

## CRITICAL CARE SUB-COMMITEE

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

#### MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2018

**Committee Meeting Date and Location:** Tuesday, April 19, 2018, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conf. Rm.1107

**Committee Members Present:** Kent Appelhans, Tristan Coomer, Lisa Feicht, Amy Haughn, Linda Hines, Robert Martin, Natasha Meinert, Robert Norton, Julie Rose, Diane Simon, Keith Wohlever

**Committee Members Absent:** Dave DeVore, Daniel Heuchert, Michael Jackson

**DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:** Dave Fiffick, Connie White, Linda Smith

**Visitor:** Thomas Allenstein

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**Welcome and Introduction** – Convened at 1:08 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes -** April 17, 2018

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**ACTION:** Motion to approve the Critical Care Sub-Committee Meeting minutes from April 17, 2018. Mr. Wohlever – First. Mr. Norton– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved. Remove Robert Martin as a visitor.

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#### **Objectives/Old Business**

Ms. Rose and Dr. Cunningham reviewed with the committee the edits that were made to the inter-facility document and the requirement for additional training for EMS providers, particularly for the Paramedic, (i.e. ventilator, CPAP, Bi-Pap, medications...).

After brief discussion Ms. Rose asked for a motion for the committee to approve the document.



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**ACTION:** Motion to approve the final document on inter-facility transports and the requirement for additional training. Ms. Meinert – First. Ms. Feicht– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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With the passage of the motion Ms. Rose will present the document to the Medical Transportation committee for approval and to forward the document for final approval of the EMFTS Board.

### **Critical Care Certification/Endorsement**

The committee has held several discussions in the past on the possibility of creating a critical care certification or endorsement for paramedics. Atty. Michael Wise, ODPS legal counsel, was asked to provide input to the committee on the legal requirements on the creation of a new certification or endorsement.

Mike Wise stated that creating a new level of certification would require an addition to existing law and creation of a new section of rules for that level of certification.

An endorsement does not require a change in law, but can be created through the Board's general authority to establish administrative rules for the purpose of training and educating EMS certificate holders. The endorsement cannot alter the paramedic scope of practice, but it can be used to show that a paramedic has received specialized training on elements within the scope of practice. The administrative rule should define the specific endorsement or endorsements that the Board would establish in rule and further outline the training and education needed to qualify for the endorsement.

Discussion ensued and it was the feeling of the committee to move forward with the creation of a critical care paramedic endorsement.

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***ACTION: Motion that Critical Care Sub-Committee will craft recommendation of rule language for Critical Care endorsement that will include qualification for that endorsement. Mr. Wohlever – First - Ms. Haughn – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

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### **Process to enlist in the Statewide Fire Disaster Plan**

Ms. Rose made the committee aware of the Fire Service Emergency Response Plan. This plan was developed several years ago to maintain a database of fire and EMS agencies will to respond to disaster areas when local resources are overwhelmed. Mr. Fiffick will gather additional information on the plan and possibly have someone from the plan come in and address the committee. Additional information can be obtained on the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association webpage: [www.ohiofirechiefs.org](http://www.ohiofirechiefs.org).

### **New Business**

None

### **Review and Discuss Air Medical Equipment and Supply Checklist**

**Action Item:** Mr. Fiffick will email the committee members Air Medical inspection forms and OAC 4766-5 Air Medical Rules for review and discussion at the August meeting.

### **Adjourn**

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***ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 2:36 p. m. Mr. Coomer – First. Ms. Feicht– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

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**Next meeting** August 14, 2018 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
ODPS Room 1107