

## AIR AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

<b>Committee Minutes</b>	Air Ambulance Committee Meeting
<b>Date</b>	September 16, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 am CST
<b>Location</b>	665 Mainstream Drive, Iris Room
<b>Participants</b>	Members present: Robbie Tester, Cindy Bailey, Renee Jacobs, Kevin Nooner, Matt Owens, Jonathan Wood, Lesley Roberts, Tyler Thompson, Dr. Frank Taft, Nita Jernigan, Brian Tompkins

<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>Committee Members</b>	<p>Matt Owens has taken a new position as Program Director for UT Lifestar. Recommendation from HCA that Rod Dawson be appointed as HCA Skylife representative to replace Matt Owens. Mr. Dawson provided an overview of his experience and current role. Motion by John Wood with second by Kevin Nooner to approve Rod Dawson as representative for HCA Skylife. Motion carried without discussion.</p> <p>UT Lifestar has requested that Matt Owens replace Les Roberts as the representative for UT Lifestar. Motion for Matt Owens to represent UT LifeStar by Dr. Tift with second by Ms. Bailey. Motion carried without discussion.</p> <p>Recommendations will be sent by Mr. Tester to Mr. Greg Miller, chair of the Oversight Committee.</p>	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Motion to approve June 14, 2023, minutes by Mr. Owens with second by Ms. Bailey. Motion carried without discussion.</p> <p>Motion to approve June 17, 2024, minutes by Mr. Roberts with second by Dr. Tift. During the last</p>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		Clinical Issues Committee meeting there was discussion regarding cuffed and/or uncuffed sized 2.0, 2.5, and 3.0 ETT. The Committee decided to leave the option of cuffed vs. uncuffed with education for preference toward these being uncuffed.			
Robbie Tester	<b>Items from the Board</b>	No items received from the Board. Ms. Diden was in the audience and was asked if each committee needed to develop their own bylaws. Although there has been discussion around this topic, there is no directive currently.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>Proposed rules update</b> Mr. Gibbs has advised that they are anticipated to go to rule making in Spring 2025. Mr. Gibbs is discussing having a special rule making hearing at the request of Mr. Tester because of the length of time it has taken to get these new rules updated.</p> <p>Ms. Rhonda Stewart from Office of General Council (OGC) was present for the meeting. Ms. Stewart has been involved in the overview and editing of the rules. She stated her edits were not substantive in nature. Rules were originally sent to be completed in November 2023. The Air Ambulance rules (1200-12-01-.05), and the training stipend were included in the same package which has delayed the implementation. Ms. Stewart provided a printed copy of the version currently with OGC. Electronic copy also to be distribute to the committee. Copies of rules are not to be shared beyond this committee.</p> <p>The proposed rules were reviewed. Suggestion was made to replace the red-line number 1200-12-01-.05 (4)(e)3(ii)(II) “[WHICH BOARD]”</p>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		<p>with “International Board of Specialty Certification”.</p> <p>Suggestion made to replace the red-line number 1200-12-01-.05 (4) (e) 4 (i) and (ii) to read:</p> <p>(i) Possess a current unencumbered Tennessee physician license</p> <p>(ii) Shall meet one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Director for an air ambulance service qualification per 1200-01-.05(2).</li> <li>• Resident physician in Emergency Medicine or General Surgery R3 or higher.</li> <li>• An Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medical Services or Surgical Critical Care Fellow; or</li> <li>• Physician certified or eligible for board certification in Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medical Services, Surgery Critical Care or Trauma Surgery.</li> </ul> <p>There was discussion if there were specific items we would advocate to present separately from the current rules package. Although there are some areas that may be assistive to air medical services, there was consensus to allow the current rule package to continue in currently planned process.</p> <p><b>Air Medical Equipment and Supplies Specifications</b></p> <p>The Air Medical Equipment and Supplies Specifications document was reviewed. This document contains suggestions captured in previous meetings.</p>	<p>Send to Clinical Issues Committee for review</p>	<p>Robbie Tester</p>	<p>After final edits are made</p>
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		<p>Added a note on the Bag Valve Device – Neonatal size that one mask to fit 750 – 1500 grams.</p> <p>Updated INSTALLED OXYGEN SUPPLY first note to “An installed oxygen supply with a capacity of at least 2,000 liters or gaseous oxygen or 2.4 liters of liquid oxygen.”</p> <p>Updated PORTABLE OXYGEN first note to “A ‘D’ size cylinder with at least 500 psi”.</p> <p>Updated INSTALLED SUCTION DEVICE to a capacity of 800 milliliters.</p> <p>Updated note on RIGID SUCTION TIPS to “Two (2). One (1) may be stored with portable suction device.”</p> <p>Updated note on DOPPLER STETHOSCOPE to include that this may be satisfied by point-of-care ultrasound.</p> <p>Removed requirements for sheets in PATIENT AND COT COVER.</p> <p>Replaced 60cc luer lock syringe in SYRINGES to 50cc syringe or greater luer lock syringe.</p> <p>Updated ENDOTRACHEAL TUBES note to “Cuffed or uncuffed sizes 2.5 through 3.0 millimeter. Cuffed sizes 3.5 through 8.0 millimeter.”</p> <p>Removed BURN SHEET requirement.</p> <p>Updated PRESSURE INFUSION DEVICE, MECONIUM ASPIRATOR ADAPTERS, CHEST DECOMPRESSION NEEDLE, CRICOTHYROTOMY SUPPLIES, and METHOD TO SECURE ETT to critical items.</p> <p>Motion to approve document with proofreading to utilize either cc or mL by Mr. Thompson with second by Mr. Roberts. Motion carried.</p>			
Robbie Tester	<b>New Business</b>	<b>Task Force Appointment</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		Request received from the Task Force of Professional Standards and Mentorship to appoint an air medical committee member. Ms. Jacobs expressed interest and was nominated by Mr. Roberts with second by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried without discussion.			
	<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn by Dr. Taft with second by Ms. Bailey.	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

Link to meeting video: <https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/ca645592d00141919976327fb5bc532d1d>