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MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

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

MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2025 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 1107

Committee Members Present: Kent Appelhans, Brian Hathaway, Amy Haughn, Ruda Jenkins, Robert Norton, Mark Resanovich, Dave Viola, John Weimer, Dudley Wright.

Committee Members Absent: Jeff Fishel.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: David Fiffick, Faye Manley, Donna Howard.

Visitor: Cherie Pepping, Scott French MD – Superior corporate Medical Director, Amanda Dunkin – master's student.

Welcome and Introduction: – Chair John Weimer brought the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Kent Appelhans – Present
Brian Hathaway – Present
Ruda Jenkins – Present
Mark Resanovich – Present
John Weimer – Present

Jeff Fishel – Absent
Amy Haughn – Present
Robert Norton – Present
Dave Viola – Present
Dudley Wright – Absent

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Review / Approve April 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: *Motion to approve June 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes* – Mr. Norton – First.
Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

ONGOING FOCUS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Chair Weimer requested the Medical Transportation Committee keep the EMFTS Strategic Plan at the forefront of each meeting. Staffing concerns, OAC, and the ORC will be a placeholder to the continued agenda.

- *Strategic Plan: (ongoing)*
 - *Define Recommendations Level of Care (Workgroup in Process)*
 - *Standardize Minimal Equipment and Staffing*

CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS OF EMFTS STAFF OR TEAM:

Attendance Review of Requirements:

Medical Transportation was reminded of the requirements of attendance for the meetings. There are 5 bi-monthly meetings, of which 80% of attendance in a 2-year period must be maintained to remain on the committee.

Pending Legislation:

H. B. 398: Revised ORC 4765.36 and 4765.361 – Allows EMS to work anywhere in the hospital. Medical Transportation Committee stands in objection to this bill.

H.B.367: Organ Recovery Vehicle using Lights and Sirens – Allows these types of EMS vehicles to use lights and sirens while transporting organs.

S.B. 220: Community Paramedicine Insurance Coverage – addresses and requires payment or reimbursement for community paramedicine.

CRITICAL CARE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKGROUP:

White Paper (Acuity Level) – Ruda Jenkins/Cherie Pepping/Jacob Miller:

The Workgroup reported out on the “Guidelines for Interfacility and Critical Care Transport in Ohio” white paper draft and the ambulance service grid. The Workgroup is close to the final draft of the white paper with the intent of giving guidance and direction, particularly around interfacility transport, and what level of care needed..

MolCU STAFFING: David Fiffick:

Continuing to review the MolCU transport staffing and types of transports. Department of Public Safety Attorney Michael Wise and Chief Fiffick worked on a document that outlines the staffing of a MolCU and the types of interfacility transports they can do. If the MolCU vehicle is being used as an ambulance, it must be staffed with 2 certified EMS personnel and be dual certified. Dual certification is completed at the time of inspection with prior notification to the Inspector. After committee discussion, the document will be revised, and the final document will be brought to the next meeting. A question was raised about Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU). A MSU responds to scenes. Should they be required to be dual certified? No, they only respond to potential stroke calls and always respond with an ALS ambulance. The MSU only transports if the patient is having a stroke.

OLD BUSINESS/OUTSTANDING:

WORKGROUP: PSYCHIATRIC TRANSPORT – Mark Resanovich:

Mr. Resanovich reported the finalized draft of the “Alternative Transportation Solution for Behavioral Health Interfacility Transport” white paper was forwarded to the brokers, who are working with Managed Cares. Some facilities have started with these types of transports, but are not obtaining reimbursement, unless they are contracted with a particular facility.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None.

Next Committee Meeting: October 21, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
ODPS Conference Room 1107.

Adjournment:

ACTION: *Motion to adjourn* – Mr. Norton – First. Mr. Hathway - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm.