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STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2009

Chaired by Mark Burgess

Board Meeting Date and Location: June 17, 2009, Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Thomas Collins, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Ms. Joyce Fischer, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Dr. Jonathan Groner, Mr. James Holcomb, Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Dr. John Pakiela, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. William Quinn, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Mr. William Vedra

Board Members Absent: Mr. James Davis, Mr. David Fiffick, Mr. William Mallory

Staff Members Present: Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Tim Erskine, Heather Frient, John Kennington, Thomas Macklin, Chuck Milam, Linda Mirarchi, Ellen Owens, Carol Palantekin, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, Joe Stack, Yvonne Tertel, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Chris Chumith, Cleveland EMS; Tiffany Forte, Cleveland EMS; Suzanne Hoholik, Columbus Dispatch; Meshelle Lynche; David Miller, Cleveland EMS; Carlton Randall, Lima Memorial Hospital; Lory Winland, American Heart Association

Mr. Burgess called the June 17, 2009 meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	
Mr. James Davis	
Mr. David Fiffick	
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here

Mr. William Vedra

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2009 EMS BOARD MINUTES
ACTION: Motion to approve the May 20, 2009 EMS Board minutes. Pomerantz first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

***** Mr. Quinn arrived at 10:01 AM *****

OPEN FORUM
No guests brought any issues forward.

***** Dr. Dahl-Grove arrived at 10:02 AM *****

GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS
The Goldman Proceedings were called to order at 10:02 PM.

Roll Call

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
Mr. James Davis	
Mr. David Fiffick	
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	
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Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
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Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. William Vedra	

A majority of the Board members were present. Four adjudication proceedings were held in the matters of EMS Case Number 2007-466-201, Clayton M. Parcell, EMS Applicant Number 129582; EMS Case Number 2008-47-304, Rodney W. Madewell, EMS Instructor Certification Number 21962; EMS Case Number 2008-433-101, James D. Wiseman, EMS Applicant Number 138542; and EMS Case Number 2008-488-102, Amanda G. Smith, EMS Applicant Number 174563.

The Board reviewed evidence, including exhibits and affidavits from EMS investigators and/or staff, associated with the aforementioned cases. In lieu of a stenographic record being made, let the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits shall be kept as the official record of the proceedings in the aforementioned matters in the office of the Division of EMS. Mr. Burgess recognized Principal Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the cases and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

Ms. Tertel said there was an issue with Mr. Parcell's military paperwork being altered, he does not have a National Registry card, and recommend his application be denied. Mr. Madewell was selected for a random audit, did not submit the required information, and recommend his instructor certification be revoked. Mr. Wiseman applied for his certification but did not provide the required documentation regarding convictions, and recommend his application be denied. Ms. Smith had a fifth-degree felony for attempted child endangering and recommend her application be denied.

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit(s) and the accompanying exhibit(s) in the aforementioned case(s) into evidence. Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the Goldman Proceedings were closed at 10:07 AM. Mr. Burgess asked for a motion to deliberate on the sworn affidavits and exhibits. He noted that a written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondents.

***** Dr. Groner arrived at 10:07 AM *****

ACTION: Motion to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters by roll call vote at 10:08 AM. Pomerantz first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

<u>Roll Call</u>

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
Mr. James Davis	
Mr. David Fiffick	
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here

Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. William Vedra	

The Board returned from private session at 10:15 AM.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2007-466-201, Clayton M. Parcell, EMS Applicant Number 129582, the Board finds that Mr. Parcell committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice and failed to meet the requirements for reciprocity for certification as an EMT-Basic, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(A) and 4765-8-15(B)(5). The Board moves to deny Mr. Parcell's application for a certificate to practice as an EMT. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2008-47-304, Rodney W. Madewell, EMS Instructor Certification Number 21962, the Board finds that Mr. Madewell committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor and failed to accurately document all renewal requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(A) and (B)(1), 4765-9-02(I) and (K), 4765-18-06 and 4765-15-03. The Board moves to revoke Mr. Madewell's certificate to teach as an EMS instructor. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2008-433-101, James D. Wiseman, EMS Applicant Number 138542, the Board finds Mr. Wiseman applied for certification as an EMT-Basic and he failed to submit documentation of his criminal convictions as required pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-8-02(E). Furthermore, Mr. Wiseman was convicted of two separate counts of *Domestic Violence*, in violation of Section 2919.25(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, both fourth-degree misdemeanors. The Board concludes that these misdemeanors involve moral turpitude, which violates Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c). The Board moves to deny Mr. Wiseman's application for a certificate to practice as an EMT. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2008-488-102, Amanda G. Smith, EMS Applicant Number 174563, the Board finds that Ms. Smith was convicted of Attempted Child Endangering, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Sections 2923.02(A) and 2919.22(A)(E)(2)(b), and a fifth-degree felony in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). The Board moves to deny Ms. Smith's application for a certificate to practice as an EMT. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

Mr. Burgess said a few visitors had arrived and he opened it up again to the Open Forum. None of the visitors brought anything forward.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Burgess said the EMS Board will be deliberating on two Report and Recommendations (R & R) in the matters of EMS Case Number 2008-400-102, Tiffany A. Forte, EMS Certification Number 105034, and EMS Case Number 2008-154-304, Douglas E. Conley, EMS Certification Number 22645. No objections to the R & R were filed in either case. Mr. Burgess recognized Ms. Tertel, for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis and recommendation for disciplinary action.

Ms. Tertel said Mr. Conley's case involved an audit situation. He disagreed with the findings and requested a hearing, but he did not attend. The Hearing Examiner found in favor of revoking Mr. Conley's certification and the recommendation is that the Board revoke his certification.

Ms. Tertel said Ms. Forte's case involved criminal felony convictions of identity theft related offenses. The offenses took place to a patient while in the care of Ms. Forte during the course of practice. A credit card was stolen and subsequently used. Ms. Forte appeared at the hearing and expressed regret at her actions. The issue was if the disciplinary action would be revocation or permanent revocation. Permanent revocation was requested and the Hearing Officer found in that favor. Ms. Tertel said Ms. Forte is in attendance and wishes to address the Board.

Ms. Forte addressed the Board took full responsibility for her actions and expressed regret. She stated she has cooperated with everyone involved in the case, completed her 200 hours of community service, and is active in her probation that she is still serving. Ms. Forte said it was the worst mistake of her life and asked for a second chance.

ACTION: Motion to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters by roll call vote at 10:23 AM. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
Mr. James Davis	
Mr. David Fiffick	
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Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here

Mr. Mark Resanovich Here
Mr. Craig Self Here
Mr. William Vedra

******* Board returned from private session at 10:46 AM *******

ACTION: EMS Case Number 2008-154-304, Douglas E. Conley, EMS Certification Number 22645, the Board accepts the findings of fact, the conclusions of law and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to revoke Mr. Conley's EMT certificate to practice for committing fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failing to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice; in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(A), 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2)(b), and 4765-15-03. The Board therefore moves to revoke Mr. Conley's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2008-400-102, Tiffany A. Forte, EMS Certification Number 105034, the Board accepts the findings of fact, the conclusions of law and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to permanently revoke Ms. Forte's EMT certificate to practice for her convictions for *Aggravated Theft*, in violation of Section 2913.02(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, a fourth-degree felony; *Attempted Identity Fraud*, in violation of Section 2913.49(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, a fourth-degree felony; *Misuse of Credit Card*, in violation of Section 2913.21(B)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, a fifth-degree felony; and *Forgery*, in violation of Section 2913.31(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, a fourth-degree felony. These convictions are in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Collins, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Chair's Report, Mark Burgess
Mr. Burgess presented Dr. Groner with a certificate of appreciation for his dedicated years of service to the EMS Board and emergency care. Dr. Groner said he will miss being a part of the Board and the open communication on issues expressed by its members.

Mr. Burgess had no report and defers to Mr. Rucker's report regarding proposed committee changes.

State Medical Director, Dr. Cunningham
Dr. Cunningham reported Dr. John Schill has been elected as the new chair for the Regional Physicians Advisory Board IV (RPAB).

In addition to the letter the Board submitted to the legislature regarding SB 58 OVI Blood draws, a letter from Dr. Crow, the chairman of the Trauma Committee, was also sent. While attending

the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) mid-annual meeting, she was able to talk with Dr. Joe Nelson, the State Medical Director of Florida, regarding EMTs drawing blood for evidence in his state. Senator Grendell had highlighted Florida and Texas as states where OVI draws are done during discussions with Mr. Rucker and Mr. Davis. Ohio cannot be compared to Florida as apples to apples. Florida allows blood draws against an individual's will and Ohio does not. Florida courts allow blood drawn for medical reasons to be admissible in court, and it does not matter whether a law enforcement officer tells them their license can be suspended for a year prior to the blood draw. Dr. Cunningham would defer to Ms. Frient on the legality of these issues in Ohio and said Florida statute 315.1922 can be accessed via their website.

***** Mr. Vedra arrived at 10:56 AM *****

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) law allows providing the time and date of the blood draw. Dr. Cunningham suggested Board members review the link. She said Florida EMTs were sometimes asked to also perform diabetic sugar tests while on traffic stops. Dr. Cunningham will email the statute number and link to Ms. Dodson to forward to Board members.

Dr. Cunningham reported she will be speaking at the Ohio Ambulance Medical Transportation Association and the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association conferences.

As a member of the implementation team and the GAP analysis committee on the National Scope of Practice and accreditation initiatives, one of the positive aspects of the National Education standards, which were released in January, 2009, is that it pushes competency-based education rather than hours-based.

Dr. Collins asked for an update on Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) legislation. Dr. Cunningham has the last draft and will send to Ms. Dodson for circulation to members. Two things she liked are that minors are not excluded and non-invasive pressure ventilation is permitted.

Principal Assistant Attorney General, Yvonne Tertel
Ms. Tertel had no news to report.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Heather Frient
Ms. Frient reported that the rules heard last month went to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) and there were no questions. She will be final filing them in a few weeks and be effective July 2. Once final filed, she will distribute copies to Board members.

EMS Legislative Liaison, John Lang/Tonia Fitros
Copies of the update on legislative bills were distributed.

Executive Director's Report, Richard Rucker
Mr. Rucker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the financial budget breakdown of the Division and Board expenses and discussed budget cuts to be instituted. Mandated reductions include

reducing all personal service contracts by 15%, restriction on ordering supplies, and state workers must take ten mandatory furlough days. Mr. Rucker said Board and committee meetings will be reduced to every other month, which will decrease travel and other expenses by 50%. The Ohio Administrative Code only requires the Board meet four times a year, but Mr. Rucker felt that schedule would make it difficult to maintain business and was granted permission for six meetings. He said the state has restricted traveling, but since the EMSC is a federal grant and attendance at certain meetings is required, that travel will most likely be approved. Board members had questions on a few budget items in the presentation (awards and general/other) that did not have a complete breakdown of costs. As soon as Mr. Rucker receives clarification, he will share with members. He said most of the expenses are shared services (building maintenance) that the Division has no control over.

Due to the reduction in the number of scheduled meetings, merging of committees and streamlining items on monthly Board meeting agendas was discussed. Mr. Rucker said there are a lot of current projects that are actively in process that need completed (TEMS, accreditation, recruitment/retention) in order for Ohio to continue to lead EMS in the state and the country. He distributed committee goals and objectives. Members considered merging HLS and TEMS, but felt the subject matter and committee members were too different to work as a combined group. The Legislative and Rules committee will be combined and the Medical Oversight, Research, and Grant committees will be combined into one "MORG" Committee. Merging committees will need to determine who will remain the chair and who will be the vice-chair, and committee membership will need to comply with the committee composition and/or organizational representation as stated in rules. Other committees will meet on an as needed basis. Some members wanted the committees to hold meetings via e-mail, but Ms. Frient said due to the Sunshine Law, that is not an option.

Mr. Burgess said with the current economic times, the Board might only be able to do the work that is legislated or required by grants and suspend everything else. If the Board can't answer questions raised or come to a consensus on an issue during the Board meeting, they should be referred to a committee or staff to save time. Dr. Pomerantz expressed concern that the Board would become reactionary versus proactive. Mr. Resanovich said these are tough choices, but the Board needs to determine what is discretionary versus core responsibilities.

Mr. Burgess said committee meeting times will be scheduled to eliminate conflicts for members on multiple committees. Dr. Cunningham said the Board and the Division have done more for EMS during the past five years than ever and future projects need prioritized. Mr. Vedra said the real cost of the Board and its committees are travel expenses. He said if committee work required cannot get done during the six allotted meetings, Mr. Rucker could go to the Administration to request additional funding for extra meetings. Mr. Rucker said some meetings might need to be eight hours rather than two hours to better facilitate project progression. Education and Trauma meetings aren't impacted as they do not occur the day before the Board meeting and will meet according to their current schedule. Recruitment and Retention will continue to meet the morning of Board meetings. The revamped committee meeting times are MORG - 10:00 to 1:00, EMSC - 1:15 to 3:00, HLS - 2:00 to 3:00, and TEMS - 3:00 to 5:00. Dr. Collins said staff will need to work closely with chairs to ensure committee work is as effective as possible. The Board committee chairs will select the committee members. Ms. Frient said

committee and Board members can email information for advance review, but any discussion must take place at meetings. Members should come prepared to meetings, have read materials to be discussed, and have their opinions and corresponding facts ready. Ms. Frient said all the work cannot be done via emails without discussion at the Board meeting because the audience is not privy to them. E-mails are public record and should be retained.

Members discussed what is essential to be on the agenda to expedite the meetings. Suggestions included voting on multiple items in one vote (such as accreditation and certifications renewals, extensions, and reinstatements), further streamlining disciplinary actions (Ms. Vermillion said since the Board will be meeting less often, more time will likely be spent on Goldman hearings and Report and Recommendations); committee reports could be included in Board packets, and only issues that need discussed or voted will be on the agenda (since most committees meet the day before the Board, it was unclear whether that could be realistically implemented). Ms. Frient will look into whether accreditation and certification renewals, extensions, and reinstatements can be included in one vote at Board meetings.

Mr. Rucker said the Board packets will go out sooner in order for members to have time to review the anticipated increased volume of items. The packet will be sent electronically and members have the option to print a copy if desired. The one item Board members would like in hard copy format is the Goldmans and Report and Recommendations. The Board packet items can be available the day of Board meetings via projector. Ms. Vermillion said depending on the size, Goldman documents could be sent on CD, but must be returned at the meeting. Members said they would like the entire Board packet on CD. Ms. Vermillion said the Division only has two CD burners and it is not a quick process, but a Board packet could be put into one Adobe PDF file.

Mr. Rucker said a listing of the available meeting dates, times, and locations for the mandatory Ethics training and who has signed up and completed the course was in the Board packet. If members names are not listed, let Ms. Dodson know when you are scheduled to attend. Mr. Burgess said this year's session was much improved from the one two years ago.

Mr. Rucker said staff has been working with the Board for several years to institute a single certification card for all EMT and Fire certifications, using birthdates of the individuals as the expiration for all certifications. They have also been working to consolidate the accreditation for all programs offered by a school to one expiration date. These changes have been attached to House Bill 1 as an amendment in anticipation they will be passed. The staff is preparing a Power Point presentation regarding the changes and impact the passage of House Bill 1 (HB 1) will have for the August meeting for Board input and discussion. Ms. Frient distributed copies of the language of HB1 and reported only a few changes. She said the Legislative Services Commission (LSC) made some substantive changes to the proposed dispensing language, and that the language would need to be changed back to what was originally submitted in order to be accurate. However, any revisions sent to LSC would have held up the process and most likely have prevented the rest of the changes from being incorporated into HB 1. Therefore, no revision was submitted and LSC was told to pull the language. The Board will have to make contact with other medical-related boards to ensure there is support for the proposed dispensing language and then try to include it in another bill.

Mr. Rucker was pleased to report that the Trauma Triage course is finally online as well as the CHEMPACK course. Mr. Rucker thinks the next priority should be creating the Health Crisis Planning course Dr. Cunningham designed after the Board voted to make it a requirement in 2006. Dr. Cunningham said there are a couple of rule changes that will have to be made prior to making it a requirement (continuing education and renewal). Mr. Burgess said the moratorium on the trauma triage training that is now online and needs discontinued. Ms. Vermillion said the trauma triage requirements become effective July 2. The Board discussed the implementation date and will defer to what Division staff deems appropriate.

ACTION: Motion to start requiring the trauma triage continuing education beginning September 1 and rescind the previous Board waiver. Holcomb first. Fischer second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Education, John Sands (Linda Mirarchi)

Certificates of Approval

Initial Approvals

	Name	Personnel	Contingencies	County
1.	Chester Twp. Fire Rescue	Program Coordinator – Karen Mileterno Medical Director - Dr. Donald Spaner	None	Geauga
2.	Canaan Twp. Fire Dept.	Program Coordinator – James Studer Medical Director – James Steed	None	Wayne
3.	Western Holmes County Fire/EMS District	Program Coordinator – Barbara Sparr Medical Director – Dr. Stan Boyd	None	Holmes
4.	Tri-County Joint Fire District	Program Coordinator – Dave Taylor Medical Director – Robert Lowe	None	Madison
5.	Monroe Twp. Fire Dept.	Program Coordinator – Thomas Marck Medical Director – Joseph Renusch	None	Clermont
6.	Bellefontaine Fire and EMS	Program Coordinator – James R. Foust Medical Director – Dr. Scott Mackey	None	Logan
7.	Van Wert County Hospital	Program Coordinator – Cindy Cook Medical Director – Brian Campbell, M.D.	None	Van Wert
	Total: 7			

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed certificate of approval initial request(s) with no contingencies. Collins first. Groner second. None opposed. Kubincanek abstained (#1 Chester Twp. Fire Rescue). Motion approved.

Renewals

	Approval #	Exp Date	Name	Contingencies	County
1.	2121	12-31-2009	Pleasant Hill Volunteer	None	Jefferson
2.	2338	3-15-2009	Jefferson Emergency Rescue Dist	None	Ashtabula
3	1280	3-31-2009	Miami Twp. Fire & Rescue	None	Greene
4.	2146	06-30-2009	Mt. Carmel West Trauma Services	None	Franklin
5.	1283	05-31-2009	Xenia Fire Division	None	Greene
6.	2138	5-31-2009	Brewster Fire Dept	None	Stark
7.	2351	06-30-2009	Ft. Loramie Rescue Squad	None	Shelby

8.	1278	3-31-2009	Troy Township	None	Richland
9.	1288	05-31-2009	Jefferson Township Fire Dept	None	Madison
10.	2135	5-31-2009	Uniontown Fire Department	None	Stark
11.	2144	6-30-2009	Lucas County EMS Program	None	Lucas
12.	1291	3-31-2009	Miami Township Fire Department	None	Hamilton
Total:	**12**				

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed certificate of approval renewal(s) with no contingencies. Bradshaw first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009 Statistics: **New Programs – 16**
Renewals – 45
Reinstatements – 0

 # Certificate of Approvals due to renew in 2009: 97
 # Certificate of Approvals left to renew in 2009: 52

Accreditation

	Accred #	Exp Date	Name	County	Level(s)	Contingencies
1.	365	3/31/2009	Central Ohio EMS Training	Richland	FR, EMT-B, EMT-I	None

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed renewal for certificate of accreditation. Collins first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009 Statistics to Date: **Total Accredited Institutions to Date - 95**
Total Certificates of Accreditation – 276
Accredited Institutions Expiring - 37

Accredited Institutions Renewed to Date – 7
Initial Accredited Institutions to Date - 1
Additional EMS Levels Accredited – 1
Accredited Institutions Reinstated – 0
Accredited Institutions Inactivated - 0

Certifications, John Kennington

ACTION: Motion to approve the request for sixty-one (61) extension(s) processed for the period May 1, 2009 through May 30, 2009. Collins first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the 1,930 active EMT Certifications issued for the period of May 1, 2009 through May 30, 2009. Holcomb first. Quinn second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Kennington presented two requests for exemption regarding continuing education. One is for an individual due to active military duty served during their certification period.

ACTION: Motion to approve the request(s) for exemption(s) regarding continuing education for one individual(s) serving on active military duty during the certification period. Holcomb first. Quinn second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Kennington presented a request for an exemption of continuing education requirements due to mitigating circumstances involving extensive health issues surrounding a pregnancy and the resulting health issues of the newborn baby. Mr. Kennington read the letter aloud to the Board. The individual is requesting exemption for the last certification period (which expires June 30, 2009) and in addition to a 90-day extension. Ms. Frient read the Board the rules for both

granting an exemption (4765-19-04) and extension (4765-19-03) and advised the Board of their authority under each rule.

ACTION: Motion to offer a one-year extension of the certificate holder's continuing education due to the proffered health reasons. Vedra first.

Mr. Kennington said the longest extension the Board ever granted has been 180 days. The individual has to complete 92 hours of continuing education or can take the test in lieu of the completion of the continuing education hours (under 4765-19-02). Quinn second. Mr. Vedra requested to modify his motion to six months.

ACTION: Motion to offer a six-month extension of the certificate holder's continuing education due to the proffered health reasons. Vedra first. Quinn second. None opposed. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee, James Holcomb
The committee met but there were no major issues to report.

Homeland Security, Mark Resanovich
The CHEMPACK grant requirements were completed. A summary of the eight training sessions was compiled by Mr. Macklin and is being reviewed. Mr. Macklin will provide a copy to Board members when complete and will send to the Ohio Department of Health before the June 30th deadline.

Mr. Resanovich wanted to revisit the TEMS certification creation project to ensure that Board members continued to support the committee moving forward with the project. Mr. Burgess said the project is nearing the stage when legislation will need to be crafted, which is a very time consuming process, and wants to confirm the Board wants to continue. Dr. Cunningham said Director Guzmán has been apprised of the project and has supports it. Mr. Holcomb said the TEMS issue has not been brought back to the Board since the workgroup began meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued on the pros and cons. The pros included risking providers not giving adequate care in certain circumstances, such as a member of a Sheriff's office tactical team who might have very little experience taking care of any type of emergency medical situation, let alone one in an austere environment. In addition, there are individuals claiming they are tactical medical providers and the Board needs to ensure that, if there is a critical situation, those individuals can provide the necessary care at an appropriate and standard level. The cons included that TEMS is a narrow focus that wouldn't be used often enough to justify the amount of time and work involved in getting the certification and would require the scope of practice be changed in law. Mr. Resanovich said the committee concluded an endorsement would not be adequate for TEMS due to the scope of practice and liabilities that certification could provide.

Mr. Quinn does not dispute the need for different educational requirement for paramedics operating in different environments, whether it is a hazardous material, TEMS, or dive operation. There are a lot of operational issues that need considered for EMS personnel in each respective

scenario, but his concern for TEMS is the scope of practice. How would an EMT choose who to treat first: law enforcement personnel, victims, or criminals? The same opportunity for a paramedic level trained EMT on a fire ground to submit that same level of care to a firefighter who has been suffering from the same type of injuries must be provided. He believes creating an advance practice paramedic certification that could cover multiple specialties and meet unknown future needs is preferable to one specific certification. Mr. Quinn would hate to go through all the legislative work necessary in the House and Senate chamber for only one certification level change. He believes a proposal that covers all types of advanced specialties would afford the Board long-range flexibility.

Mr. Resanovich said Mr. Quinn made some good points and will bring the conversation back to the committee to consider broadening the language for a variety of specialty certifications. The TEMS certification will require training at a different level for when and how to provide care, not a higher one. An example is that in a routine environment, a civilian EMS would take care of someone with a severe bleeding issue, but in a TEMS situation, the paramedic might step over that person depending on what the situation is. It is not a higher level of care, it is just different approach based upon the setting. Mr. Resanovich said after discussing with the committee, he will bring their comments back to Board members via email prior to the August Board meeting. His understanding from Board members today is that the committee explore expanding the language broader to achieve both goals of TEMS and additional advanced specialty certification.

Legislative Committee, Bill Quinn

The committee did not meet. Mr. Quinn said HB 1 is scheduled to go to conference committee tomorrow.

National Accreditation Ad Hoc Committee, Mark Burgess

The committee met via teleconference call with PES regarding their testing services. The committee wants to meet again with PSI to further discuss details. The meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 2:00 PM. After that, the committee will provide their recommendation to the Board at the August meeting regarding testing alternatives.

Recruitment & Retention Committee, Daryl McNutt

The committee did not meet. Mr. McNutt reported they are working with the Ohio Fire Chiefs to obtain a safer grant for public media for recruitment and retention.

Research & Grants Committee, Dr. Tom Collins

Dr. Collins thanked committee members for the lengthy meeting yesterday to work on the grants. A listing of the Priority I grants was included in the Board packet and an additional addendum sheet was distributed to members. Dr. Collins said the average Priority I grant awarded was $4,675. Copies of Priority II and IV grants for the Board's consideration were also distributed. There was only one request submitted for a Priority III (trauma rehab) grant, which the committee did not approve. Priorities II, III and IV totaled $650,000 and were awarded to 10 of the 17 applications. Priority II (injury prevention) was awarded to six recipients totaling $528,913 out of the $701,537 requested and Priority IV (trauma procedures) was awarded to four recipients for a total of $121,087 out of the $140,080 requested for a grand total of $650,000.

ACTION: Motion to approve the seven-hundred twelve (712) grants for Priority I totaling $3,329,000. Collins first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Burgess noted that since grants are voted on in a large group, members do not have to abstain.

ACTION: Motion to approve six (6) grants for Priority II totaling $528,913 and four (4) grants for Priority IV totaling $650,000. Collins first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Abstained: Graymire - Priority 4/Grant Medical Center; Pomerantz - Priority 2 and 4/Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Motion approved.

Mr. Resanovich asked why Children's Hospital was receiving a grant for older adults. Dr. Pomerantz said it will be a linked analysis determination specifying types of injury. Ms. Tertel and Ms. Frient said members do not have to abstain when voting during a Grants committee meeting while serving as a member on the Grants Committee. However, when it is a vote during a Board meeting, members need to abstain when their respective agencies receive a grant. The motion was amended as follows:

ACTION: Motion to amend prior vote to approve the seven-hundred twelve (712) grants for Priority I totaling $3,329,000. Collins first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Abstained: Burgess #03-001 Ashland Division of Fire; Fischer #13-E014 New Richmond Fire & EMS; Holcomb #23-123 Violet Township, Resanovich #77-111 City of Green Fire; McNutt #48-021 Whitehouse Fire; Quinn #09-015 City of Hamilton; Collins #18-027 Cleveland Fire and #18-025 Chagrin Falls Suburban Volunteer Fireman; Bradshaw #73-E008 Porter Township Rescue. Motion approved.

Dr. Collins said Mr. Boster will mail out the bio of the top five grant recipients. He said the committee will look at modifying the grant formula in the fall. After the H1N1 outbreak, the Grant committee recommends adding PPE masks and fit testing to the grants eligibility list.

ACTION: Motion to approve respiratory PPE masks and fit testing to the grant eligibility list. Collins first. Dahl-Grove second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Rules Committee, William Mallory
The meeting was cancelled.

Medical Oversight Committee, Dr. John Pakiela
Copies of the latest revision (version 8.0) of the proposed position paper, *EMTs and the Emergency Medical Record*, were distributed for review. One typographical change was noted.

ACTION: Motion to approve the *EMTs and the Emergency Medical Record* position paper. Pakiela first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Trauma Committee, Dr. John Crow (Tim Erskine)
The committee did not meet and there was no committee report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Burgess said the Board already discussed the national accreditation and trauma triage course.

Mr. Burgess revisited the Key Concepts of Cardiology position paper that was scheduled for earlier review for any changes that need made. Mr. Burgess said the position paper was initially created because of statistics from National Registry indicated cardiology was a weak area in the testing process of graduates from EMS education institutions in Ohio. A group was put together to create this paper to assist other schools to improve the scores. There was an improvement in the testing scores, but approximately a year afterward, OB scores began dropping. Dr. Pomerantz asked if the scores have been sustained and if information could be obtained from National Registry for current scores. Ms. Mirarchi had distributed those statistics to Mr. Marchetta and she said there are a few areas in the paper Mr. Marchetta wants to change. Dr. Pomerantz suggested tabling until Mr. Marchetta reviews it. Mr. Burgess asked this be put on the agenda for August's meeting.

Ms. Frient gathered additional information on EMTs and lethal injections for the Board's review. The memo has been completed, but is currently under legal review. She hopes to have the memo available at August's Board meeting. Mr. Burgess will have Ms. Dodson put this on the August agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Burgess noted the Board already discussed the committee reorganization and project prioritization. No other new business was brought forward.

Investigations, Melissa Vermillion

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action(s) against certificate holder(s) which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) and involve matter(s) that are required to be kept confidential under Revised Code 4765.102(B) at 1:56 PM. Pomerantz first. Self second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
Mr. James Davis	
Mr. David Fiffick	
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	

Mr. Mark Marchetta
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr. Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich Here
Mr. Craig Self Here
Mr. William Vedra

******* Board returned from Executive Session at 2:15 PM *******

2008-28-302 2009-105-102 2009-108-101 2009-202-101 2009-205-304	2009-212-101 2009-237-305 2009-253-304 2009-261-102

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreement(s) for the above listed case(s). Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2007-245-102 2008-570-305 2008-632-102 2009-68-305 2009-76-308 2009-99-602	2009-230-602 2009-245-502 2009-256-502 2009-257-307 2009-259-101 2009-260-405 2009-317-101

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s). Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Abstained: Holcomb, Collins-2008-570-305. Motion approved.

2004-272-101	2009-284-102

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s) and reopen if subject reapplies. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2004-329-203 2004-241-304	2006-385-304

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s) as the individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreement(s). Pomerantz first. Dahl-Grove second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2009-206-304	2009-221-304

ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the above case(s). Pomerantz first. Dahl-Grove second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2009-77-101 2009-236-101 2009-252-304 2009-282-305 2009-292-101 2009-295-101	2009-296-101 2009-323-101 2009-325-101 2009-336-101 2009-334-101

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s) for one of the following reasons: inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed "not involving moral turpitude," continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, local non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction. Pomerantz first. Dahl-Grove second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2004-411-304	2005-243-304

ACTION: Motion to rescind the Board order for revocation and continue with the acceptance of the surrender. Pomerantz first. Dahl-Grove second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

The August Board meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. The Board requested if future Board meetings could be held in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) GA meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn with the exception of the Fire Board members, who will remain for discussion of fire issues. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary actions against fire certificate holders which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) and involves matters that are required to be kept confidential under Revised Code 149.43 at 2:21 PM. Holcomb first. Fischer second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Mr. James Davis	
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here

*******Fire Board returned from Executive Session at 2:45 PM *******

2009-109-701 2009-116-706 2009-141-706 2009-153-706	2009-162-701 2009-182-706 2009-203-701 2009-262-702

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director accept the above Fire case(s) consent agreement(s). Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2009-37-702 2009-267-701	2009-285-702 2009-288-706

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above Fire case(s). Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2008-390-701 2009-88-706	2009-142-706

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director issue(s) a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the above Fire case(s). Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2009-74-706 2009-75-706	2009-168-706

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director issue letters of admonishment for the above Fire case(s). Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

No old or new business was brought forward.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the Fire Board members portion of the meeting. McNutt first. Fischer second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.