

## CLINICAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES

<b>Committee Minutes</b>	Clinical Issues Committee
<b>Date</b>	June 12, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 am CST
<b>Location</b>	Iris Room, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN
<b>Participants</b>	Scottie Chambers, Christopher Cox, Kevin Spratlin, Jonathan Wood, David Burdett, Tucker Anderson, Ron Buchheit, Mary Lee Lemley, Kevin Deaton, Oseana Bratton, Greg Johnson (proxy for Jason Fox)

<b>Overall Lead</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary / Decision</b>	<b>Assignments / Next Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
Brandon Ward	Call to order	Due to the absence of chairperson Dr. Joe Holley, Director Ward called the meeting to order just after 10:00am.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brandon Ward	Election of a vice chair	The committee was asked by Director Ward for nominations. David Burdett was nominated. There were no other nominations. The vote in favor of David Burdett was unanimous.	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Burdett	Roll call	Attendance was taken by David Burdett.	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Burdett	Approval of minutes	Presented for approval were the minutes from the December 24, 2023, committee meeting. Motion by Kevin Deaton, second by Jonathan Wood. Voice vote was unanimous.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ron Buchheit	Proposed opioid response program in Hamilton County	Dr. Buchheit presented a proposal for a “Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Bridge Program” by Hamilton County EMS. Dr. Buchheit explained that this would be a Community Paramedic-type program where a rapid response vehicle would respond on every overdose call in the county. The patient would be connected with a navigator from the health department. This program is available not only to those who call 911 but also those who contact the health department. Patients can consent to the administration of suboxone. The medication administration would occur in the field, as would follow-up until the navigator is able to place the patient in treatment. Discussion was held.	Report recommendation to EMS Board	Dr. Holley	Not specified

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		Motion by Kevin Spratlin. Second by Jonathan Wood. The motion passed unanimously.			
David Burdett	Ambulance equipment	Scott Thomas, Assistant Director of Anderson County EMS, spoke to the committee members concerning recommended changes to the list of equipment required to be carried on an ambulance. The first item of discussion was the equipment needed for thoracotomy procedures in the field. Next was a discussion of substituting a combo scoop stretcher for one of the two required long spine boards. Also discussed was the approval of an adult bag-valve-mask device with a smaller capacity. Spratlin recommended that the topic be tabled until the September meeting to allow the committee members to review and to incorporate these requests into the committee's annual review of the ambulance equipment checklist. Motion passed unanimously.	Table to next Clinical Issues Committee meeting	David Burdett	Next Clinical Issues Committee meeting
David Burdett	Glucometer and pulse oximetry use by EMRs	Dr. Kailey Winkler asked the committee to consider allowing emergency medical responders (EMRs) to utilize glucometers and pulse oximetry, which are skills currently outside the EMR scope of practice. The members discussed the request. A motion was made to table the issue until the next meeting. Four members voted no: Spratlin, Wood, Burdett, Buchheit.	Table to next Clinical Issues Committee meeting	David Burdett	Next Clinical Issues Committee meeting
David Burdett	Cyanokit administration by AEMTs	A presentation was not made, and no action was taken.	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Burdett	Review the obvious death and death determination state guidelines	Director Ward spoke to the committee about the state's guidelines for determining death by EMS providers. Wood made a motion for the medical director to draft a statement to all ambulance services which includes the state's minimum expectation on field determination of death.	Refer to state medical director	Dr. Holley	Not specified

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		Seconded by Greg Johnson. The vote was unanimous.			
David Burdett	EMS Compact	Director Ward spoke to the committee about issues surrounding the EMS Compact. At present, a person from another Compact state could move to Tennessee and work as an EMS provider without ever having to obtain EMS licensure in Tennessee. The state EMS office is not able to take action against these persons since they are not licensed in Tennessee. Director Ward asked that Clinical Issues Committee make a recommendation on a time frame for when an EMS provider must obtain a state license. Motion by Christopher Cox to recommend that a person apply for Tennessee EMS licensure within 180 days. Seconded by Mary Lee Lemley. The vote was unanimous.	Report recommendation to EMS Board	Dr. Holley	Not specified
David Burdett	Old business	Tony Dalton, General Counsel for Priority OnDemand & Affiliates, spoke with the committee about the Buckle Guard safety device. After his presentation, Director Ward recommended that someone table the matter so that a legal opinion could be obtained. Spratlin made the motion. Seconded by Kevin Deaton. The vote was unanimous.	Table to next Clinical Issues Committee meeting	David Burdett	Next Clinical Issues Committee meeting
David Burdett	New business	No new business was brought forward.	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Burdett	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 12:35pm.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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