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STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
February 15 - 17, 2011

Chaired by James Davis

Board Meeting Date and Location: February15 - 17, 2011, Deer Creek Resort Lodge, 22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, Ohio 43143

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. James Davis, Mr. Geoff Dutton, Ms. Joyce Fischer, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Ms. Deanna Harris, Mr. William Mallory, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Dr. John Pakiela, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Mr. Bruce Shade, Dr. Brian Springer, Dr. Steve Steinberg,

Board Members Absent: Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. James Parrish, Mr. William Quinn

Staff Members Present: Thomas Charles, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Tim Erskine, Heather Frient, John Kennington, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, Andy Spencer, Joe Stack, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Bill Brown, National Registry EMT (NREMT); Carol Jacobson, Ohio Department of Health

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
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Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. Bruce Shade	
Dr. Brian Springer	Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg	Here

Mr. Davis noted for the record that a quorum was present to conduct business.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Rucker introduced Director Charles, Director of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), to the Board members. Mr. Charles commended members for their service and commitment to EMS in Ohio, and they have his support. He said Mr. Rucker does a fine job of running the Division. Mr. Charles welcomed Mr. Dutton to the Board as the DPS appointment. He said Mr. Dutton will be a good fit as he previously worked as a reporter as well in the Inspector General's office. Mr. Charles reported the state budget will be presented to the legislature by the end of March and hopes funding for DPS will remain stable. Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Charles for his interest in the Board.

Mr. Davis had the new Board members Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Dr. Brian Springer, and Bruce Shade introduce themselves and provide a brief description of their experience they bring.

***** Dr. Dahl-Grove arrived at 10:12 AM *****

A Board member orientation was held and the different EMS section supervisors gave a brief overview of their responsibilities and process.

Mr. Rucker discussed concern over Division funding with the current state of the economy. He said there will be budget cuts, but is unsure of how deep they will be. Staff members have taken pay cuts over the last two years, and are liable to sustain additional reductions. Any future budget reductions could result in reductions in staff manpower which would impact the work flow of the Board and the Division. Mr. Davis noted that the Division staff bear and complete the workload of the Board based upon decisions and directives made at each meeting. Mr. Rucker said cuts might necessitate that the Board reduce their meeting schedule to quarterly as mandated in the Ohio Revised Code. With the litigation over the abstract fees and increased seat belt compliance, a stable funding source for the grants distribution and the Division is still needed.

Ms. Frient gave an overview of legal items that the Board encounters ranging from ethics, confidentiality, voting, quorums, abstaining, and the rule making process. The Board and its committees fall under the open meeting law as a public body and, therefore, do not have the ability to meet via teleconference. She emphasized the discussion conducted in executive session is confidential even after the case is resolved. When in executive session, if a member recognizes the person or agency being discussed, please do not say the name out loud. If in doubt as to whether you should abstain, please consult with her. Mr. Resanovich informed the new Board members at some point, someone will approach them about an investigation. If that happens, Ms. Frient, Mr. Rucker, or Ms. Vermillion should be notified, and they can assist in ascertaining whether the member should abstain from voting or participating in deliberations. Ms. Frient said that there are some instances where a Board member should abstain simply to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

***** Mr. Shade arrived at 10:35 AM *****

Ms. Frient said Governor Kasich issued several Executive Orders (2011-01-K Establishing the Common Sense Initiative and 2011-03-K Establishing an Ethics Policy and Requiring Ethics Training). She said the initiative regarding ethics does not specify the hours of training required, but that DPS counsel are required to provide some form of annual training. Once she receives clarification on this, she will let everyone know. Ms. Frient will revise her handout with the new executive orders and resend them to the Board members.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Frient to explain to Board members the different duties that she and Ms. Tertel provide. Ms. Frient said she is the in-house legal counsel for the Department of Public Safety while Ms. Tertel works for the Attorney General's office and is the only one who can argue cases in court.

***** BREAK 11:15 – 11:25 AM *****

The current Board members introduced themselves to the newly appointed Board members.

Mr. Davis thanked Aleta Dodson, Richard Rucker, Ellen Owens, and Diane Walton for their work on organizing the Board retreat and NHTSA reassessment.

***** LUNCH 11:49 AM – 1:05 PM *****

Mr. Rucker, Executive Director of the Division of EMS, gave an overview of the current state of EMS and accomplishments in 2010. Some of the highlights included provision of continuing education training regarding national accreditation, Senate Bill 58 (withdrawal of blood for evidence collection), one card/one date certification card roll out sessions, and the impact of receiving Pro Board accreditation. Mr. Rucker thanked Board members for their commitment to serving on the Board as a volunteer. He also thanked the EMS staff for their dedication and hard work.

He reported a special Board meeting will be held in May to coincide with National EMS week. The Division will once again take submissions for EMS awards that will be presented during the Board meeting in May. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) will again present their Star of Life awards at the same time.

Tim Erskine, EMS Chief of Trauma and Research, gave an overview of the three EMS data systems and benchmarks. The purpose of the data systems is to reliably collect and provide accurate information on performance improvement, education, research, and system design. The Division of EMS's three data systems are the Ohio Trauma Registry (Acute Care), EMS Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS), and the Ohio Trauma Registry (Rehabilitation). Information from the systems have been used and published in numerous scientific publications, as well as in the Burden of Stroke in Ohio, Burden of Heart Disease in Ohio, and the Biennial Report on the Incidence of Traumatic Brain Injury in Ohio.

Kathy Haley, Trauma Committee Chair, reported that in 2010, the Trauma Visionary Committee (TVC) was created and implemented and the model trauma framework was approved by the Board. Ohio had two new trauma centers open and two elect to close. They created a Medicare/Medicaid sub-group to work on ground transport fees. TRAS solicited vendors for software product for the data registries and are in the process of evaluating the final two vendors.

Trauma hospital center standards are reviewed every five years and the deadline is March 14, 2011. These standards will be reviewed, discussed and voted upon at the March Trauma Committee meeting, and then submitted to the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

The committee would like an official response from the EMS Board regarding their November 29, 2010 memo about the data personnel and support staff. Mr. Davis will write a letter and send to Ms. Haley.

<u>Ohio Medical Coordination Plan (OMCP) Update</u> - Carol Jacobson, Ohio Hospital Association

The Ohio Medical Coordination Plan (OMCP) will decide how medical facilities (acute care and non-acute care hospitals), emergency medical services (EMS), public health, emergency management, and other responders will coordinate and communicate during a large scale, or prolonged emergency or disaster event. The goal is to have the final version of the OMCP completed by June 1, 2011.

The OMCP will determine:

- How medical and healthcare resources will be coordinated, shared, and prioritized among healthcare entities.

- How patients will be allocated among participating hospitals and/or healthcare facilities during an emergency or disaster event.
- How regional and State level decisions related to medical and healthcare issues will be made.
- The triggers and process for a gubernatorial declaration for alternative standards of care.

***** BREAK 3:38 PM – 3:45 PM *****

Transition to Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach - Bill Brown, Executive Director of the National Registry

Mr. Brown provided an update on the national accreditation process, the implementation plan, and the examination transition dates (spanning multiple years) of the new education scope of practice standards for National Registry certification titles:

- First Responder (FR) will become Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) on January 1, 2012.
- Emergency Medical Technician-B will become Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) on January 1, 2012.
- Emergency Medical Technician I-85/99 will become Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) on June 1, 2012.
- Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic will become Paramedic on January 2, 2013.

Mr. Brown addressed the need for paramedic programs to be CoAEMSP-accredited for paramedic students to be eligible to take the National Registry exam. The 1996 NHTSA Agenda for the Future recommended all paramedic programs be accredited, and, in 2000, recommended that they be accredited by one single accreditation agency. In June 2006, the National Registry Board tabled a motion to require accreditation in 2013. Their Board members went back to their stakeholders to see if anyone had a problem with this proposed action. In November 2007, they passed the motion to implement this requirement in 2013.

Beginning January 1, 2013, all paramedic applicants seeking NREMT's national EMS certification at the paramedic level must have successfully completed education from an accredited program **OR** a school that is actively seeking accreditation sponsored by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). This refers to accreditation of the paramedic program, not the institution, as this is a distinctly different accreditation that a university or vocational school would acquire.

Mr. Brown wanted to clarify that "seeking accreditation" means a paramedic program has submitted a self-study to the CoAEMSP. He said he met with the CoAEMSP last week and this needs modified because the NREMT is not going to define "seeking accreditation". For example, if in 2014 you are starting a new program, you can't be accredited unless you had students in the class for an entire year, and then it takes another year to write the self-study and submit it. They are going to have to come up with some rules regarding the process and status of brand new paramedic programs. He tried to explain to the CoAEMSP that they will have to develop these rules in the next few years. However, as long as the program is "seeking" accreditation, the NREMT will allow their graduates to take the test. To his knowledge, only one state has said they will not seek national accreditation.

He clarified the impact on individuals testing for certification as a paramedic:

- Paramedic applicants who are enrolled in non-CAAHEP accredited programs that began prior to January 1, 2013 are eligible for NREMTs National EMS Certification at the Paramedic level, provided all other requirements for NREMT certification are met. Mr. Brown said that not one paramedic is affected by this; this is will impact future students who are in high school.

- State licensed Paramedics and those who graduated from non-CAAHEP accredited programs prior to January 1, 2013 will remain eligible for NREMTs National EMS Certification at the Paramedic level throughout their careers, provided all other requirements for NREMT certification are met.
- Paramedic applicants who graduated from a non-CAAHEP accredited program in states that commit to CAAHEP accreditation by January 1, 2018 may take a NREMT Paramedic examination but those applicants will not be awarded National EMS Certification as a Paramedic. The NREMT is making the exam available between 2013 and 2018 so states can license their paramedics, but they will not be nationally certified.
- Paramedic applicants from any state who are graduates of a CAAHEP-accredited program are eligible for NREMT National EMS Certification at the Paramedic level, provided all other requirements for NREMT certification are met. Some states simply chose this avenue in order to receive paramedic licensure in their state, the individual has to be nationally accredited. This eliminated the need for them to change a lot of rules, but still is requiring national accreditation.
- After December 31, 2012, Paramedic applicants from programs in states that do not commit to requiring CAAHEP accreditation prior to January 1, 2018 and who successfully completed a non-CAAHEP accredited program will not be eligible for any NREMT Paramedic examination. For example: A Paramedic applicant who successfully completed a non-CAAHEP accredited program in 2014, but lives in a state where the regulatory authority has not committed to accreditation by 2018, would not be eligible to take any Paramedic examination offered by the NREMT.

Ms. Mirarchi asked Mr. Brown some questions for clarification. They included:

1. There are about four schools that have already submitted their applications for national accreditation to CoAEMSP. If some schools have begun the application for national accreditation, are they eligible even if they have not had their site visit? Mr. Brown said yes, as long it is done by December 31, 2012.
2. If the schools apply to CoAEMSP in 2015, would the students be eligible to take the test? Mr. Brown said yes.
3. If the school applies in 2014, would they be considered "seeking accreditation"? Mr. Brown said that is up to the CoAEMSP. The NREMT will not define "seeking accreditation". Once the school is ready and starts a class, after the first year, CoAEMSP will let them start the second class. Following the required submission of the self-study, it might take anther year to acquire accreditation, but he did not if this qualifies as "seeking accreditation". The authority for that decision lies with the CoAEMSP. Mr. Brown thought the CoAEMSP was going to figure out a way to define "seeking accreditation" as there are so many states and so many different rules that need changed that this would be an educational definition that is not under the NREMT's umbrella of authority.
4. Do schools have to submit their self-study by December 31, 2012, to remain eligible for a National Registry card? If they don't submit the application and wait until December 31, 2014, will they have had to gain complete accreditation by that time? Mr. Brown said no, as soon as they submit the self-study they are eligible.

Mr. Brown offered to attend an Education committee meeting anytime to answer questions and offer assistance.

The meeting ended at 4:58 PM

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. James Davis, Mr. Geoff Dutton, Ms. Joyce Fischer, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Ms. Deanna Harris, Mr. William Mallory, Mr. Mark

Marchetta, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Dr. John Pakiela, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Mr. Bruce Shade, Dr. Brian Springer, Dr. Steve Steinberg,

Board Members Absent: Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. James Parrish, Dr. Steve Steinberg

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Tim Erskine, Heather Frient, John Kennington, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, Joe Stack, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Dustin Shipley, Licking Township Fire Department; Elizabeth Shipley and Nancy Shipley, Community Ambulance.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove Here	
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	
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Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. Bruce Shade	Here
Dr. Brian Springer	Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg	

Mr. Davis noted for the record that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Mr. Davis called to order this public hearing of the Ohio State Board of EMS, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Let the record show that this hearing is being held at Deer Creek Resort, 22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, Ohio. He asked for a roll call of the Board members present.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove Here	Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here

Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	
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Mr. Davis noted for the record there was a quorum to conduct business. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments or testimony regarding the following:

Amendment of 4765-1-01 (Definitions), 4765-8-02 (Application for certificate to practice, 4765-8-03 (Notification to the Board of personal information), 4765-8-15 (Certification by reciprocity), 4765-8-16 (Application fees for certification), 4765-8-17 (Voluntary surrender or change in level of certificate to practice), 4765-9-01 (Professional standards of conduct), 4765-9-02 (Professional standards of conduct for holders of certificates to teach), 4765-10-02 (Investigations), 4765-18-09 (Qualifications for a physician as instructor or an individual holding a certificate of training as a physician), and 4765-18-21 (Upgrade process for certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor to EMS instructor); and the **Rescission** and **Adoption** under the same number of 4765-8-18 (Reinstatement of certificate to practice).

The public hearing was held in conformity with Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Davis recognized Ms. Heather Frient, ODPS legal counsel, for the purpose offering evidence in compliance with Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Frient said no written testimony was received from any parties and no one from the audience testified. The hearing concluded at 8:13 AM.

ACTION: Motion to approve the rules as written for filing with JCARR. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second.

Mr. Mallory thought some wording was confusing in 4765-10-02(G). Ms. Frient said this rule only refers to the Board and no EMS providers would need to interpret it. She said in order to change the wording, it would need re-filed. It was decided to leave the rule as is.

None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

A court reporter was present and a full transcript of the hearing is available upon request from the Division of Emergency Medical Services.

***** BREAK 8:16 – 8:25 AM *****

Mr. Davis said since the rules hearing is closed, the Board will now move forward with the EMS Board meeting agenda.

EMS ISSUES ON THE HORIZON

1. National Accreditation for Paramedic Programs

Board members discussed the National Registry information presented yesterday regarding national accreditation for paramedic programs. Mr. Davis said Mr. Brown made it clear yesterday that they'll give an assessment exam from part of that extension from 2013 to 2018, but there will not be a national registry certificate issued, it will be just a state card. Mr. Davis said a couple Board members, including him, had a different understanding about national accreditation in 2013. Mr. Davis said National Registry was the standard everyone wanted to select and would allow students to take the National Registry exam and be nationally certified. Mr. Resanovich believes a lot of schools think there is a five-year extension for them to become nationally accredited. The Board needs to send the message quickly to all institutions to inform them that unless they are actively pursuing national accreditation, their students will be in jeopardy of not becoming nationally accredited after a certain time. He would like to hear other members' views regarding last January's Board retreat when the Board voted to retain the NREMT for a testing agency and not seek another method of testing. Five years from now, in his opinion, it's just another method of testing.

Mr. Rucker said the communication from the National Registry responding to our request was not clear; however, when he wrote the letter that the Board approved and requested that the National Registry continue to give us an extension to be able to use their test for five years, he requested that it be a state certification test instead of a national registry test. When the National Registry approved the request in writing in a letter indicating they had given us an extension, they did not specify whether it was for national or state certification. Dr. Cunningham wrote a letter approved by the Board to the NREMT thanking them for giving us an extension to continue to give a state certification test until 2018. Mr. Rucker said NREMT was unclear in their letter the Board received on what the extension was, but our letter to them was pretty clear. He said Dr. Cunningham's letter to NREMT that the Board approved requested a state certification test extension, not a National Registry extension. Mr. Rucker spoke with Mr. Brown requesting a letter with clarification, but their Board is still determining that. Mr. Rucker said after 2018, National Registry won't provide state or national tests to any paramedic programs not nationally accredited with CoAEMSP.

Dr. Cunningham said that currently Ohio requires a national registry card in order to obtain state EMS certification. It was her understanding that the NREMT Board granted Ohio an extension between 2013 and 2018 where they would continue to offer the NREMT test to paramedic candidates even if they had not graduated from a CoAEMSP accredited school for the sole purpose of acquiring a state certificate, but not national accredited. Mr. Resanovich said it was his understanding that students taking the test from institutions operating under the extension would be given a retired test, which raises a red flag for him. Ms. Graymire said it appears there is still some clarity needed about our status. Dr. Cunningham said it was a misunderstanding among some of the Board members as to what the Registry offered.

The Division and Board are working to aid the programs with this transition. The goal is to ensure all paramedic programs have applied before 2013, because as long as they have applied, they are seeking accreditation. Dr. Cunningham said the CoAEMSP extension has allowed the Board to try to get grant funding to assist programs applying for national accreditation and not have this be an unfunded mandate. Ms. Mirarchi has received training on the CoAEMSP application process, will attend a CoAEMSP site visit to see how it works, and then provide training to school programs on the application process in May or June. Mr. Rucker said Ohio's state process closely mirrors national accreditation and is not a huge change for the programs to become accredited. Dr. Springer inquired about the motivation behind the National Registry's decision to require national accreditation. Mr. Davis responded that the NREMT's research demonstrated that students from nationally accredited schools had higher first time pass rate on their exam. Mr. Rucker said there are several states where state accreditation was severely lacking, site visits are not conducted, and education institutions are not held accountable.

Linda Mirarchi said Ohio only uses National Registry as the initial test and does not require retention of the National Registry card to renew an Ohio certifcation. Unless the Board intends to require everyone to hold a national registry card while they are in practice and actively practicing, that is a non-issue. Ms. Mirarchi said Ohio has fifty paramedic training programs, ten of which have not held classes in several years because they do not have the pool of students to support it. Out of the forty, twenty-seven have applied or are going to apply for national accreditation, and she believes the remainder will drop their paramedic programs. She said schools understand they have until 2013 to comply. Mr. Dutton asked about the availability of paramedic programs in southeastern Ohio and Ms. Mirarchi said there is one nationally accredited, and the other has already made application.

Mr. Davis said the key for us at this point to protect future students of EMS in this state by ensuring programs are required to notify the student in some type of written communication that their program does not meet the requirements needed by 2013 and that the student will not be able to sit for the national registry test. This will limit the student's ability to work across state lines and acquire national certification in the future, and the Board's focus should be on ensuring the student is informed of the school's national accreditation status. Suggestions included posting a map on the EMS website of nationally accredited programs and creating a document that schools must present to students prior to matriculation stating their national accreditation status or lack thereof.

There are several issues that might need to be added or revised in rules.

1. Draft language for rule requiring schools whose programs are not nationally accredited and whose student will not be eligible to take the National Registry exam to provide prospective students with a written statement communicating this fact prior to matriculation.
2. Ms. Frient will research if there is any leniency in the rules for people to receive initial certification in Ohio if they have not acquired national registry.
3. Current rules state that the national certification exam consists of a written and practical portion established by NREMT and the Board, and that the passing score of this examination shall be determined by the NREMT. Mr. Resanovich said it was his understanding that the NREMT was going to do away with the practical portion of their test and transition to CAD testing only. This will need addressed in rules as well a secondary testing mechanism for the timeframe up to 2018. Ms. Frient said the law does say that the Board may either administer or contract the examinations to another party approved by the Board. She interprets this as doing one or the other, not both options.
4. Explore language requiring schools that are not nationally accredited to surrender their paramedic program accreditation.

There was concern about the potential to have two different levels of paramedics in Ohio. Mr. Self asked if, in 2025, there could be two types of paramedic programs in Ohio. One if a paramedic only wants an Ohio certification and one if a paramedic wants a National Registry card. Mr. Davis said the scenario he to which he was alluding was if a person took a paramedic program at a fire department, received a state paramedic card, and then four years from now decides to move to Florida. They would then have to go through the Florida state process or retake the paramedic program because they would not have a national accreditation card to transfer. Mr. Resanovich's concern is that the Board will have two standards of paramedics. The Board needs to go all the way, one direction or the other. Ms. Frient said the Board has fought against this as there have been a few bills introduced over the past five years where that was suggested. Mr. Resanovich said the Board put a compliance date of 2013 for this. Mr. Rucker said that wasn't the direction the Board gave him. Pam Bradshaw said programs must have submitted their application before 2013 to have the five-year extension until 2018 apply to them. Mr. Resanovich said as a Board they need to set the direction quickly and decide whether all of our institutions will either meet the requirement so all students are educated, tested, and certified at the same level or not.

2. Waveform Capnography

Mr. Davis lead a discussion on considering grant funding for waveform capnography which is the gold standard endorsed by the American Heart Association. Dr. Cunningham said medical directors are including capnography within their protocols because it is part of the new AHA guidelines, and it was included in the state guidelines recently approved by Board. Ms. Harris said it would raise the standard of care and could be used during a defense in a lawsuit. There was concern over the cost of waveform capnography, and Dr. Cunningham suggested the Board support any form of continuous capnography and not specifically require a waveform device. Mr. Davis noted that capnography research demonstrated only an 88% sensitivity with other devices, but waveform capnography has 100% sensitivity. Dr. Dahl-Grove said as a member of an advisory board of a fairly large city that has capnography available, it is not used. There are many runs where people are intubated and they don't use capnography due to the length of the run. They are encouraged and trained to do it, but they don't. Mr. Resanovich said he would encourage it, but multiplying the cost of a $4,500 portable unit times the ALS agencies in Ohio, it would be around $2.7 million. After discussing the durability, cost, recommending versus requiring, and providing grants, it was decided Dr. Cunningham would draft a position paper on airway management recommending capnography. She would also include information on EMT-Basic intubation changes in the paper.

ACTION: The Board will draft a position paper on airway management to include recommending the use of waveform capnography. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

***** BREAK 10:15 – 10:21 AM *****

3. Specialty Care/TEMS

Mark Resanovich, chair of the Specialty Care/TEMS committee said three years ago the Board formed a TEMS committee that has completed all their assigned work. The committee is asking the Board whether they should continue with the next step which is to draft legislation and rules. TEMS units are operating in Ohio without formal training or legislative authority. The courses currently available are not recognized by the state and standardization is needed. Mr. Resanovich said that proceeding and completing the TEMS piece would require additional years of work to create the other specialties. The committee is looking for direction from the Board on how the committee should proceed. Challenges impeding finishing the TEMS piece include finding a testing mechanism and funding for training. A suggestion was made to develop a test and establish curriculum and content, but to assign the responsibility of to the schools.

Mr. Davis said the issue of TEMS was presented to the Fire Alliance who may be placed in the position of funding an unfunded mandate for training. He is comfortable they will oppose legislation isolated to TEMS unless it is includes a broader scope of specialty care. Mr. Resanovich noted that the Specialty Care/TEMS Committee was supportive of the broader umbrella. This motivated the committee to rename itself as the Specialty Care Committee with the intent that legislation would provide the Board the ability to add a variety of EMS subspecialties in the future without amending laws or rules each time a new subspecialty is needed. Types of subspecialties discussed for inclusion under the umbrella of specialty care include air medical, Hazmat, and dive teams, etc. The TEMS piece is limited to the paramedic level only, but other subspecialties may have a need to be created at lower levels. Mr. Davis said the Fire Alliance would be interested in including Hazmat medics.

Dr. Pomerantz asked if there is any precedence anywhere else in the country for a TEMS program, and Mr. Resanovich noted that they exist in California and Georgia. The committee found few states addressing the issue of liability protection for EMS providers and medical directors. Dr. Cunningham said Ohio is cutting a new path and foresees other states sending their paramedics here for training. This is an opportunity for Ohio to be a national center for training. Dr. Cunningham said there are other testing companies out there who

would be scrambling to work with us to create a specialty care test. If the Registry wants to do it, they can shorten their implementation time frame. She said not every paramedic is meant to be a specialty care medic, and will probably be a small number.

Dr. Springer expressed concerned that if the Board does not move forward with TEMS, but proceeds with the specialty care, it would take several more years to get anything into legislation. Dr. Pakiela asked if it was put into legislation, what time frame legally does the Board have to act on it. Ms. Frient said normally its 90 days; however, if the Board wants to wait, they would have to put a specific time limit to complete the rules or create a test in the uncodified section.

Mr. Davis said there are TEMS groups out there, but they will not stand idly by and allow the Board to prohibit them from sending a medic crew out to support their local police agency. Ms. Frient said the feedback she received from various law enforcement groups is they would not support TEMS.

The discussion was tabled until committee reports are given tomorrow. Mr. Resanovich announced Dr. Springer will take over the Specialty Care/TEMS meetings.

EMS Report and Recommendation

Mr. Davis said the Board will be deliberating on one Report and Recommendations, EMS Case Number 2010-65-BE-100, Dustin D. Shipley, EMS Certificate Number 131865, the respondent did not file objections to the report and recommendations. He recognized Principal Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel to give a brief synopsis of the case and recommendation for disciplinary action. Ms. Tertel said Mr. Shipley was convicted of a misdemeanor with a moral turpitude component. He was convicted of sexual imposition and was sentenced to serve two years of probation, ninety days of incarceration, eighty hours of community service, and has to register as a Tier 1 sex offender for fifteen years. Case review requests revocation, but recognized that testimony was presented at the hearing which was not presented at case review. Ms. Tertel said the two parties had a relationship, had been previously engaged, and have a child together. The Hearing Examiner did not recommend revocation as he felt Mr. Shipley was a threat to the general public. Ms. Tertel requested that the Board approve the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with regard to the fact that there was a conviction involving sexual imposition with moral turpitude and the Board can recommend disciplinary action.

Mr. Shipley was in the audience with his mother and wife and addressed the Board. He said the Felony III charges were dropped to misdemeanor. He said they had a two-year relationship, were engaged, and have a daughter whom he has not seen since the conviction. He asked to be spared from revocation as working as an EMT was his source of income to make a living to support himself and his family.

ACTION: Motion to go into Private Session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on this matter at 11:03 AM. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove Here	Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	

Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. Bruce Shade	Here
Dr. Brian Springer	Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg	

The Board returned from private session at 11:32 AM.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2010-65-BE100, Dustin D. Shipley, EMS Certificate Number 131865, the Board confirmed and approved the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law; however, modified the Recommendation due to Mr. Shipley being registered as a Tier I Sex Offender; due to the egregious nature of moral turpitude present in this case; and due to the potential for Mr. Shipley, as an emergency medical technician, dealing with individuals with impaired capacity. The Board Ordered revocation of Mr. Shipley's certificate to practice. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

***** LUNCH 11:35 AM – 12:37 PM *****

EMS Report and Recommendation

Mr. Davis said the Board will be deliberating on one Report and Recommendations, EMS Case Number 2009-413-101, Jeffrey J. Ridgway, EMS Certificate number 134990. He recognized Principal Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel to give a brief synopsis of the case. Ms. Tertel said after a traffic stop, Mr. Ridgway was convicted of corruption of a minor. Ms. Tertel requests that the Board approve the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommendation is to deny Mr. Ridgway's application for certification as an EMT. Neither Mr. Ridgway nor an attorney representing him was present.

ACTION: Motion to go into Private Session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on this matter at 12:40 PM. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove Here	Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. James Parrish	

Dr. Wendy Pomerantz Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr. Here
Mr. Craig Self Here
Mr. Bruce Shade
Dr. Brian Springer Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg

The Board returned from private session at 12:41 PM.

***** Mr. Shade returned at 12:42 PM *****

ACTION: **In the matter of EMS Case Number 2009-413-101, Jeffrey J. Ridgway, EMS Certificate Number 134990, the Board confirmed and approved the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and the Recommendation to deny Mr. Ridgway's application for renewal, thereby revoking his certificate to practice.** Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS
Mr. Davis called the proceedings to order at order at 12:43 PM. Member of the Board present for the proceedings included:

Roll Call
Mr. James Davis Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove Here Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire Here
Ms. Deanna Harris Here
Mr. John Kubincanek
Mr. Daryl McNutt Here
Mr. William Mallory Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta Here
Dr. John Pakiela Here
Mr. James Parrish
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr. Here
Mr. Craig Self Here
Mr. Bruce Shade Here
Dr. Brian Springer Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg

Mr. Davis said a majority of Board members were present. Three adjudication proceedings will be heard today in the matters of: EMS Case Number 2009-575-602, James S. Bailey, EMS Certification Number 139730; EMS Case Number 2009-622-101, Jourdan C. McMillan, EMS Applicant Number 180141; and EMS Case Number 2009-669-304, Matthew R. Martin, EMS Certification Number 4733. The proceedings are an affidavit-based adjudication relative to a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents and served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code). As the

respondents did not properly request a hearing, they do not have the ability to submit written or oral testimony today, but may be present to hear the proceedings and outcome.

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, 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. Davis recognized Principal Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of each case and recommendations for disciplinary action.

Ms. Tertel said Mr. McMillan had felony theft conviction and the recommendation is to deny his certification application. With regard to the other two cases, they each have some quirks. Mr. Martin did not provide documentation for his random audit and the recommendation would be to revoke. He was cited in the Notice with the fraud count under 4765-10-03(a), and the Board had discussed previously dropping the fraud component if it was just a continuing education violation so they would not have that on their record, which causes problems for the individual when they go into other areas of employment. In regard to Mr. Bailey's case, this gentleman has a consent agreement in 2007 and since then, obtained another conviction for a sex act between employee and patrons in a club. The recommendation is deny the renewal and initial application, as the individual retrained and applied for an initial application as well.

ACTION: **Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case into evidence.** Pomerantz first. Shade second. None opposed. None opposed. Motion passed.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings were closed at 12:51 PM. The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the Board continued with the proceedings by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondents.

ACTION: Motion to go into Private Session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters at 12:54 PM. Pomerantz first. Dahl-Grove second. None opposed. Motion approved.

<u>Roll Call</u>

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove Here	Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. Bruce Shade	Here

Dr. Brian Springer Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg

The Board returned from private session at 12:58 PM.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2009-575-602 James S. Bailey, EMS Certificate Number 139730, the Board finds that Mr. Bailey was convicted of a Sexually Oriented Act/Touch Patron or Employee, a fourth-degree misdemeanor. The Board concludes that this misdemeanor involves moral turpitude which violates Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c). Furthermore, Mr. Bailey did not report this conviction and failed to report his conviction as required. The Board finds Mr. Bailey violated the terms of his consent agreement. Accordingly, Mr. Bailey violated Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(1) to wit 4765-9-01(M); 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c); and 4765-10-03(B)(6). The Board moves to deny Mr. Bailey's initial application and revoke his certificate to practice. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2009-622-101 Jourdan C. McMillan, EMS Applicant Number 180141, the Board finds that Mr. McMillan was convicted of a Theft, a class D felony, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a); therefore, the Board moves to deny Mr. McMillan's application for an EMT certificate to practice. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case #2009-669-304, Matthew R. Martin, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Certification Number 4733, the Board finds that Mr. Martin failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements required, 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(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(1)(2), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Martin's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Amend the earlier motion in the matter of EMS Case #2009-669-304, Matthew R. Martin, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Certification Number 4733, to dismiss the fraud count 4765-10-03(A). Pomerantz first. Self second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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 1:07 PM. Pakiela first. Self second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call
Mr. James Davis Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove Here Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire Here
Ms. Deanna Harris Here
Mr. John Kubincanek
Mr. Daryl McNutt Here

Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. Bruce Shade	Here
Dr. Brian Springer	Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg	

***** Board returned from executive session at 1:23 PM *****

2009-745-102 2010-386-E100 2010-393-E100	2010-410-E100 2010-472-BE100 2010-541-E300	2010-569-BE100 2010-583-E100 2010-595-E100	2010-597-BE100 2010-607-E100

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreement(s) for the above listed case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2010-186-E300 2010-296-E300 2010-519-BE100	2010-533-F400 2010-542-E100 2010-549-E600	2010-552-E200 2010-568-E300 2010-573-BE100

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2009-228-102 *(defer to local discipline)*	2010-587-BE500 *(defer to local medical director)*

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases and refer to local medical director/department. Dahl-Grove first. Mallory second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2009-196-102

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case, re-open if subject reapplies. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2002-210-304 & 2006-100-305 2007-217-203 2007-272-101 2007-315-302 2007-362-102	2007-391-102 2008-248-304 2008-462-102 2008-715-101 2010-62-E100	2010-91-E100 2010-152-E100 2010-170-BE100 2010-172-E100 2010-234-E100	2010-294-E100 2010-348-E100 2010-392-BE100

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases; individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2009-768-102 2010-397-E100	2010-412-E100 2010-413-BE100	2010-486-E100 2010-547-E300

2010-404-E100	2010-415-BE100	2010-548-BE100

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the above listed cases. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2010-250-F100	2010-622-E100	2011-649-BE100	2011-680-BE100
2010-588-E100	2011-634-E100	2011-651-E100	2011-681-E100
2010-594-E100	2011-635-E100	2011-655-BE100	2011-682-BE100
2010-598-BE100	2011-641-E100	2011-657-E100	2011-683-BE100
2010-599-BE100	2011-642-BE100	2011-659-E100	2011-685-BE100
2010-600-E100	2011-643-E100	2011-662-BE100	2011-689-BE100
2010-601-BE100	2011-646-E100	2011-665-BE100	2011-692-E100
2010-602-E100	2011-647-F100	2011-672-BE100	2011-694-E100
2010-606-BE100	2011-648-E100	2011-679-BE100	2011-696-BE100
2010-615-BE100			

ACTION: Motion to close the above cases due to 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. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

Dual Card Discipline

Mr. Davis said the Board has attempted to ensure that dual card holder discipline is consistent on both the EMS and Fire sides. During the Fire Board meeting, there was a recommendation to have the fire side heard before the EMS side since there are fewer cases and since the Fire Board members are EMS and Fire card holders. Members of the Board who represent fire have consistency issues and Mr. Davis said it was decided the whole Board should discuss the issue. Mr. Davis turned it over to Mr. Quinn to summarize this. Mr. Quinn said the reason this is on the agenda is because when the Fire Board has met in the past after the EMS Board as a whole, it had come up several months when disciplinary action was taken on a dual card holder. The specific case involved an individual masturbating in his car while on a university campus. The EMS Board decided to allow him to retain his EMS certificate and his ability to practice. As representatives of members who actually are card holders in this profession, it was unanimous that no one was happy. Mr. Quinn noted that this was very upsetting to most Fire Board members and extremely upsetting to some who were quite emotional over the appearance of differing disciplines between the EMS Board and the Fire Board. Mr. Quinn has stated numerous times before and will state again today that as a firefighter and paramedic for 25 years, he wants no one in his occupation who is a thief or sexual deviant. It disgusts him that such an individual retained the right to perform in his profession. The Fire Board members would like to hear dual card holder cases first, but also noted he is not stating that the Fire Board does not value what the EMS Board presents to them. Dr. Pakiela was surprised to hear Mr. Quinn's statement noting that Mr. Resanovich, a Fire Board member, was very vocal at the meeting about his objections regarding the retention of the individual's EMS certification, but other Fire Board members in the room did not voice any objections. For such a lengthy discussion that involved a high level of animosity, there was only one vote against the motion. Dr. Pakiela said the Board is consistent, but every once in awhile it may get off track. He is unclear how there was such a change of heart two hours later. Mr. Resanovich said when that action was taken, there was no quorum for the Fire Board, and so the action that was taken on the individual's EMS certificate was not heard until two months later for the hearing on the individual's Fire certification. Many of the Fire Board members felt that to be consistent, they had to allow this individual to retain his fire certification. During the initial conversation regarding the EMS certification, a majority of the Fire Board members were not present and now

there are some new Fire Board members. Dr. Pakiela said if there is not a quorum for fire that day and we're voting on a dual-card holder, then perhaps voting should be delayed on both the EMS and Fire sides.

Dr. Cunningham asked Ms. Frient, with the presence of dual cards, the Fire Board has the right to vote the way they want and the EMS Board can vote the way they want. Ms. Frient said the Board strives to be consistent, but no law requires consistency. She said no one should feel coerced and all members of both boards should voice their opinions. Ms. Tertel said the issue is who is going to lead, fire or the entire EMS Board, which includes fire members. Ms. Frient said Fire Board members can voice their concerns and objections during the EMS deliberations. Dr. Pakiela said we should be careful as defining ourselves as specific professions and noted that in our respective roles as EMS Board members, we represent the people of Ohio and not a specific organization or profession. The litmus test in one's decision-making process should be whether or not the individual has the moral character to practice on our family members and not if this person is a firefighter or an EMS provider. The discussion was tabled.

Trauma Committee Proposal for 5.5 FTEs

Mr. Davis said at December's Board meeting, a document was presented that the Trauma Committee requesting 5.5 full time employees (FTE), which seemed to generate a fair amount of anxiety. This is what the committee determined was needed to move trauma forward and adequately monitor data. With the knowledge of the procedural process to reach this goal, the committee wanted to ensure Mr. Rucker has enough support to fill these positions with appropriate and qualified personnel (epidemiologist, statistician). Mr. Resanovich said the trauma registry segment piece was brought to the Board in the request of 5.5 FTEs, which was not a request or challenge to the Division of EMS staff. It was simply what the Trauma Visionary Committee (TVC) believes is necessary to collect, analyze, and utilize the data. An epidemiologist or statistician is needed to get the information extracted from the data. Mr. Resanovich said as this process proceeds, the Board will be able to identify all the stakeholders, and the lead trauma agency will begin to define itself. He said the Director might tell Mr. Rucker he has two people he is sending over to him and to find something for them to do. We want the Mr. Rucker to be able to say that he doesn't want just two people. He wants an epidemiologist and a statistician. Mr. Davis said he feels that funding a couple of positions will be easier than getting a whole new free-standing trauma agency.

Mr. Davis said the TVC has been struggling over a lead trauma agency, and the belief of the TVC is that a lead trauma agency is the direction in which trauma care in Ohio needs to go. Currently, the lead trauma agency is the EMS Board.

Mr. Resanovich does not know if the lead trauma agency will be ODPS, ODH, the private sector, or a stand-alone agency. He said this process is going to take time. The TVC is not going to bring a plan to the Board in the next year or go to the legislature and tell them what is needed. The soonest timeframe for completion of the first process is two years. He said Dr. Cass, national facilitator, assisted the TVC with tackling some very lofty goals in order to make trauma work in the state of Ohio by using process maps. As all the issues are analyzed, the Board might decide that some areas create an excessive workload for the Board and that it needs to be delegated to another agency. Mr. Resanovich said he thinks the TVC is trying state that they are not recommending that the Board should give trauma to another agency; however, the Board might decide it belongs somewhere else in the future.

Mr. Davis said the lead trauma agency right now is the EMS Board, and he does not want the great work that the TVC has done to get diverted into trying to find another lead agency for trauma. Currently in the state of Ohio, he doubts the Governor will create new boards, and will probably be consolidating them. Ms. Graymire said the TVC examined other models for trauma systems and many models have trauma housed under the Department of Health, a privately funded foundation, or their own free-standing agency.

Part of the struggle is being able to have the authority over the pieces of the system that one needs to ensure are functioning properly. If someone doesn't submit registry data to our registry so that the Board has sound data, the Board does not have an avenue to address this. When one considers a trauma system, it starts from time of injury through arrival at the trauma centers. It encompasses educational standards for those taking care of the trauma patients, injury prevention processes, research components, all the way through to rehabilitation centers. The elements of the system are so broad that is causes the TVC to struggle with where the authority should rest.

Mr. Self noted that the issue is not about the identity of the lead agency, but the regulatory authority and scope. In his opinion, the TVC and Trauma Committee (TC) need to provide leadership in 2011 and determine the legislative scope and authority changes needed to change the transport trauma care. The message is the need to change trauma in Ohio and discuss and focus upon authority and scope, and move away from the obsession of a lead trauma agency. This Board's authority stops when the ambulance hits the hospital parking lot.

Some legislative authority issues for which the EMS Board has no authority over, but needs addressed include the fact that the state has no recourse over agencies that do not report data with the exception of denying them EMS grant eligibility and that trauma centers are regulated by the American College of Surgeons.

Mr. Davis said there are several options to consider. First, after creating the desired model system, the Board must find someone to carry it through legislation. DPS Legislative Liaison Andy Spencer could assist in finding find the best champion for legislative support. Mr. Davis said the model trauma framework document as written and presented to the Board had no authoritative power. As soon as legislation is drafted that says "you will", "you shall", or "you won't", opposition will form. The Board cannot have grandiose ideas but must have realistic expectations. When presenting legislation to representatives, the Board needs to provide why it is needed (and have data to back it up), who will push back against it, and how will it be funded.

Mr. Davis said the TVC is looking for leadership from the Trauma Committee and the Board on how they should proceed in 2011 and how tasks can be benchmarked. Mr. Self noted that it is very difficult to benchmark internally; however, benchmarks can be done externally. The Board could take the 25 best practices from the nation and list the legislative changes that are needed to allow the Board to achieve the trauma system goal by 2015. Mr. Davis believed that the best thing from the TVC is the 12 legislative authority and scope changes that the Board should be advocating on behalf of the Trauma Committee. Ms. Graymire said legislative concepts could be applied to each goal, Mr. Self thinks the TVC should determine legislative changes needed to implement the most important items.

Mr. Resanovich said that once those strategies are formulated into goals, they will be shared with the Board. There are two or three more strategic goals that must be determined before proceeding any further and breaking down ownership and partnerships with the one we just completed. It is important for the TVC to finish the mapping process. Ms. Graymire said they have a very clear path for the TVC for the next three months. Their plan is to revisit each goal as they solidify more of the actions to the Trauma Committee and the Board, and present them to the each group to acquire feedback. The TVC will seek feedback from its members about what they think, additional input, what is needed to progress, how to move forward, does it need legislation, etc., and assign to organizations for implementing specific tasks.

Mr. Resanovich said more Board members are needed as members of the TVC. If anyone is interested, they should contact Ms. Graymire or Mr. Resanovich. The next TVC meeting will be March 9th around Noon.

Mr. Erskine distributed a copy of the staffing memo from TRAS. Mr. Davis asked Board members to familiarize themselves with it as an incredible amount of work was dedicated to the creation of the report.

TRAS is a subcommittee of the Trauma Committee whose membership consists of data registry representatives from the large trauma Level I and II centers in Ohio. This document provides an idea of what Mr. Erskine needs to manage the data. Board members should at least understand the document and try to provide direction for the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn with the exception of the Fire Board members, who will remain for discussion of fire issues. Bradshaw first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Davis brought the meeting of the EMS Fire Board members to order at 2:50 PM.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here

FIRE GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Davis called the proceedings to order at order at 2:52 PM. Fire members of the Board present for the proceedings included:

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here

Mr. Davis noted that a majority of the members are present as well as Executive Director Richard Rucker. There will be two adjudication proceedings today in the matter of Fire Case Number 2009-224-706, Jason E. Voshel, Fire Identification Number 177547, and Fire Case Number 2009-721-701, Wendy G. Howell, Fire Identification Number 1805770.

Members 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. A written copy of the Executive Director's decision will be mailed to the respondents.

Mr. Davis recognized Principal Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the cases and recommended disciplinary actions. Ms. Tertel said in the case of Mr. Voshel, he was convicted of six felonies with regard to misuse of credit cards, breaking and entering, and theft. The recommendation is dismiss the fail to report 4765-20 portion. In Ms. Howell's case, she applied to be a firefighter but did not submit the appropriate documentation. The recommendation to the Executive Director is to deny Ms. Howell's application for a certificate to practice as a Volunteer Firefighter.

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

Mr. Davis said there being no further evidence to come before the Board, these proceedings were closed at 2:55 PM. A written copy of the Executive Director's decision will be made to the respondent. The committee will also be deliberating on two Report and Recommendations in the matters of Fire Case Number 2010-65-BF-100, Dustin D. Shipley, Fire Certificate Number 131865, and Fire Case Number 2009-412-701, Jeffrey J. Ridgway, Fire Certificate Number 134990. Respondents did not file objections to the Report and Recommendation. Mr. Davis recognized Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel for the purpose of providing a synopsis of each case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

Ms. Tertel said there is nothing new to add to the information that was presented in the EMS portion of the Board meeting today. Mr. Shipley has left the premises and Mr. Ridgway is not here.

ACTION: Motion to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations on the Report and Recommendation and Goldman's by roll call vote at 2:58 PM. Quinn first. Mallory second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here

*******Fire Board returned from Private Session at 3:00 PM *******

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2009-224-706, Jason E. Voshel, Fire Identification Number 177547, the Committee finds that Mr. Voshel was convicted of *Misuse of Credit Cards*, a fourth-degree felony, *Theft*, a fifth-degree felony, *Breaking and Entering*, a fifth-degree felony, *Burglary,* a third-degree felony, *Burglary,* a third-degree felony, *Theft,* a fifth-degree felony, and *Theft*, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of 4765-23-02(A)(1)(a) & (c); therefore, the Committee recommends to the Executive Director to deny Mr. Voshel's application for a volunteer firefighter and *Dismiss failure to report* 4765-22-01(d). Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2009-721-701 Wendy G. Howell, Fire Identification Number 180570, the Committee finds that Ms. Howell applied for certification as a Volunteer Firefighter; however, she failed to submit a completed application and failed to supply documentation

of her criminal conviction to include the court records, law enforcement report, and the background check. These actions are in violation of sections 4765-23-02(A)(1)(2) and 4765-20-04(D) of the Ohio Administrative code. Therefore, the Committee recommends to the Executive Director to deny Ms. Howell's application for a certificate to practice as a Volunteer Firefighter. Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2010-65-BF100, Dustin D. Shipley, Fire Certificate Number 131865, the Committee recommended to the Executive Director to confirm and approve the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Committee, however, modified the Recommendation issued by the Hearing Examiner due to Mr. Shipley being registered as a Tier I Sex Offender; due to the egregious nature of moral turpitude present in this case; and due to the potential for Mr. Shipley dealing with individuals with impaired capacity. The Executive Director Ordered revocation of Mr. Shipley's certificate of fire service training. Mallory first; McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2009-412-701, Jeffrey J. Ridgway, Fire Certificate Number 134990, the Committee recommended to the Executive Director to confirm and approve the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and the Recommendation to deny Mr. Ridgway's application for renewal, thereby revoking his certificate of fire service training. Mallory first; McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Members discussed the difference in requirements between the EMS and Fire extensions. Mr. Mallory said there is no fire refresher course. He saw one at Columbus State, but doesn't know if it is sanctioned by the state. He doesn't oppose an extension and thinks it should be left alone. Mr. Davis didn't care about retraining after 18 months. FFSI is having Mr. Orahood track down courses that exist. Ms. Fischer questions why all levels of fire certifications have one set of CE hours when the different EMS levels have different CE hour requirements. Mr. Rucker said years ago, fire didn't have any CE and was very difficult to convince stakeholders to support and approve the hours that are currently required. Mr. Resanovich said that a similar difference exists in the scope of practice as there are three levels for EMTs and one for Fire. Mr. Resanovich said the hours should be greater for the lesser of the three levels due to less education acquired.

Ms. Vermillion said at the January 11, 2011 FFSI meeting, fire reinstatement issues were discussed and requests were made for accelerated retraining through the training program because they forgot to renew their certification. Cards initially issued had either one-, two- or three-year spans. If the three-year card certificate holder forgot to renew, they had not choice but to retrain. Ms. Tertel said it can be fixed by a consent agreement, but her understanding is that is not an option. She could try and structure a consent agreement for their review and approval to allow for reinstatement versus having to retrain or take a refresher course. Both Mr. Rucker and Mr. Davis agreed that the Fire Alliance is not in favor of writing around the rules.

A discussion regarding behavior at the January FFSI committee meeting was discussed regarding whether apologies needed made to a staff member and audience member. Fire Board members discussed communication issues with their FFSI designees, term limits, and relinquishing their seats on that committee. Discussion was also held regarding potential conflict of interest of FFSI members pertaining to approving or disapproving programs run at schools. Mr. Davis said should consult Ms. Frient or Ms. Tertel for legal advice on that and Mr. Rucker said he advised the FFSI member there was a conflict of interest. Mr. Resanovich and Mr. McNutt said they would attend the March FFSI meeting and discuss apology needed.

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 4765.102(B) at 3:48 PM. Mallory first. Resanovich second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here

*******Fire Board returned from Executive Session at 4:08 PM *******

2010-161-F100 2010-173-F300 2010-472-BF100	2010-569-BF100 2010-574-F100 2010-589-F100	2010-591-F100 2010-596-F500 2010-597-BF100	2010-605-F100 2010-619-F100

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

2010-519-BF100 2010-536-F100 2010-560-F100	2010-573-BF100 2010-587-BF500 2010-617-F100	2010-618-F100

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

2009-227-702 *(defer to local discipline)*

ACTION: Recommend to the Executive Director to close the above cases; refer case to local medical director/department. Mallory first. McNutt second. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009-195-702

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above Fire case(s) and re-open if re-applies; individuals have convictions, however their certifications have expired. Mallory first. McNutt second. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2008-716-701 2009-152-701 2010-170-BF100	2010-275-F100 2010-276-F100 2010-279-F100	2010-392-BF100

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above case(s) as the individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Mallory first. McNutt second. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009-769-702	2010-415-BF100	2010-548-BF100

2010-370-F100 2010-413-BF100	2010-510-F100 2010-518-F100	

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director Issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the above Fire case(s). Mallory first. McNutt second. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2010-503-F500 2010-592-F500	2010-620-F500 2011-639-F500	2011-650-F100

ACTION: Recommend to the Executive Director to propose consent agreements for the above reinstatement cases. Mallory first. McNutt second. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2010-526-F100	2010-606-BF100	2011-642-BF100	2011-682-BF100
2010-527-F100	2010-610-F100	2011-647-F100	2011-683-BF100
2010-566-F100	2010-613-F100	2011-649-BF100	2011-685-BF500
2010-593-F100	2010-614-F100	2011-653-F100	2011-689-BF100
2010-598-BF100	2010-615-BE100	2011-655-BF100	2011-695-F100
2010-599-BF100	2010-616-F100	2011-665-BF100	2011-696-BF100
2010-601-BF100	2010-662-BF100	2011-672-BF100	
2010-604-F100	2011-551-F100	2011-679-BF100	

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director Close the above Fire cases due to one of the following reasons: inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions that have previously been deemed "not involving moral turpitude", local non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction. Mallory first. McNutt second. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION: Motion to amend motion to consent agreement that Mr. Resanovich abstained for all cases. Quinn first. Fischer second. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Members discussed making a motion to recommend to reinstate an individual in one three-year period without retraining. Members discussed a needed rule change to allow for the three-year period without testing. Additional discussion ensued to allow the proposal of consent agreements to those individuals applying for reinstatement who are outside the 18-month window. The consent agreement would require 18 hours of fire related continuing education and passing the reinstatement test. Additionally, discussion was to extend this to all pending fire reinstatement cases.

ACTOIN: Motion to recommend proposing consent agreements to consist of 18 hours of continuing education and re-testing for those applying for reinstatement who fall outside the eighteen-month window. Quinn first. Fischer second.

Mr. Mallory questioned why they would only need 18 hours CE plus retesting. Mr. Rucker said this is already in rule on the EMS side. Mr. Mallory can see pushback from the Chiefs. Ms. Fischer said in a three-year cycle, 54 hours are required; why would they only have to do 18 hours and retest? Ms. Vermillion said some individuals may not have been practicing is why the hours are reduced. Mr. McNutt asked if other items can be added to the rule. Mr. Rucker said the motion is what is needed now and the rules can be

rewritten later on. Mr. Quinn and Mr. Davis said to leave the motion as is as this is a temporary measure until a permanent rule change is made.

None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis said they will modify it.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. James Davis, Mr. Geoff Dutton, Ms. Joyce Fischer, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Ms. Deanna Harris, Mr. William Mallory, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Dr. Brian Springer

Board Members Absent: Mr. John Kubincanek, Dr. John Pakiela, Mr. James Parrish, Mr. William Quinn, Mr. Bruce Shade, Dr. Steve Steinberg,

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Tim Erskine, John Kennington, Tom Macklin, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, Brian Pfeffer, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, Andy Spencer, Joe Stack, Yvonne Tertel, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Debra Schiff, Pickaway-Ross CTC

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove Here	Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	
Mr. James Parrish	
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. Bruce Shade	

Dr. Brian Springer Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg

2011 Committee Assignments

Board members reviewed the current list of committee assignments and membership. They discussed whether certain committees were still needed, if some should be combined, and conflicts in meeting dates and times. Committee chairs were reminded of their obligation to prepare agendas, and have minutes taken and posted to the website.

A discussion was held regarding whether to leave the Legislation Committee as a stand-alone committee or to combine it with the Rules Committee. It was determined the Legislative would be more of an ad hoc committee and meet on an "as needed" basis.

During review of the master calendar of meetings, Mr. Resanovich said the HLS committee is now meeting on Fridays, and Dr. Springer will determine if he would like to change the time of the Specialty Care/TEMS committee meeting. It was noted that the master calendar had the year 2010, and it should be 2011.

ACTION: Motion to add Deanna Harris and Bruce Shade to the Trauma Visionary Committee. Fischer first. Bradshaw second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to add Deanna Harris to the Homeland Security Committee. Fischer first. Bradshaw second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis questioned whether the HLS committee should have additional members due to the workload and create subcommittees or ad hoc committees for short term projects. Mr. Resanovich preferred to leave all of the assigned duties and directives under the blanket of the HLS committee.

ACTION: Motion to add Geoff Dutton to the Homeland Security Committee. McNutt first. Dahl-Grove second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Ms. Morris said NEMSIS III will be coming soon, and the IRSAC Committee will need to meet more often. In the meantime, IRSAC will meet as needed. It was recommended that Mr. Schweter, a paramedic firefighter from Richmond Heights with a PhD in organizational management, be added to the committee.

ACTION: Motion to add Bernard Schweter to the IRSAC Committee. Pomerantz first. Mallory second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

It was recommended to add Tami Wires, a paramedic from southeast Ohio, and Board members Mr. Shade and Dr. Springer, to the Medical Oversight Committee.

ACTION: Motion to add Bruce Shade, Dr. Brian Springer, and Tami Wires to the Medical Oversight Committee. Mallory first. Self second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

The limited attendance of the Recruitment and Retention committee was discussed along with a new date and time would need selected since the Board is now starting their meetings at 9:00 AM. The new meeting dates and times of the committee were not determined.

ACTION: Motion to add Joyce Fischer to the Rules Committee. McNutt first. Self second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Resanovich discussed member participation issues within the Specialty Care/TEMS committee and having Dr. Brian Springer, with his TEMS interest and experience, take over the committee.

Mr. Erskine said Trauma Committee membership is set in law. Dr. Steinberg represents the Board and Vickie Graymire represents her Nurse's association as she was on the committee prior to becoming a Board member.

ACTION: Motion to add Deanna Harris and Bruce Shade and remove Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove from the Trauma Visionary Committee. Resanovich first. Fischer second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

***** BREAK 8:55 – 9:00 AM *****

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda as posted on the website, items including: December 16, 2010 EMS Board minutes; EMS certifications granted for the period of December 1, 2010 through December 30, 2010 and continuing education extensions granted for the period of December 1, 2010 through January 30, 2011; and initial and renewal applications for education certificates of approval and accreditation for the period of December 1, 2010 through January 30, 2011. Marchetta first. Bradshaw second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Rucker introduced the new Department of Public Safety Legislative Liaison Andrew Spencer and said he will serve on the Legislative Committee and provide legislative updates for the Board. Mr. Spencer gave a brief update of legislative happenings at the statehouse with an impact on EMS.

- SB 36 was introduced and would provide emergency personnel in public safety vehicles to report traffic violations that delay their response time to the scene of an emergency.
- Representative Gonazlez is going to introduce a bill allowing EMTs to inoculate firefighters. The Ohio Nurses Association is supporting this proposed bill. The bill will also allow the local medical director the authority to set protocols and approve the training necessary for giving the inoculations. Mr. Rucker pointed out that the liability provisions within the proposed bill cover EMTs. Mr. Spencer will check to see if medical directors will be included under this liability umbrella. The Legislative Services Commission (LSC) is still writing the language.
- Representative John Carey introduced HB 128 to change grant funding to assist paramedic education programs applying for national accreditation. The bill will also allow volunteer services to staff ambulance by a driver 18 years or over who must be either an EMT or paramedic. This would allow the first responders or emergency personnel to meet the ambulance at the scene, saving critical time. The ambulance must be staffed with at least 2 EMTs or Paramedics, or by one first responder and one EMT or Paramedic while transporting the patients. One of those individuals could also be the driver.

Mr. Spencer will periodically provide the Board with a legislative status report. If Board members hear or see anything that might help public safety or EMS, please inform him or Mr. Rucker and he will try to draft legislation to address the issue.

State Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham presented individuals for appointment to the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB).

ACTION: Motion to appoint the following to the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB: Dr. Tracy Sawyer-Nash, Region I, and Dr. Eric Ferguson, Region IV. Marchetta first. Pomerantz second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Dr. Cunningham presented individuals for reappointment to the RPAB.

ACTION: Motion to re-appoint the following to the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB): Dr. Phillip Oblinger and Dr. Hamilton Lempert, Region I; Dr. William Marriott, Region II; Dr. Michael Humphrey and Dr. William Tucker, Region III; Dr. David Lindstrom and Dr. Eric Schmidt, Region IV; and Dr. R. Esther Lutes, Region VIII. Marchetta first. Pomerantz second. Abstained: Springer; McNutt abstained (Lindstrom). None opposed. Motion passed.

Dr. Cunningham reported the next RPAB chair meeting will be held March 9, 2011, at 1:00 PM.

She attended the NAEMSP annual meeting as required by her contract with the Division of EMS. Highlights of the conference included heavy emphasis on cardiac arrest and the 2010 American Heart Association CPR and emergency cardiac care guidelines. She noted that at the last meeting, the EMS Board approved the new measures cited in by the American Heart Association into the adult and pediatric state guidelines. The NAEMSP annual meeting also highlighted the culture of safety in EMS regarding ambulance design, viable systems of adverse event reporting that also was not viewed as a punitive measure, disaster planning and management, and a presentation on the new American Board of Emergency Medicine EMS subspecialty certification recently approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Dr. Cunningham has been selected to be one of the item writers for this subspecialty board examination.

Dr. Cunningham attended the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) meeting last week as an EMS stakeholder. They are looking at revising the Mobile Emergency Medical System (MEMS) cache of supplies and protocols. The American Red Cross is heavily involved in this project.

Assistant Attorney General, Yvonne Tertel
Ms. Tertel had nothing to report.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Heather Frient
Ms. Frient was not in attendance no report was given.

Legislative Liaison, Andrew Spencer
Mr. Spencer presented his report yesterday.

Executive Director, Richard Rucker
Mr. Rucker has been providing his report over the last few days.

Mr. Rucker said the Division of EMS hired Tom Macklin from part-time education coordinator to a full-time position. Judy Cellnicker was hired and will be doing audits in the Education section. A Researcher II position will be posted for the Trauma Section for analyzing data.

Certifications, John Kennington
Mr. Kennington presented three requests for exemptions for continuing education from certificate holders due to active military service (8353, 113797, and 142904).

ACTION: Motion to approve three requests for exemption for continuing education for individuals serving on active military duty during the certification period. Pomerantz first. Mallory second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Kennington reported that the one card / one expiration date process with the new database experienced some glitches with the printing of the cards. He said no one will be penalized during this period and new cards are being printed. Mr. Mallory asked if there were problems with the dates, or just printing of the certificates and Mr. Kennington said it was the printing of the certificates.

Mr. Kennington discussed some initiatives to save money on mailing renewal notifications. The Division will not eliminate the 180-day advance notification, but will now send one notification 90 days prior to expiration saving the Division approximately $100,000. Mr. Kennington said currently around 97% of renewals are done online and would like the Board to consider eliminating mailing renewal EMT applications in 2012, which would save the Division additional money. Mr. Resanovich suggested tabling for discussion at the May or June Board meeting to discuss ending the practice by the start of the 2012 budget cycle.

Education, Linda Mirarchi

ACTION: Motion to approve one initial accreditation for the Emergency Training Academy of Southern Ohio and one renewal accreditation for Lorain County Community College. Fischer first. Mallory second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Mirarchi read into the record a signed consent agreement for Case number 2009-337-308, Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical School, Accreditation #112 for the EMT-Paramedic level of training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee, Daryl McNutt

The committee requests approval to add Lisa Nickels to their committee. She is the program coordinator of Rhodes State Community College in Lima.

ACTION: Motion to add Lisa Nickels to the Education Committee. Mallory first. Bradshaw second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

EMS-Children, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz

The committee did not meet and no report was given.

Firefighter and Safety Inspector Committee, John Kennington for Phil McLean

Since Mr. Orahood was not in attendance, Mr. Kennington reported on various fire issues. He said Chief Jim Steele is the new Chair of the Board's Firefighter and Safety Inspector Committee (FFSI) and the committee continues working on practical testing. They hope to be able to use this for reinstatement versus making a firefighter take the whole course over. The committee is still working on NFPA 1403 Live Burn Training for instructors; it will be a recommendation, not mandatory. The FFSI committee would like a HazMat technical certification and hopes it could be included in the EMS Board Specialty Care certification.

Homeland Security, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich distributed copies of the Homeland Security and Specialty Care/TEMS 2010 accomplishments and 2011 goals. The committee continues to work on crisis management plan and altered standards of care and must submit their plan to the Ohio Department of Health by the end of May. They also plan to create an online course using Lectora® on the Seven Signs of Terrorism. The committee will work on developing a TAC that can assist local Homeland Security regions in Ohio when CHEMPACK is deployed.

Specialty Care/TEMS

The discussion begun yesterday on Specialty/TEMS certification was revisited.

Mr. Resanovich said in addition to the specialty care/TEMS certification, there was also a suggestion made yesterday regarding HAZMAT. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Specialty Care/TEMS certifications. Mr. Resanovich said the TEMS piece is ready to go and that is the question for the group if the committee should proceed with the initial specialty care field of TEMS or to write draft legislation for the broader umbrella of specialty care. Dr. Springer said from his perspective, Hazmat would be done later. Dr.

Cunningham said draft legislation is needed for specialty care authority, then move into the specific specialty areas of expertise. Mr. Davis said before Ms. Frient begins drafting the language, she will need to know whether it is for TEMS language with a specialty care twist, or writing specialty care language with a TEMS twist. He is comfortable saying again today that TEMS language is going to meet resistance going through the legislative process. Dr. Cunningham said the language should be for specialty care with a TEMS twist. Mr. Davis said hopefully that would take into account the Specialty Care/TEMS Committee's concerns and desire for legislated liability provisions. During the last session, there was a bill introduced about designating stroke centers which has a medical twist to it, and might be a place to tack on this legislation. Dr. Cunningham said the first step should be to draft legislation and test the water. There is two years of work and development on TEMS and the committee would then need to start working on HAZMAT and other important EMS specialty fields of expertise. Mr. Davis inquired if the Board should create a new specialty care certification level or amend the current paramedic language to give the Board authority to grant them the ability to practice certain specialties. Dr. Springer would prefer the amended language. Mr. Resanovich proposed the Board consider a motion to direct the Specialty Care committee to work with legal and the legislative liaison to develop language for the EMS Board to have the authority to address, certify, or endorse specialty care.

ACTION: Motion to give direction to the Specialty Care Committee to develop the ability of the state EMS Board (Division of EMS) to draft language for legislation for Specialty Care certification. Resanovich first. Marchetta second.

Mr. Self asked whether the intent is to direct the legislation to focus upon the paramedic level, and Mr. Resanovich said the intention of TEMS was to only address the paramedic level. The next subspecialty group may see a need for an Advanced EMT. Ms. Fischer asked if the motion include firefighters to look at legislation for them, like HAZMAT. Ms. Owens said fire legislation already contains ability to establish a certification through rule. Mr. Davis said that would be a great place to start referencing for EMS language. Dr. Springer noted that so much time, effort, and research had been dedicated to TEMS. He expressed concern that now it is being wrapped up in this broader concept of specialized care, but now it seems to be growing bigger. He would like to leave with a framework defining whether this will encompass firefighters or firefighters and EMS providers. Mr. Davis said the language we are looking to enact for EMS already exists on the fire side to develop additional certifications. His suggestion would be if it is already in place for fire and it working, it would be a good point of reference for legislators and should be more palatable to them. The biggest concern this Board had was with a stand-alone TEMS certification as the law would have to be readdressed and amended each time for a new specialty was created. By addressing the fields of EMS specialties in rule, this would allow the law to be changed once and be a whole lot easier when creating new subspecialties in the future.

None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis told Mr. Resanovich that if the EMS language can be crafted to be as close to the fire language, it would have a better chance of passing since legislators have seen it before. He reminded members to not to forget that TEMS specialty in the world of EMS and fire service is one fish in a big sea. He said just because the Board has a defined need right now to create a TEMS certification, the Board cannot stymie future growth of EMS and EMS subspecialties certifications. The Board has to look at it from a wide perspective and the Committee now has that charge.

Legislative Committee, William Quinn
There was no meeting and no report was given.

Medical Oversight Committee, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove
There was no meeting and no report was given.

National Accreditation, James Davis
Mr. Davis said, with the interest of the new legislation liaison, we will be able to follow Representative Carney and complete this task.

***** BREAK 10:15 - 10:45 AM *****

Recruitment and Retention Committee, Daryl McNutt
Chief Daryl McNutt gave a presentation on the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association (OFCA) video on the SAFEER grant Recruitment and Retention. A video clip commercial for Southeast Ohio will go to every fire department via e-mail and is available through the Ohio Fire Academy website. There will be four training classes over the next three years on recruitment/retention issues. The first class will be southeast Ohio. This information will be posted to the Division website and disseminated at the Township Trustee conference and other events. Ms. Bradshaw asked if a list of schools could be provided to them as well. Mr. McNutt said at this point in time, it will direct them to a department who could provide them information of schools. The OFCA will be applying for an education grant for those interested in becoming EMT firefighter.

ACTION: Motion to add Bill Mallory to the Recruitment/Retention committee. McNutt first. Marchetta second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Research and Grants, Daryl McNutt
Mr. McNutt reported that the grant application cycle is open to receive applications from February 1 through 5:00 PM April 1, 2011. Applications are available online and submissions have already been received. The Trauma Committee assisted in rewriting the applications for Priorities 2, 3, and 4, and hoped to see if more applications were submitted for these priorities. During the most recent cycle, no Priority 3 applications were received. Mr. Boster said they will not know how much funding is available until May or June.

Mr. McNutt mentioned there is a need for non-Board members on the committee.

Rules, William Mallory
The committee did not meet. Mr. Mallory said the committee consists of all Board members, and could use some non-Board members to serve on the committee.

Mr. Rucker wanted to remind committee chairs that committees can only have a maximum of 15 members. This is especially important due to the budget constraints and expenses that are provided for members on the committees. If there are more than 15 members, the committee chair needs to come before the Board to give reasons why it is necessary and receive Board approval.

Strategic Planning/NHTSA, Craig Self
Mr. Self said the committee met in January and started the validation of the SWOT process. He said the committee will bring to the Board in April is a validation of the mission, vision, and values for review and Board confirmation. The NHTSA debriefing and recommendation will segue into there. The next meeting is March 16, 2011.

Trauma Committee, Kathy Haley
Ms. Haley provided the Trauma report earlier. Ms. Graymire said the Trauma Visionary Committee understands their charge to continue work on the framework goals and prioritize the top legislative needs.

Mr. Rucker encouraged all Board members to remain after the meeting adjourns to hear the NHTSA report and recommendations. It is estimated they will be ready around 2:30 PM.

Ms. Owens said that during the Legislative Report this morning, a reference was made to a bill writing grant language and staffing for ambulances. She wanted to give new Board members a bit of background on the issue. In December 2008, a bill changed staffing levels for ambulances to allow volunteers to transport with one FR and one EMT as opposed to two EMTs for volunteers (paid services to require responding with two EMTs). One of the unintentional changes was it removed the availability of volunteers to respond to a scene with one person until the second provider meets them there to transport. The Fire organization got a bill introduced to correct that. A lot of volunteer agencies were very upset that they could no longer respond to the scene with just one person. One of the issues in the fire service in particular was the second vehicle responding just for additional supplies and equipment would also require two certified people. The 2008 bill only allowed one person to respond for volunteer services; this bill would also allow paid service to respond with only one provider. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that the language was fine as it stood.

Brian Pfeffer, Division of EMS, distributed information from the Interoperability Executive Committee meeting that the Ohio Department of Health was distributing MARCS radios with ASPER grant funding. It has been an issue where people receiving the radios thought they could only use them during an actual event. The radios can be used daily and encourage hospitals to use them. Mr. Davis said this has been an issue with communications among area hospitals and helicopters in other states where helicopters have landed on buildings while other helicopters have been taking off due to no direct communication with the hospital. This opinion was sought to ensure that Ohio does not experience similar events.

Ms. Dodson reminded Board members that the financial disclosure forms required for submission to the Ethics Commission prior to April 1. Members could submit the completed forms to her if they have not already sent them directly to the Commission. She reminded members that if these aren't turned in on time, the Division receives a hefty fine.

Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Dodson for all her work over the past several days, and everyone else o the staff, who made this a good retreat.

ACTOIN: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Pomerantz first. Self second.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.