program reports on student performance for all fire certifications

Mr. House mentioned that it would be a good idea to develop some type of dashboard to track the progress that is being made on the Strategic Plan. He requested the committees update the DEMS on the progress they are making on their projects.

There was then a brief discussion on National Registry Exams and how some changes had been made without the DEMS being aware.

MOTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The 4765-8-05 motion will be presented as proposed

Add an additional member to the Medical Transportation Committee to make the total 17

Medical Transportation has a couple of items for the Board to vote on for which they did not have enough voting members

Recommendation for approval of course number WBT905 “Child Maltreatment Tutorial: Definitions and Epidemiology”

New Business

None.

Adjourn

***Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to adjourn: Mr. Snyder first; Mr. Dutton second.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.***

Next meeting:

October 17, 2018, 8:30 am at the ODPS – conference room 1102.