

AIR AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Air Ambulance Committee Meeting
Date	March 21, 2022
Time	10:00 am CST
Location	665 Mainstream Drive, Popular Room
Participants	Members present: Robbie Tester (Chair), Mitch Hathaway, Michael Jones, Kevin Nooner, Mark Pierce, Jan Weatherred, Nita Jernigan, Brandon Ward, Chip Cook

Overall Lead	Topic	Summary / Decision	Assignments / Next Steps	Responsible Person	Time Frame
Robbie Tester	Roll Call	Meeting called to order and roll call at 10:14am. A quorum was present.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Old Minutes	Need to add meeting attendance to minutes. With this correction, motion to accept minutes by M. Pierce with second by M. Hathaway. Approved unanimously.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Update on the status of the Air Medical Rules Submitted in 2015	In December 2021, committee agreed to pull proposed rules back and revisit at today's meeting to present to the anticipated rule-making hearing of the EMS Board in March 2022.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Proposed Air Medical Rules	<p>The proposed 2015 rules were reviewed and discussed. Proposed revisions attached to minutes for review before next meeting.</p> <p>There were no edits made to section (1), (4), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) or (12).</p> <p>Updates to section (2) to move from specified equipment in the rule to a department policy on equipment/supplies based on current structure for ground ambulances. Deleted section (3) as these items will be included in the Air Ambulance Equipment, Medications and Supplies specifications. Motion by Jan</p>	<p>Distribution of edited proposed rules</p> <p>Research and proposal for inclusion of advanced practice providers in rules</p>	<p>Kevin Nooner</p> <p>Kevin Nooner</p>	<p>Prior to June committee meeting</p>

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		<p>with second by Mitch. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Discussion on (2) (n) 2. regarding the need to specify a temperature range for operation. After discussion and review of current CAMTS standards, motion to update this section to read, “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 and/or heater” by Jan with second by Mitch. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Update to section (5) (a) to make medical director requirements the same for any air medical service removing the sections specific to helicopter and fixed wing. Removed section (5) (d). Removed Aerospace Medicine board certification from rule and replaced with Emergency Medical Services board certification. Changed numbering of (5) (a) 2. (v) (I) and (II) to (5) (a) 2. (vi) and (vii) respectively, with removal of “including the following” from (5) (a) 2. (v). Change of “He” to “The service Medical Director” in (5) (a) 4. Update to section (5) (b) 1. to reflect the required staffing of a physician or registered nurse, and one other licensed medical provider. Specified a single crew member is allowable with medical director approval for non-emergent, scheduled fixed wing flights.</p>			
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		<p>Specified critical care experience in an ICU or ED in section (5) (c) 2. (i).</p> <p>Update to section (5) (c) 2. (iv) to add Certified Transport Registered Nurse. Motion by Mark with second by Jan. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Update to section (5) (c) 2. (iii) to obtain EMT in 24 months from 12 months. Discussion also included discussion of potential of removing EMT requirement. Discussion included the value of the EMT for nurses who do not receive pre-hospital training in nursing school, the difficulty in completion of an EMT course within 12 months of hire, and the concern of delaying this education beyond 12 months. Motion by Mark with second by Jan. Motion passed with all in favor except Kevin Nooner.</p> <p>Update to section (5) (c) 3. (ii) to reflect board certification and (5) (c) 3. (ii) (I) as a certified critical care paramedic to clarify this is the board certification and not the State critical care paramedic endorsement. Also updated section (5) (c) (2. (iv) to reflect board certification. Motion by Kevin with second by Jan. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Added proposed section after (5) (c) 3. for qualification for a physician serving as a medical crew member. Motion by Jan with second by Mitch. Passed unanimously.</p>			
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		<p>Removed equivalent PALS classes (ENPC and PEPP) from section (5) (c) 4. Motion by Kevin with second by Mitch. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Updated (5) (c) 5. (i) to reflect Transport Professional Advanced Trauma Course and added (5) (c) 5. (v) Advanced Trauma Life Support.</p> <p>Updated (5) (c) 5. (f) 3. to 24 months to obtain certification.</p> <p>Had discussion regarding intention around (6) (a) 8. Believe this is related to questions such as if another service as been requested or turned down the request. Will need to clarify this at next meeting.</p>			
Robbie Tester	Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Drones	Agriculture drone program from local college in West Tennessee utilizing a UAS approximately 15' wide. Have also noted out of state airports designating UAS landing areas. Local water company near Erlanger deploying a drone program. Company has had good coordination with Erlanger.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Old Business – Air Medical Strike Team Development	Working group on February 22, 2022 preceding the TASA mid-winter conference. All licensed Tennessee services were in attendance except one. Group recommended a change from a global response to an incident to a regional response utilizing in service aircraft instead of a prolonged deployment greater than 12 hours at a time.	Distribution of full minutes/notes	Robbie Tester	Prior to June committee meeting

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		Currently compiling full minutes and have received additional information from TEMA regarding other teams' composition and procedures.			
Robbie Tester	New Business	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Next meeting	Next meeting scheduled for June 13, 2022 in Popular Room at 10:00am CST.	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Mark, with second by Mitch. Meeting was adjourned by Robbie Tester at 1:31pm.	n/a	n/a	n/a

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