

## AIR AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

<b>Committee Minutes</b>	Air Ambulance Committee Meeting
<b>Date</b>	June 14, 2023
<b>Time</b>	10:00 am CST
<b>Location</b>	665 Mainstream Drive, Popular Room
<b>Participants</b>	Members present: Robbie Tester, John Smith, Kevin Nooner, Matt Owens, Mark Pierce, Cindy Bailey, Nina Jernigan

<b>Overall Lead</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary / Decision</b>	<b>Assignments / Next Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
Robbie Tester	<b>Roll Call</b>	The meeting was called to order by Robbie Tester. Roll call was completed. A quorum was present.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Previous meeting minutes were not available for review. Motion by R. Tester with second by M. Owens to table approval of minutes until next meeting. Without discussion, motion approved unanimously.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	<b>Update on Proposed Rule Changes</b>	Rules are with Office of General Council (OGC).	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	<b>Old Business</b>	Proposal of Air Ambulance Rules - Chairman Tester spoke with Director Ward and was advised that the EMS Board composition will likely change soon but suggested this committee should present the proposed Air Ambulance Rule changes at the upcoming Board meeting.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	<b>Strike Team</b>	No update	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	<b>Proposed Rule Changes</b>	<p>Proposed changes to the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, Chapter 1200-12-05-.05 Air Ambulance Standards were presented. A summary of changes is noted below.</p> <p>(1) Definitions – Replaced the “mission” with “transport”.</p> <p>(2) Rewritten to reference the Air Ambulance Equipment, Medication and Supplies specifications.</p>	Present proposed rules to EMS Board	Robbie Tester	Next EMS Board Meeting

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		<p>(k) Updated to Division of Family Health and Wellness, Seventh Edition, 2020 or successor publication.</p> <p>(m) New language: “The air ambulance service shall have a written policy to address measures to be taken to avoid adverse effects of temperature extremes on patients and personnel on board in the event of a non-functioning air conditioner when cabin temperatures are 95 degrees Fahrenheit or greater or in the event of a non-functioning heater when the cabin temperature is 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.”</p> <p>(3) Deleted. Incorporated into (2).</p> <p>(4) Renumbered (3).</p> <p>(5) Renumbered (4).</p> <p>(a) Removed “helicopter” to make standard for all air ambulance services. Replaced the board certification of “Aerospace Medicine” with “Emergency Medical Services”. Removed “mission” language. Removed gender reference.</p> <p>(b) 1. Replaced fixed wing staffing with scene response crew configuration.</p> <p>(b) 2. Replaced helicopter staffing with interfacility crew configuration.</p> <p>(b) 3. Replaced “mission” language.</p> <p>(b) 4. Specified for non-emergent, scheduled fixed-wing transports.</p> <p>(c) Moved from (h) and updated to: “Medical crew members shall not be scheduled on an air ambulance more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours. A medical crew member shift may be extended for up to</p>			
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		<p>twelve (12) additional hours in accordance with a service duty extension hold-over policy that addresses fatigue. The air ambulance service shall provide the medical flight crew adequate rest and mealtime.”</p> <p>(d) Moved from (h) and updated to: “Personnel must have at least ten (10) hours of rest with no work-related interruptions prior to any scheduled shift of twelve (12) hours or more in the air transport environment.”</p> <p>(e) Section (c) was renumbered to (e) with changes as below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Clarified critical care nursing experience.</li> <li>2. (iv) Replaced “advance nursing” with “board” certification. Added (IV) “Certified Transport Registered Nurse.”</li> <li>3. Updated to require Board Certified Critical Care Paramedic, Board Certified Flight Paramedic or Critical care license endorsement per 1200-12-05.</li> <li>4. Added physician medical crew member requirements.</li> <li>5. Removed Pediatric Advanced Life Support equivalents. Updated Trauma Nurse Advanced Trauma Course to Transport Professional Advanced Trauma Course. Added that Trauma Nurse Core Course would be allowable until 24 months after propagation of this rule. Added</li> </ol>			
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		<p style="text-align: center;">Advanced Trauma Life Support (for physicians only).</p> <p>(d) Previous numbered section removed.</p> <p>(f) Removed reference to helicopter. Replaced board certification of Aerospace Medicine with Emergency Medical Services.</p> <p>(g) Removed requirement to be certified through NAACS to the International Association of Medical Transport Communication Specialists or within 6 months of employment. Removed EMT or health care professional requirement. Removed helicopter reference.</p> <p>(6) Flight Coordination. Renumbered (5). Updated language to policy and procedure manual and removed reference to the Air Medic. Replaced ETA with ETE and defined. Removed reference to the Communication Safety Questionnaire.</p> <p>(7) Renumbered (6) and reformatted.</p> <p>(8) Removed</p> <p>(9) Renumbered to (7). Updated Division to Office.</p> <p>(10) Renumbered to (8). Updated to: “Utilization Review (UR). The air ambulance service management shall ensure appropriate utilization review process with a structured, periodic review of transports being performed at least semi- annually and resulting in a written report. The service will maintain records of such reviews for two years.”</p> <p>(11) Renumbered to (9).</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(f) Renumbered to (11).</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(g) Renumbered to (12).</p>			
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		(12) No changes (13) Updated Department to Office.  Motion by M. Owens: “After extensive review, we accepted the proposed rule changes as written for presentation to the Board,” by approved unanimously by voice vote.			
Robbie Tester	<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn by J. Smith passed unanimously.	n/a	n/a	n/a

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kevin Nooner. Minutes are not necessarily recorded in order of discussion.