

## AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

<b>Committee Minutes</b>	Ambulance Committee
<b>Date</b>	September 5, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 pm CST
<b>Location</b>	Poplar Room, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN
<b>Participants</b>	Dan Wheelley, Dustin Kemp, Kevin Cagle, Kevin Deaton, Rick Valentine, Joseph Dunn, Keith Dean, Scotty Blackburn, Chip Cook, Kristin Billingsley, Angie Shelton-Sullivan, Brian Newberry, Andrew Reed, Ted Cox, Russell Mole, Kane Watkins, Jason Dill, Jonathan Batey, Brandon Ward

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary / Decision</b>	<b>Assignments / Next Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<b>Roll Call</b>	The meeting was called to order by Chip Cook at 10 am CT. Angie Shelton-Sullivan conducted a roll call, a quorum was present, and each region was represented.	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Old minutes</b>	The minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting was presented and approved unanimously.	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Items from the Board</b>	No new items from the board.	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Clinical Issues Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There has been a proposal submitted to the Board for opioid-use medications (e.g., buprenorphine) to be used to treat opioid withdrawal. This medication is a non-narcotic that can help reduce the risk of overdose and death. It is not required but meant to be an approved drug.</li> <li>- A request has been made to review the number of spine boards required on an ambulance. A motion was made to the Board to change the requirement from two (2) long spine boards to one (1) long spine board and one (1) of the following: an additional long spine board or scoop stretcher. This item has been tabled.</li> <li>- Bag Valve Masks: Current requirement is 1,000cc adult bag. The request has been to change that to 700 to 1,000 to help prevent trauma. This item has been tabled.</li> <li>- PulseOx Imagery: Request to allow EMRs to use PulseOx imagery and glucose checks. PulseOx imagery was voted on and passed. The glucometer was tabled to further research.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Obvious Death Guidelines: A recommendation was made to remove some of the language from this protocol. Currently, Dr. Holley is drafting minimal standards for obvious death standards.</li> <li>- Compact Guidelines: The original intention was to allow individuals to come into the State of Tennessee during a disaster or work routinely during a set number of days. However, that language was not a part of the compact guidelines on a national level. The actual language states an individual can come from another compact state and work for the remainder of their career without requirements to answer to the EMS State Board in Tennessee. If a rule is violated, that individual would have to report back to their State. This is a cause for concern if any rules do not align. A motion was made to require 180 days before someone outside the State can obtain a Tennessee license. This motion passed.</li> <li>- Buckle Guard Safety Device: The Clinical Issues Committee were given a demonstration of the buckle guard safety device to discuss if this is considered a restraint device. A motion was made to table a decision to allow Legal to review. Further discussion took place after the committee meeting to determine no buckle guards should be affixed to stretchers.</li> </ul> <p>Leadership and Advancement Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This committee is developing a taskforce for professional standards and mentorship. The primary goal of this taskforce is to develop an after-action review process for rule violation or disciplinary action cases to determine if guidelines need to be developed to help prevent or reduce future cases of the same nature. This taskforce met August 30 and will meet again October 11 to receive further direction. Additionally, the board is researching developing a student association to take a deeper dive into topics that are not covered in depth in school and that could potentially help with reduction of discipline issues in the future.</li> </ul> <p>Telemedicine Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attorney General has determined telemedicine rules do need to be created. A motion was passed unanimously for the Ambulance Committee to develop a workgroup to draft telemedicine minimal</li> </ul>			
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	<p>standards and quality control. Workgroup Members: Joseph Dunn, Angie Shelton-Sullivan, Dan Wheeley. Once drafted, Dr. Holley will review the draft for input.</p> <p>Categories of Ambulance Service Licensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Rule <a href="#">1200-12-01-.14</a> (Emergency Medical Services Standards and Categories for Licensed Ambulance Service and Mobile Prehospital Emergency Care (Pages 61 – 69)). The goal is to review how ambulances are categorized and operated and update the rule accordingly. A motion was made and passed unanimously to create a workgroup for review of this rule. Workgroup Members: Scotty Blackburn, Andrew Reed, Kane Watkins, Russell Mole.</li> </ul>			
<b>New Business</b>	Not applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Next Meeting</b>	XXX, 2024, at 10:00am in XXX Room	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 10:50 am.	N/A	N/A	N/A

Minutes recorded and submitted by Angie Shelton-Sullivan. Minutes are not necessarily recorded in order of discussion.