

EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	EMS Education Committee
Date	September 16 th , 2025
Time	10:00 am CST
Location	Iris Room 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, Tennessee
Participants	<p>Members Present: Greg Johnson (Chairman), Kirk Harris, Jason Fox, Mike Terrill, Katie Hall, John Reeves, Mark Eidson, Curt Aukerman, Nicholas Santiago, Trey Cook, Shannon Morphis, Dana Knueven (Secretary), January Bukowitz, Aaron Carl, Mark Walker, Kevin King, Mike Alberson</p> <p>Central Office/ EMS Consultants: Assistant Director Chip Cook, Russell Gupton, Director Ward, Brian Tompkins</p> <p>Members Absent: William Andrews, Houston Austin, Chris Davis, Kenneth Oxford, Baker McCool</p>

Overall Lead	Topic	Summary/Decisions	Assignment s / Next Steps	Responsible Person	Time Frame
	Roll Call/Introduction	Meeting was called to order at 1003 Roll Call (results are listed above): A quorum is present.			
	Minute Approval	Minutes reviewed with a correction requested: Present Curt Auckerman, Absent Mike Alberson Motion made to approve by Kirk Harris, Seconded by Jason Fox. Approved unanimously			

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	Special Business	Tia Smalls introduced from OGC			
	Presentations	No Presentations			

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Subcommittee & Workgroup Reports</p>	<p>Mental Health Work Group Mental Health Curriculum- Board approved Additional conversation held about adding the curriculum to EMR training and adding a con- ed component. Motion made by Jason Fox to propose to the EMS board that mental health curriculum be added to the initial EMR course. Seconded by Kaite Hall Has this been added to the IC training? This will add an additional 8 hours of training to the EMR curriculum. Question posed: Does this create an issue for high school level EMR courses?</p> <p>Roll Call Vote to unanimously add to the EMR curriculum</p> <p>Motion to form a mental health continuing ED work group by Jason Fox, seconded by Mark Walker. Jason Fox will chair, members of the committee can reach out to Jason directly to join.</p> <p>Ventilator Curriculum Update Comparison and review of current vs. proposed changes to the curriculum. Recommendation by Director Ward: Table until such time TN requirement verbiage can be remedied.</p> <p>Documentation Course Workgroup Presented by January Bukowitz Would this be something for initial education or continuing education?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items: Being looking at the continuing ED component.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Follow Up with Jason Fox</p>	

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		<p>The course is developing into 4 modules with a foundation built.</p> <p>Practical Scenario Creation Workgroup Presented by Jason Fox</p> <p>Overall feedback has been positive, practicals seem to be going well, further progress depending on feedback.</p> <p>EPIC4KIDS- Should be going to the board</p> <p>Report from Clinical Issues Committee Presented by Greg Johnson Position statement drafted on paramedics working outside of the EMS field. “Hydration Clinics” provided as the example. Follow up was also provided the equipment list.</p>			
	<p>Old Business</p>	<p>EMS Education Committee White Paper</p> <p>The board asked us to draft a white paper to justify our purpose as a committee. The previously drafted paper was presented for approval.</p>			

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		<p>Motion to approve the white paper as written and seconded by Kirk Harris. Approved unanimously by voice vote.</p> <p>Review of Rule 1200- age requirement to obtain EMT license- the board cannot change it without a legislative change (This is also required as part of the compact).</p>			
	<p>New Business</p>	<p>Zofran is in the AEMT scope of practice, could we have an alternative method to verify competency if services are running into difficulties with opportunities to be checked off. The request is only for Zofran, a lab setting is deemed to be appropriate at this time.</p> <p>Motion made by Shannon Morphis to allow antiemetics to be given in the lab setting vs live patient. Second, by Mike Terrell.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote was Unanimous</p> <p>Notes: Would we need to have a approved process for checking them off in a simulation experience? Could this potentially be opened up to all medications?</p> <p>Creation of a skill sheet for antiemetics to be presented at the December meeting</p>		<p>Mike Alberson</p>	

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	<p>Closing Remarks/Adjournment</p>	<p>Discussion held about the ventilator document with the recommendation that the one-year experience be changed to 2 years, seconded by Shannon Morphis.</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn Made by Curt Auckerman, Seconded by Katie Hall.</p>			
	<p>Link to Meeting Recording</p>	<p>https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/8c76d1f4b267442fab424c2b9e6a91181d</p>			