

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services  
1970 W. Broad Street, Conference Room 134 (Motorcycle Room)  
Columbus, Ohio 43223**

**~ FINAL MEETING AGENDA ~**

**Thursday, February 19, 2015 ~ 9:00 a.m.**

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- **Roll Call**
  - **Welcome and Introductions**
  - **Open Forum**
  - **EMS Rules Hearings @ 9:00 a.m.**
    - Public Hearing(s)
      - 4765-1-04 "Military provisions related to processing EMS applications"
  - **Review and Approval of Consent Agenda (posted to website prior to meeting),** including minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting and certifications, accreditations, and CE site requests for period December 17, 2014 – February 17, 2015.
  - **Report and Recommendation in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
    - EMS Case Number 2013-587-BE100, Jonathan J. Cabus, EMS Certificate Number 112983
  - **EMS Goldmans in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2010-493-E300, James C. Smith, EMS Certificate Number 124085
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2012-471-E300, Patricia A. Nichols, EMS Certificate Number 134173
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-50-E300, Shari L. Baxter, EMS Certificate Number 20322
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-126-E300, Christopher R. Myers, EMS Certificate Number 126697
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-189-E300, Cory B. Palletti, EMS Certificate Number 131516
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-190-E300, Aaron P. Zanders, EMS Certificate Number 137145
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-212-E300, Zachary M. Hart, EMS Certificate Number 154981
  - **EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations, Melissa Vermillion and Staff**
    - **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22 (G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 (A)(2) or 4765.102(B).
  - **Reports**
    - **Chair's Report**, Deanna Harris
    - **State EMS Medical Director's Report**, Dr. Carol Cunningham
    - **Assistant Attorney General**, Brandon Duck
    - **EMS Staff Legal Counsel**, Anna Firestone
    - **EMS Legislative Liaison**, Andy Bowsher
    - **Executive Director and Staff Reports**, Melvin House
      - **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests** (Medical and Military), Jean Booze
      - **Education Requests**, Linda Mirarchi
      - **Medical Transportation Renewal Applications, New Services, New Headquarter and Satellite Locations, and Upgrade in Level of Service**, Dave Fiffick
  - **Board Committee Reports**
    - **Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare) Ad Hoc Committee**, Deanna Harris
    - **EMS-Children Committee**, Joe Stack
    - **EMS System Development Committee**, Jim Davis
      - **Homeland Security Subcommittee**, Mark Resanovich
    - **Education Committee**, Pam Bradshaw

- **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC)**, Geoff Dutton
  - **Medical Transportation Committee**, Thomas Allenstein
    - **Critical Care Sub-Committee**, Julie Rose
  - **Resource Management Committee**, Mark Resanovich
  - **Specialty Care Subcommittee**, TBD
  - **Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee**, Geoff Dutton
  - **Trauma Committee**, Tim Erskine
- **Old Business**
  - **New Business**
    - OH-TRAC Patient Tracking

**Adjournment (except for Fire Committee Members)**



STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2015
~ FINAL ~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, February 19, 2015 (9:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, James Davis, Deanna Harris, Ernest Hatmaker, Steven Jones, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Diane Simon, Dr. Steven Steinberg, Dr. Thomas Tallman, and Thomas Wappner.

Board Members Absent: Geoff Dutton and Dudley Wright II

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Susan Edwards, Tim Erskine, Anna Firestone, Dave Fiffick, Thomas Gwinn, Sherry Harkness, Natalie Haslage, Melvin House, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, Carol Palantekin, Robert Ruetenik, John Sands, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion, and Rachel Zwayer.

Assistant Attorney General: Brandon Duck

Public Present: Jonathan Cabus, Sherri Kovach (Nationwide Childrens), Ed Michelson, MD (Trauma Committee), and Barry Seth (Lagrange FD),

EMS Rules Hearing

Ms. Harris called the public hearing to order of the Ohio State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (hereinafter referred to as "the Board").

Roll call of the board members who were present at 9:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Lists board members and their attendance status.

Ms. Harris noted for the record that a quorum was present to conduct business.

The hearing was held on February 19, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Ms. Harris recognized ODPS Associate Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone. Ms. Firestone called the hearing to order at 9:05 a.m. Ms. Firestone was acting on behalf of the Board and served as the hearing officer.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments and/or testimony regarding the proposed adoption of rule 4765-1-04 entitled "Military provisions related to processing EMS applications" to the Administrative Code. This rule is proposed to implement statutory provisions set forth in House Bill 488 of the 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly pertaining to processes that prioritize and expedite veterans' applications for occupational licensing. This rule was filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Secretary of the State, and the Legislative Service Commission in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Notice of this public hearing was published in the Register of Ohio in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code, which governs the procedures to be followed at a public hearing of this nature. This agency is required to conduct a hearing to permit any person affected by the proposed action to appear and be heard in person or by an attorney or both. The person may present arguments, positions, and contentions either orally or in writing and may present evidence that the proposed action will be unreasonable or unlawful if enacted. This agency may administer oaths or affirmations and shall pass on the admissibility of evidence. The person affected may make objections to any of the rulings. The testimony and rulings on the admissibility of evidence shall be recorded by stenographic means.

Rule 4765-1-04 (Military provisions related to processing EMS applications) sets forth a process to prioritize and expedite applications for certification as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic, EMS instructor, assistant EMS instructor, or continuing education instructor that are submitted pursuant to Chapters 4765-8 and/or 4765-18 of the Administrative Code by an applicant who is a veteran, a member of the armed forces, the spouse of a veteran or member of the armed forces, or a surviving spouse of a veteran or member of the armed forces and provides for special accommodations for applicants facing imminent deployment.

The Board received no written testimony regarding the proposed rule amendment.

Anyone wishing to offer testimony and/or comments was asked to step forward.

There were no witnesses present.

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***ACTION: Motion to accept the Chapter 4765-1-04 "Military provisions related to processing EMS applications" of the Ohio Administrative Code as written for final file with the Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review. Mr. McNutt – First. Dr. Steinberg – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

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The approved rules will be presented to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review for its consideration. This presentation is tentatively scheduled to occur on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ohio Statehouse.

As there was nothing further to consider, the hearing was adjourned and was concluded at 9:09 a.m.

### **EMFTS Board Meeting**

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting began at 9:10 a.m

#### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present

Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

**Open Forum** ~ None

### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Harris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting, including the December 17, 2014 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications, and CE site requests for period December 17, 2014 – February 17, 2015.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items including the December 17, 2014 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications, and CE site requests for period December 17, 2014 – February 17, 2015, excluding the initial accreditations.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. Ms. Bradshaw (Porter Township Rescue Squad) – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

### **Report and Recommendation**

Ms. Harris introduced herself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on one Report and Recommendations in the matters of:

- *EMS Case Number 2013-587-BE100, Jonathan J. Cabus, EMS Certificate Number 112983*

The respondent did not file objections to the *Report and Recommendation*. Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Brandon Duck for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

AAG Duck presented Fire Case #2013-587-BF100, Jonathan J. Cabus, Fire Certificate Number 112983. Mr. Cabus' hearing was held on November 18, 2014. Mr. Cabus was convicted of two fifth degree felonies. One conviction was in October 2013 (Delaware County) for *Attempted Selling of Dangerous Drugs* (Viagra) and one in December 2013 (Franklin County) for *Trafficking in Drugs* (Steriods). The Board was provided with the testimony and evidence as presented during the hearing prior to the meeting. Mr. Cabus sold his own medication (Viagra & Steroids) to a friend while in the presence of an undercover detective, two incidences in the same day in two difference locations. Mr. Cambus presented five character letters in his support during the hearing in. Due to his criminal cases Mr. Cabus has since resign from both positions as an EMT Paramedic from Plain Township Fire (2007 – 2013) and Truro Township Fire Department (2008–2013). The hearing examiner recommended to revoke Mr. Cabus' firefighter certificate and also suggests a fit-for-duty" evaluation if he reapplies in a year. AAG Duck agreed with the hearing officer's recommendation with the exception of requiring the fit-for-duty evaluation as there are already stipulations in the rules when reaplying.

Mr. Cabus was in attendance and presented his testimony. Mr. Cabus agreed with AAG Duck's statement as to the charges. In addition to resigning, Mr. Cabus filed bankruptcy. Although he is appreciative of the opportunity to re-apply in 1 year, he asked the Board instead for a suspension of his certificate. This will allow him to continue his EMS and fire education.

No questions from the Board.

Having heard AAG Duck's synopses and recommendations for the case and Mr. Cabus' statement, Ms. Harris requested a motion to adjourn and go into private session.

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi- judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). Dr. Steinberg***

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

Due to an error prior to going into private session (the first Motion did not receive a “first” or “second”) Ms. Harris called for another motion to adjourn and go into private session.

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Dr. Steinberg – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 9:50 a.m.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case #2013-587-BE100, Jonathan J. Cabus, EMS Certificate #112983, the Board confirms and approves the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to revoke Mr. Cabus’ certificate to practice based on his felony convictions for Trafficking in Drugs and Attempted Selling of Dangerous Drugs.*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Jones – Opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

### **Goldman Proceedings**

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceeding to order at 9:52 a.m. on February 19, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present. There were seven adjudications. The proceedings were in the matter of:

- *EMS Case Number 2010-493-E300, James C. Smith, EMS Certificate Number 124085,*
- *EMS Case Number 2012-471-E300, Patricia A. Nichols, EMS Certificate Number 134173,*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-50-E300, Shari L. Baxter, EMS Certificate Number 20322,*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-126-E300, Christopher R. Myers, EMS Certificate Number 126697,*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-189-E300, Cory B. Palletti, EMS Certificate Number 131516,*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-190-E300, Aaron P. Zanders, EMS Certificate Number 137145, and*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-212-E300, Zachary M. Hart, EMS Certificate Number 154981*

The proceedings were an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the case, the proceeding was held before the Board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but may be present to hear the proceeding and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman Proceeding in the board packet. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Office of the Division of EMS.

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Brandon Duck for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

As each Board member received the affidavits for each case to review prior to the meeting, AAG Duck briefly presented a summary of each case:

In the matters of James Smith (2010), Patricia Nichols (2013) – both had prior consent agreements to provide their continuing education, they have not provided the requested information nor have they responded to numerous inquiries. AAG Duck's recommendations for: James Smith is to deny his renewal application and revoke his certificate to practice (EMT Intermediate) and for Patricia Nichols is to revoke her certificate to practice (EMT Basic).

The remaining five cases involve random audit issues:

- Shari L. Baxter, Cory B. Palletti, and Aaron P. Zanders – all did not respond to inquiries to supply proof of their continuing education. Recommend to revoke all of their certificates.
- Christopher Myers – he spoke with EMS staff, declined a consent agreement and indicated that he would not be making up the required continuing education hours. Recommend to revoke his certificate.
- Zachary Hart – responded to audit claiming that he currently had a National Registry card and had completed the continuing education. However investigations revealed that he did not have a National Registry card as it lapsed in 2011. Neither did he supply proof of the required continuing education hours. Recommend to revoke his certificate.

Having heard AAG Duck's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Ms. Harris requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavit and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

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***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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There being no further evidence to come before the board, the proceeding closed at 10:59 a.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the proceeding will continue by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondent.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

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***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into Private Session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:03 a.m.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS case 2010-493-E300, James C. Smith, EMS Certificate Number 124085, the Board finds that Mr. Smith violated the conditions of a consent agreement issued by the Board in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(6); therefore the Board moves to deny Mr. Smith's renewal application and revoke his certificate to practice.*** Ms. Baute – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Resanovich, and Mr. Wappner – abstained. Motion approved

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS case 2012-471-E300, Patricia A. Nichols, EMS Certificate Number 134173, the Board finds that Ms. Nichols violated the conditions of a consent agreement issued by the Board in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(6); therefore the Board moves to revoke Ms. Nichols' certificate to practice.*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-50-E300, Shari L. Baxter, EMS Certificate Number 20322, the Board finds that Ms. Baxter failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Baxter's emergency medical technician certificate to practice.*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-126-E300, Christopher R. Myers, EMS Certificate Number 126697, the Board finds that Mr. Myers failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2), 4765-8-06(C)(2) and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Myers' emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-189-E300, Cory B. Palletti, EMS Certificate Number 131516, the Board finds that Mr. Palletti failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2), 4765-8-06(C)(2) and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Palletti's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Baute – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-190-E300, Aaron P. Zanders, EMS Certificate Number 137145, the Board finds that Mr. Zanders failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2), 4765-8-06(C)(2) and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Zanders' emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Baute – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-212-E300, Zachary M. Hart, EMS Certificate Number 154981, the Board finds that Mr. Hart failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2), 4765-8-06(C)(2) and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Hart's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

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### **EMS Investigations, Melissa Vermillion and Staff**

***ACTION:*** Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B) at 10:12 a.m.

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### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:38 a.m.

***ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements:*** Ms. Baute – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-447-BE100	2014-506-BE100	2014-617-E100	2014-654-E300
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***ACTION: Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreements:*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-413-BE500	2013-275-BE100	2013-280-BE100	2013-696-E300
2012-414-BE500	2013-276-BE100	2013-281-BE100	2014-509-E300 - Issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing; permission to negotiate
2012-415-BE500	2013-277-BE100	2013-282-BE100	2014-517-E300 - Issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing; permission to negotiate
2012-416-BE500	2013-278-BE100	2013-283-BE100	

***ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases:*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-626-ET500	2014-709-ET500	2014-710-ET500
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***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violation of ORC and/or OAC:*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2007-336-503	2011-1072-E100	2014-400-E200	2014-576-E400
2009-271-102	2011-1110-E300	2014-423-E400 – *Deferred to Medical Director	2014-601-E100
2010-583-E100	2012-237-E300 *Reopen if reapplies	2014-464-E400 *Accept surrender	2014-649-E400 *Deferred to Medical Director
2011-677-E100	2012-729-BE100	2014-508-E100	2015-51-E500
2011-714-E100	2014-149-E300	2014-514-BE500	2015-52-E500
2011-921-E500			

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The Board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies:*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-369-E300	2014-630-E500	2014-659-E500
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***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals did not supply required documentation; therefore, their applications were rendered incomplete:*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-110-E300	2014-407-E500
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***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements.*** Ms. Baute – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2011-873-E100	2012-111-BE100	2013-668-E300	2014-516-BE100
2011-1187-BE100	2013-168-BE100	2014-391-E500	
2012-9-BE100	2013-499-E100		

***ACTION: Motion to refer subject to prosecutor for practicing without card.*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-330-E300
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***ACTION: Motion to Issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2013-608-E500
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***ACTION: Motion to Issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing; Cease and Desist for service; Refer to prosecutor.*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-404-ET500
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***ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases.*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2008-582-305/2012-152-E500/2014-648-E500	2014-403-BE100	2014-582-E300
2012-161-E300/2015-104-E500	2014-454-BE100	2014-583-E300
2014-139-BE100	2014-470-E300	2014-602-E300
2014-194-E300	2014-554-E300	

***ACTION: Motion to close the following 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, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.*** Ms. Baute – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-628-BE100	2014-696-E100	2015-12-E100	2015-24-BE100
2014-658-E100	2014-702-E100	2015-13-BE100	2015-25-E100
2014-671-BE100	2014-703-BE100	2015-14-E100	2015-31-BE100
2014-679-BE100	2014-708-E100	2015-17-E100	2015-33-E500
2014-681-BE100	2015-5-BE100	2015-18-E100	2015-38-BE100
2014-685-BE100	2015-8-BE100	2015-19-E100	2015-44-E100
2014-690-BE100	2015-10-BE100	2015-21-BE100	2015-53-E100
2014-691-E100	2015-11-E100	2015-23-BE100	2015-67-E100

**REPORTS:**

**Trauma Committee Report (Tim Erskine & Edward Michelson, MD)**

Dr. Michelson introduced himself as the new Chair of the Trauma Committee as of January 2015. Dr. Michelson is a board certified emergency medicine physician in Cleveland, Ohio. He was affiliated with University Hospitals Case Medical Center. Diane Simon is now the vice-chair. The Trauma Committee has begun review the Model Trauma System. In 2008, the Trauma Committee developed the system, established ten goals and presented those goals to the Board. The Committee decided to take another look at the trauma system in Ohio using that same model, set benchmark, accomplishment achieved, and what remains to be done. They will begin that process in May.

Tim Erskine presented the achievements for 2014:

- Elderly Fall Prevention Resource Guide for EMS was created and distributed in April 2014 in conjunction with the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership and the Trauma Committee’s Pre-Hospital workgroup.
- Distressed Trauma Center policy was created to assist facilities having difficulty re-verification of their trauma center status.
- Trauma Rehabilitation registry data is currently being examined by the rehabilitation workgroup. They have identified all the rehabilitation facilities in the state of Ohio.
- Continuing to work on the Risk Adjustment procedures of the Trauma Registry Acute Care data.

Dr. Steinberg presented an update to the Trauma Board Legislation. The proposed legislation continues to move forward. The possible last interested parties meeting occurred in January. A large amount of recommendations were collated and forward to the Representative Grossman’s office for review and then should be forward to the Legislative Services Commission. The newest version should be completed and forward to the Legislator in March.

At this time the Committee needs nothing from the Board.

As a reminder, Dr. Steinberg agreed to take back to the Trauma Committee the Board’s concern with the lack of Burn Centers in Ohio.

Ms. Harris stated that she had received the language regarding the Sunshine law/rules from Dr. Steinberg. She will review, revise accordingly for the Board, and then return to Dr. Steinberg.

### **EMS Board Chair Report, Deanna Harris (Chair)**

Ms. Harris thanked the Board for their patience as she learns her new role as Chair.

All Board members should have received notification regarding the Trauma Interested Parties meeting from Dr. Grossman.

The Board has moved forward in regards to the EMS Awards. An Ad Hoc Committee has been created with Dr. Tallman as the Chair.

Thanks to Dr. Schwartz for volunteering to Chair the EMS for Children's Committee.

The Board is encouraged to be part of one of the various EMFTS Board Committees. If you are not currently on a Committee, you are encouraged to review the current committees and volunteer to serve on at least two of those that interest to you.

The Board is also asked to continue to reach out to those EMS and Firefighters in which you come into contact, and inquire of what they need, what can the Board do to assist, and how can the Board better serve them.

### **State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

#### *RPAB*

Dr. Cunningham presented applications for the appointment from Dr. Marla Miano (Region II); and the reappointments of Dr. James Brown (RPAB Region II), Dr. Akpofure Peter Ekeh (RPAB Region II), Dr. James Sauto (RPAB Region IX) for the Regional Physician Advisory Board membership for the EMFTS Board approval.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the RPAB appointment for Dr. Marla Miano (Region II); and the reappointments of Dr. James Brown (RPAB Region II), Dr. Akpofure Peter Ekeh (RPAB Region II), Dr. James Sauto (RPAB Region IX).*** Ms. Bradshaw - First. Mr. Davis – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

#### *National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)*

Dr. Cunningham requested that the Board provide input to the following:

- 2015 AHA CPR/ECC guidelines (information provided to the Board prior to the meeting via email): Input at [www.ILCOR.org/SEERS](http://www.ILCOR.org/SEERS) with a deadline of February 28<sup>th</sup> with the exception of: the Computer Assisted STEMI ECG interpretation draft guideline the comment period closed on February 4, 2015; and the Non-physician STEMI ECG interpretation draft guideline the comment period closed on January 30, 2015.
- Prior to the NAEMSP meeting the NASEMSO Medical Directors Council met to discuss the National Drug Shortage and its impact on EMS. There has been unclear guidance from the EDA due to the agents' differing interpretations. DEA attorneys were present to discuss draft amendment that they are currently writing that should be more EMS friendly. The Board will be notified when available for comment. (DEA Regulations (Imelda Paredes): Titles II and II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Controlled Substance Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-513)).

#### *National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)*

##### *EMS Performance Measures Project*

- The CMS is changing reimbursements. Agencies will be paid according to the outcome of their patients and performance measures instead of for what services were performed.

- NASEMSO was given a grant for the EMS Performance Measures Project in partnership with the NAEMSP and supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The EMS Performance Measures Project will be create a set of 20 to 30 EMS system performance indicators. This is the beginning of an effort to establish national standards. It is expected that more indicators will be added in the future. There will be several public comment periods during the creation of the EMS performance measures and all EMFTS Board members are strongly encouraged to provide comments and suggestions during the development process. It is important for EMS to get involved, if not those standards will be set by CMS.

#### CMS and Blood Glucose Monitoring

The Division of EMS through Ask EMS has received several questions regarding regarding a CMS memo released in November that stated that the use of blood glucose monitors for “critically ill” patients was an “off-label” use of the devices and was not approved. The parameters that they cited regarding “off-label” use were deemed by CMS to be applicable with or without the possession of a CLIA waiver.

Dr. Cunningham contacted the director of the CMS committee to provide clarity to the memo. She inquired if the parameters applied to EMS. The Director was not entirely sure and didn’t believe that EMS was considered before release of the memo. He will take that concern/issue back to the CMS committee for discussion and clarification.

#### **Assistant Attorney General, Brandon Duck**

AAG Duck sought to provide a brief update on pending litigation to the Board and requested a motion to adjourn and enter into executive session to discuss in detail.

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***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(3) with the AAG, invited guest Executive Director, enforcement investigative staff and ODPS Legal at 11:02 a.m.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Bradshaw – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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#### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 11:30 a.m.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the settlement agreement discussed in Executive Session in the matter of Andrew Seal Administrative case 2012-480-E300 and Court case 2013-08-3956.*** Mr. Davis – First. Dr. Steinberg – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich abstain. Motion approved.

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All non-Board members were instructed to return the copy of the said agreement.

#### **EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone**

Ms. Firestone discussed the options the Board has for annual ethics training:

- Holly Welch, ODPS Ethics Attorney can provide the required ethics training to the Board for 2015.
- Several regional live trainings (preferred method)/Webinars/E-Learning – Electronic certificates of completion are provided the e-courses. Link will be provided.
- New – a Six-Part E-Course Series – a “phased” Ethics Law Training that consists of a six-part e-course series (each course approximately 15 – 20 minutes long). The Board could possibly view one to two each meeting throughout the year until complete. Attendance will be tracked for each session.

The Board agreed to have Ms. Welch present the ethics training during the April 2015 meeting. However, those that are unable to attend will have the option to complete the trainings as listed above. The information of the above options will be forwarded to the Board.

### **EMS Legislative Liaison, Andy Spencer**

Nothing to report.

### **Executive Director and Staff Reports ~ Melvin House**

#### *State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS)*

- Seat 10: EMS Provider – remains vacant

#### *Staff Vacancies*

- Administrative Professional 2 – Fire/Education Section. Began January 5, 2014 ~ Susan Edwards
- Human Services Program Consultant – Trauma/Research Section. Began February 9, 2015 ~ Natalie Haslage.
- Administrative Professional 2 – Certification/Grants Section. Internal candidate selected.
- Administrative Professional 1– Certification/Grants Section. Reviewing applications.
- Regional EMS Coordinator for Northwest Ohio – Education Section. Contract forwarded.
- Administrative Professional 2 – Medical Transportation Section. Reviewing applications.
- Grants Administrator – Grants & Certification Section. Interview scheduling underway.
- Administrative Professional 2 – Certifications/Grants Section. Dawn Vondracek accepted a position at OSHP as March 8, 2015. Position to be posted.
- Administrative Professional 4 – Board Secretary. Sherry Harkness accepted a position with OSHP as of February 23, 2015. Position to be posted.

#### *Website Redesign*

- Project near completion. Test site sent to DEMS for review. Should have mockup of end of next week. Will share with the Board when more is available.

#### *Oil & Gas Tabletop Exercises*

- DEMS participated in seven Ohio Regional Oil & Gas Discussion and Tabletop Exercise programs. The programs were well received with good representation by the state and local officials. (Columbiana, Belmont, Washington, Muskingum, Stark, Guernsey, Trumbull Counties). The Governor requested that the meetings be set to assist locals in managing any incidents. Everyone must work together.

#### *Concepts in Process Improvement Workshop*

- The Ohio EMS for Children Program, the Ohio Trauma Committee, and the National EMS for Children Data Analysis and Resource Center are hosting two one-day workshops “Concepts in Process Improvement” at the Quest Business Center March 24-25, 2015. The workshop is designed primarily for hospital EMS coordinators and EMS instructors. The workshop is to teach what process improvement truly is; how to start a process improvement activity, and how teach this information to other EMS providers. The participants must agree to offer a minimum of one session of this workshop to local EMS personnel within the next 12 months. Information available on the EMS for Children webpage ([http://ems.ohio.gov/emsc/emsc\\_index.stm](http://ems.ohio.gov/emsc/emsc_index.stm)).

### *Governor's State of the State address*

- On February 24, 2015 in conjunction with the Governor's State of the State address, ED House and DEMS staff will be attending the Clinton County EMS meeting with Director Born, Clinton County EMA Director along with local EMS/Fire agencies to discuss local EMS/fire concerns.

ED House requested the Board's approval of the EMS forms and applications due to OAC 4765-1-4 and H.B. 98. The Board was provided with a handout with detailed information regarding the changes. . (Attachment 1)

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the revisions to EMS applications and forms as it pertains to OAC 4765-1-4 and H.B. 98.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze**

Jean Booze reported that, from December 11, 2014 to February 11, 2015, there were 126 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve EMS extension requests.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that during December 11, 2014 to February 11, 2015, there were 2,814 new EMS certifications and 2,793 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve new certifications.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions requests; there were a total of three CE exemption requests due to military exemption requests: two were dual-certified (#2015-2-1, 2015-2-2) and one EMT only (#2015-2-10). All supporting documentation has been received for these three requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve exemption requests for #2015-2-1, #2015-2-2, and #2015-2-10.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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There were three medical hardship exemption requests (#2015-2-11, 2015-2-12, 2015-2-13). All supporting documentation has been received for two of the three requests (#2015-2-11 and #2015-2-12). The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve these two exemption requests. However, required medical documentation has not been received for one request (#2015-2-13) therefore staff does not recommend approval and requests a motion to deny this exemption request.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve exemption requests for #2015-2-11, #2015-2-12, and deny the exemption request for #2015-2-13.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Staff requests the Board to rescind an exemption request approved at the August 2014 Board meeting. The CE instructor (#2014-8-3) has been contacted numerous times to submit his application but has failed to comply. Therefore staff requests a motion to rescind the original exemption.

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***ACTION: Motion to rescind exemption requests for #2014-8-3 as approved in August 2014.*** Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Simon – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Education, Linda Mirarchi**

Linda Mirarchi presented seven accredited institution renewal request. Staff is requesting motion and approval.

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**ACTION: Motion to approve Cuyahoga Community College accreditation renewal requests until January 31, 2020 (5 year).** Mr. Davis First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION: Motion to approve Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Career Technology Center accreditation renewal requests until December 31, 2017 (3-year).** Ms. Bradshaw - First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION: Motion to approve Miami Valley Career Technology Center accreditation renewal requests until January 31, 2020 (5 year).** Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION: Motion to approve Scioto County Technology Center accreditation renewal requests until December 1, 2015 (6 month).** Mr. Resanovich - First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION: Motion to approve Shawnee State University accreditation renewal requests until January 31, 2020.** Ms. Bradshaw - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION: Motion to approve Southern Hills Career Center accreditation renewal requests until June 30, 2015.** Mr. Davis - First. Ms. Simon – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION: Motion to approve Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Center accreditation renewal requests until January 31, 2020.** Ms. Bradshaw - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Ms. Mirarchi presented the voluntary surrender certificate of accreditation for the Stark County Paramedic Program of Aultman Hospital effective February 19, 2015 and as they requested a certificate of approval to offer continuing education under the name Aultman EMS Education.

ED House brought an issue before the Board for discussion. There have been requests by Ohio residents enrolled in out-of-state EMS training programs to complete their clinical course components in Ohio. This is in conflict with our current rule. (Handout provided – Attachment 2).

DEMS has been receiving an increasing amount of reciprocity certification applications from applicants that are living in Ohio who are completing classes on-line from another state, going to that state to complete their practicals, skills, trainings, evaluations, and the return to Ohio for certification. There are also Ohio programs that are currently sending students across state lines to complete different sections of their trainings. (Samples provided as part of the handout (Attachment 2))

There are guidelines for distance learning and on-line learning for Ohio based programs. However, this amounts to many layers of concerns when completing parts of their training in different states. Issues are that students are taking classes in one state, certifying in another state, then asking for reciprocity in Ohio.

The Board discussed this issue in detail. The Board agreed that there is a need to develop a process to accept or deny these requests. However, the Board cannot make a decision on how to proceed without further research. **ACTION ITEM:** Therefore the Board requests that EMS Systems Development Committee with assistance from the Education Committee to evaluate the issue, possibly develop a process and report back to the Board.

### **Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick**

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of November and December 2014 and January, February, and March 2015. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of November, December 2014 and January, February, and March 2015.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein (Medflight of Ohio) - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (8 Ambulettes/4 Ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new service.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Allenstein - Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation for new headquarters (2 Ambulettes) and satellite location applications (2 Ambulettes/3 Ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new headquarters and satellite location applications.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. Mr. Appelhans (LifeStar Ambulance) – abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Follow-up to question from the Board Retreat on February 18, 2015. *The Board requested the number of Medical Transportation agencies lose their license that are ambulance vs ambulette agencies.* Answer – 85-95% are ambulette services.

### **EMFTS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Mobil Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee, Deanna Harris**

Ms. Harris received a call from a local college to partner with other agencies to complete a pilot with paramedics, social workers, etc. as Cincinnati has done. However, Cincinnati is not performing a pilot project. Their project is for paramedics to shadowing other professionals such as social workers, etc. They are simply gathering information. There is no such pilot project. The Board is not allowed to waive the law to allow such pilot projects. The proposed language to move forward with MIHC/Community Paramedicine is still being developed.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee for 2015: Mary Ahlers, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, Deanna Harris (Chair), Ernest Hatmaker, Holly Herron, Joseph (JD) Postage, Joshua Tilton, Joseph Toth, and Paul Zeeb, MD.

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***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee for 2015.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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#### **EMS-Children Committee (EMSC), Dr. Hamilton Schwartz**

Dr. Schwartz requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the EMS for Children Committee for 2015: \*Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Tracy Beavers, Kenneth Crank, Deanna Dahl-Grove, MD, Kenneth Hoffman, Carol Jacobson, Terry Kirkham, Heather Koss, Hamilton P. Schwartz, MD (Chair), and Tami Wires.

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***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the EMS for Children Committee for 2015:*** Dr. Schwartz – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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At the October EMFTS Board meeting, the Board voted to table discussion of the “Equipment for Ground Ambulances” document until other committees had reviewed and commented. On February 18, 2015, the Medical Transportation Committee endorsed the list for Ohio EMS agencies. The Medical Oversight Committee has yet to take up the document for consideration.

Dr. Naa Allotey of Akron Children's Hospital has been contracted to serve as the Project Director for the Ohio EMS for Children Partnership Grant. She will work directly with the Committee and with Joe Stack to continue to implement the EMS for Children Performance Measures. She will be working with Ohio's pediatric hospitals to recruit physicians and nurses to serve as site reviewers for the Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared program.

University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center has been renewed for three years in the Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared program.

The EMS for Children Committee is beginning planning for a workshop in 2016 to focus on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors.

Joe Stack is working with Carol Jacobson of the Ohio Hospital Association to schedule a meeting of the Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition; the meeting in December was cancelled.

Two one-day workshops, titled "Concepts in Process Improvement," are scheduled for March 24 and 25 at Quest Conference Center in Columbus. There are currently 42 registered participants for the workshops.

Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove is working on a third annual Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference for late spring 2015; topic areas, date and location are TBA

#### **Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich**

During the Board retreat there was a presentation from the Committee regarding active shooter incidents. During that time the Board was presented a position paper which included EMS involvement in active shooter response.

Mr. Resanovich requests a motion for the Board to accept and approve the *The Evolution of EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents* position paper.

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**ACTION: Motion to approve the Evolution of EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents position paper:** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Mr. Resanovich requested a motion reappoint the following members of the Homeland Security Subcommittee for 2015: Karen Beavers, Brian Byrd, Geoffrey Dutton, David Gerstner, Mark Resanovich (Chair), Thomas A. Tallman, D.O., Eric Wiedlebacher, and Michael Zorko

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**ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the Homeland Security Subcommittee for 2015:** Mr. McNutt – First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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CHEMPACK update – The Committee will begin to looking at the current triage systems that are out. Will bring back to the Board with a recommendation.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2015.

#### **EMS System Development, Jim Davis**

Mr. Davis requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the EMS System Development Committee for 2015: Karen Beavers, James Davis (Chair), Geoffrey Dutton, Deanna Harris, Mark Resanovich, Bernard Schweter, and Joel Decker

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**ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the EMS System Development Committee for 2015:** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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#### **Education, Pam Bradshaw**

Ms. Bradshaw requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the Education Committee for 2015: Mary Ahlers, Brian Anderson, Karen Beavers, Amy Bernato, Pamela

Bradshaw (Chair), Tristan Coomer, Matthew Dick, Mark Mankins, Lisa Nickles, George Snyder, Chuck Sowerbrower, and Joshua Tilton

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***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the Education Committee for 2015:*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2015.

#### **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC), Rebecca Baute**

Ms. Baute requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the Medical Oversight Committee for 2015: Eric Cortez, Deanna Dahl-Grove, MD, Geoffrey Dutton, Martin Fuller, William Longworth, Mark Marchetta, Brent Paraquette, Daniel Schwerin, MD, Thomas A. Tallman, D.O., Eric Wiedlebacher, Tami Wires, and Allen Young

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***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the Medical Oversight Committee for 2015:*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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#### **Medical Transportation Committee (MTC) – Tom Allenstein**

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the Medical Transportation Committee for 2015: Thomas Allenstein (Chair), Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Brian Byrd, David DeVore, Vincent Harris, Ernest Hatmaker, Linda Hines, Philip Koster, William Longworth, Lori Mizla, Mark Resanovich, Thomas Wappner, Paul Westlake, Douglas Wolters, and Dudley Wright II.

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***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the Medical Transportation Committee for 2015:*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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The Committee continues working to form a workgroup to begin to review the Ambulette and Ambulances.

The Committee finalized the developing the Goals and Objectives in the Strategic Plan as it pertains to medical transportation. ***ACTION ITEM:*** The Committee is to forward the completed Medical Transportation Goals and Objectives to the Board for review.

The Committee continues to discuss vehicle standards, KKK-A-1822 Ambulance Purchasing Guide (Triple K standards) and the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances. The Triple K standards will become obsolete by Fall 2015. However, it has been said that the Triple K specs will be changed as of July 1, 2015 with the requirement of cot securement. Currently there are only two manufactures that have a solution. This may cause a gap of products available after July 1<sup>st</sup>. The National specs will need to be adopted by Ohio and Ohio laws will need to be adjusted accordingly. The Committee must develop language which will follow the federal minimum standards with the ability to add to Ohio standards.

***ACTION ITEM:*** With the recent Homeland Security update provided during the Board Retreat on February 18, 2015, the Board would like the Medical Transportation Committee to look into how retired/decommissioned ambulances are sold in regards to terrorist safety precautions.

#### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose:**

Ms. Rose requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the Critical Care Subcommittee for 2015: Brian Byrd, Daniel Ellenberger, Amy Haughn, Linda Hines, Adam Howard, Michael Jackson, William Longworth, Marisa Maxey, Natasha Meinert, Lori Mizla, Julie Rose (Chair), Scott Swickard, and Keith Wohlever

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***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the Critical Care Committee for 2015:*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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The Subcommittee members continue to work on defining Critical Care.

In addition the Subcommittee continues to explore what additional training should be required for critical care paramedics.

### **Resource Management Committee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the Resource Management Committee for 2015: Geoffrey Dutton, Dennis Hartman, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich (Chair), Diane Simon, and Dudley Wright II

***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the Resource Management Committee for 2015*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

### **Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Rebecca Baute**

Ms. Baute requested a motion to reappoint the following members of the Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee for 2015: Geoffrey Dutton (Chair), Carol Jacobson, Mark Resanovich, and Steve Steinberg, MD

***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee for 2015:*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

### **EMS Awards Ad-Hoc Committee (Dr. Thomas Tallman)**

Ms. Harris requested a motion to appoint the following members to the newly formed EMS Awards Ad Hoc Committee for 2015: Deanna Harris, Julie Rose, and Thomas Tallman, DO

***ACTION: Motion to reappoint members to the EMS Awards Ad Hoc Committee for 2015:*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

The target date for the EMS Awards ceremony is September. The current application needs to be revised accordingly. Once complete, will need to be distributed. Applications should be received in June/July. As time progresses, will look into moving the awards back to May to coincide with EMS week.

### **Medical Transportation (Tom Allenstein) – Update on Strategic Plan**

The Committee developed and agreed on the following for the Strategic Plan – Key Focus Areas for Priority Area #10: Medical Transportation:

1. Create effective and enforceable rules
  - 1.1 Rules for Ambulance, Ambulette, MoICU, and Air are developed and reviewed regularly to assure they are consistently enforced by all inspectors.
    - 1.1.1 Groups will be assembled for each particular set of rules to review and provide recommendation. Groups should include providers within the public and private sector to assure that the rules could be met by all providing the particular level of care.
  - 1.2 Rules will be developed such that they can be complied with by all providers of medical transportation.
    - 1.1.2 Rules will be written such that they meet standards that does not put undue financial burden on all providers to meet the standards while maintaining necessary equipment that meets the patient's needs.
2. Develop a plan to work with other related committees
  - 2.1 Consultation and referral to other committees should be made on items that may have overlap to assure full input is gathered.
    - 2.1.1 All items are brought before the committee, will be assessed for overlap with other committees and share them with those groups prior to acting on the items.

**OLD BUSINESS** ~ *None*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RETREAT ITEMS (Mel House)**

ED House reviewed the EMFTS Board Committees, Subcommittees, Workgroups and Ad Hoc Committees updated procedures. The Board was provided with a copy of the revised procedures and committee application prior to the meeting for review. If the Board has any issues or concerns, please forward questions to ED House.

The Committee Chairs and Liaisons are reminded to keep the calendar of meetings up to date and communicate any meeting changes in a timely manner. The EMS Liaisons continue to work to ensure that each committee is complete, quorum is met, and attendance is maintained.

**Ohio Hospital Association**

The Ohio Hospital Association is looking for EMFTS Board members appointments to serve on the OH-TRAC patient tracking committee. The Hospital Association using this for disaster preparedness and family reunification. They are working towards revisions of the system. This system is an entirely new system. Currently Daryl McNutt and Jim Davis are assisting on this committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Ms. Bradshaw - First. Dr. Steinberg – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio/

*Attachments available upon request:*

- Attachment 1 – Revised EMS Forms Document
- Attachment 2 – Ohio Residents Enrolled in out-of-state EMS training programs

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services**  
**1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43223**  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2015 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

**~ FINAL RETREAT AGENDA ~**

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- Roll Call
  - Welcome and Introductions ~ Mel House, Executive Director
  - Board Chair Remarks ~ Deanna Harris, Chair
  - OFCA Comments Regarding ORC 4765-14-04 *“Education of state and regional trauma triage protocols”* ~ Chief Robert Bates
  - U.S. Territory Reciprocity ~ Ellen Owens/Anna Firestone
  - Homeland Security Briefing
  - Strategic Plan Priority Area #6 – Data Collection (Presentation of Michigan’s data collection system.) ~ Jim Davis
  - Position Paper – Waveform Capnography – Dr. Cunningham

**LUNCH BREAK**

- Summa Center for EMS Summa Akron City Hospital – “Characterization of Ohio EMS and Dispatch Systems” (Priority 5 Grant Final Report Presentation)
- Position Paper - Active Shooter (Homeland Security) ~ Mark Resanovich
- Out of State On-line Training (Reciprocity) ~ Ellen Owens
- National Accreditation Update ~ Linda Mirarchi
- DEMS Annual Report ~ Mel House, Executive Director
- State Office of Rural Health Collaboration, Ohio Department of Health ~ Callen Corpi
- Continuing Education Certificate Requirements ~ John Sands
- EMFTS Board Committees, Subcommittees, Workgroups, and Ad Hoc Committees (Updated procedures) ~ Mel House, Executive Director
- Strategic Plan Review and Discussion ~ Committee Chairs
- EMS Awards (e.g., EMS Star of Life Awards) ~ Deanna Harris
- Open Meetings Act/Sunshine Law – pursue law change to allow for a waiver for the EMFTS Board & Committee meetings ~ Deanna Harris, Chair
- Good of the Order

**Recess until Thursday, February 19, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.**

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Meeting  
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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
RETREAT MINUTES  
February 18, 2015  
~ FINAL~**

**Board Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 (9:30 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Allenstein, Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, Deanna Harris, Ernest Hatmaker, Steven Jones, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Diane Simon, Dr. Steven Steinberg, Dr. Thomas Tallman, Thomas Wappner, and Dudley Wright II

**Board Members Absent:** Kent Appelhans, James Davis, and Geoff Dutton

**DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:** Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Anna Firestone, Dave Fiffick, Ryan Frick, Sherry Harkness, Natalie Haslage, Melvin House, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, Robert Ruetenik, John Sands, and Schuyler Schmidt

**Assistant Attorney General:** Brandon Duck (not present)

**Public Present:** Robert Bates (Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association), Callen Corpi (ODH), David Gerstner (Dayton MMRS/Dayton FD), David Haley (US Dept. of Justice), Francis Menci (Summa Health System), and Barry Seth (Lagrange FD).

The retreat was delayed due to the inclement weather, therefore began at 10:04 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

**Welcome and Introduction**

The agenda was rearranged due to the weather and the late arrival of presenters.

**Board Chair Remarks**

Ms. Harris delaying her remarks for later due to the late start.

**Position Paper – Waveform Capnography, Dr. Cunningham**

Dr. Cunningham presented the revised position paper “*Regarding the Use of Capnometry and Capnography for Patients in the Prehospital Setting*” (included in the Board packet). The revisions reflected the changes as discussed during the December Board meeting. The Board reviewed and discussed the position paper.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the revised position paper “*Regarding the Use of Capnometry and Capnography for Patients in the Prehospital Setting*”. Ms. Beavers - First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

### **Homeland Security Briefing**

Max Beaulieu an Intelligent Analyst from the FBI stationed in Columbus presented on the Islamic State in central Ohio. Mr. Beaulieu discussed some of the events that have occurred involving the Islamic State. One area of concern is the English language magazines produced by the Islamic State. These magazines are meant to promote lone-wolf attacks in western countries (United States, Canada, etc.). The magazines have been well received, are widely available, and easily obtainable. Copies of the magazines Debiq and Inspire were passed around to the Board for review. The magazines are calling for lone-wolf attacks on police, security members, and all first responders. This message is being very well received in the United States as is evident in the recent attacks. Mr. Beaulieu discussed some of those attacks. The Board is asked to notify the Joint Terrorism Task Force when something suspicious is noticed (i.e., Islamic State propaganda, black flag with white lettering as seen on television).

Another concern that the Board should be aware of is the use of ambulances and other patrol vehicles being sold at auction. These vehicles are being used in some of the attacks. Terrorist are using western resources that are available against the west itself; including vehicles, uniforms, and anything to make them look official.

The Board requested information that could be shared with their organizations. Mr. Beaulieu stated that he would forward documents and/or informational aware messages that can be shared their organizations.

If anyone has questions, concerns or notices anything suspicious, please call (614) 332-3236.

### **New Board Member**

M. Steven Jones from Chagrin Falls has been appointed to Seat #4 - Hospital Administrator. His term begins December 23, 2014 and will end November 12, 2017. Mr. Jones is the President of the University Hospitals of Geauga, Conneaut, General Medical Centers.

### **OFCA Comments regarding ORC 4765-14-04 (Bob Bates):**

Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association (OFCA) requested an amendment to OAC 4765-14-04 – "Education of state and regional trauma triage protocols". During the October and December meetings, the Board discussed the request as presented by Chief Robert Bates. The request was to revise the current language in Rule 4765-14-04. The Board was provided with a copy of Chief's Bates' testimony which included the suggested change to revise the current language in Rule 4765-14-04 by adding the following "*The board shall retain the power to and be the only entity authorized to approve state and regional trauma triage protocols.*" At the request of the Board, Chief Bates again presented for clarification OFCA's suggested amendment. Again, Chief Bates reiterated that many concerns arise in the field pertaining to who is the actual authority (i.e., medical director, Trauma Surgeon, EMFTS Board, etc.). Currently the wording "in consultation with" makes it sound as if another entity beside the Board has the authority to decide and approve education requirements. Particularly in regards to trauma training; although the training has been approved by a medical director, the training then must also be approved by a trauma surgeon. They believed that the added language will help alleviate this issue by strengthening and reinforcing that the EMFTS Board is the ultimate authority. The Board stated that that particular concern will be resolved with the passing of the Trauma Legislation. However, there are other instances where this issue becomes a concern. The Board agreed that this is two separate issues 1) the Education piece and 2) Trauma triage guidelines reviewed and revised as necessary for clarification.

The Board continued to discuss the process to change laws vs rules (ORC vs OAC). The Board agreed to begin looking at each rule as they come up for review to define/clarify "in consultation with" as applicable.

### **U.S. Territory Reciprocity (Ellen Owens & Anna Firestone)**

The Division of EMS has received inquiries from U.S Territories requesting that Ohio recognize training completed in their areas. Currently Ohio recognizes training completed in other U.S states or in the military. There are total of sixteen territories of the United States, five of which are permanently inhabited: Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, U. S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa. If the training in these territories is to be recognized the standards will remain the same as outlined in OAC Chapter 4765-08 *Certificate to Teach or Practice; Continuing Education*. This rule is up for review (due January 2016) with the Board's approval the rule will be revised to include U.S. Territories.

***ACTION: Motion to revise OAC Chapter 4765-08 - Certificate to Teach or Practice; Continuing Education to include U.S. Territories.*** Mr. McNutt - First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

### **Continuing Education Certificate Requirements (John Sands)**

The Board received, reviewed and discussed the EMS Continuing Education Documentation regarding the certificate of completion requirements. Currently there are CE programs that are not issuing actual CE certificates of completion as required in ORC Chapter 4765.24 *Continuing Education - Certificate of Completion*. Students are responsible for maintaining proof of their education, therefore the programs must issue said certificates. With the approval of the Board, the Division of EMS will send a notice to all EMS accredited institutions reiterating that it is required by law that they issue certificates of completion to each student who has successfully completed a CE training program. The Division of EMS will however continue to accept computer training records in response to a division audit.

***ACTION: Motion for the Division of Emergency Medical Services to send a notice to all EMS accredited institutions that they must issue the appropriate certificate of completion to each student who has successfully completed a CE training program in accordance with ORC Chapter 4765.24 Continuing Education – Certificate of Completion.*** Ms. Bradshaw - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

### **National Accreditation Update (Linda Mirarchi)**

An overview of the National Accreditation program was provided to the Board. The overview included a brief summary of the program, an Ohio map indicating the current national accredited programs, and the February 2015 National Accreditation Status report. This information was also included in the Board packet. Currently of the 45 total programs: 17 are accredited; 23 have a letter of review or a limited self-study report; 1 request for application services; 1 that has intent, but has yet to submit; Belmont Technical College has intent to apply but has had no action. The Board members are asked to provide assistance if applicable.

In 2010, the EMS Board adopted the national accreditation of the state's paramedic training programs which requires that all Ohio accredited paramedic training programs be nationally accredited through the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) by 2018. The last date for Ohio Accredited Paramedic training programs to begin paramedic classes without a Letter of Review is December 15, 2016. Those that have not been nationally accredited by December 31, 2017 will lose their Ohio paramedic accreditation. Ohio may be among the top states to have National Accredited schools.

The Division of EMS has noted that the initial applications have been declining. The Division of EMS will continue to track to establish a reason as to why.

During the recent Ohio Ambulance and Medical Transport Association (OAMTA) meeting the topic of discussion was the lack of quality EMTs/paramedics. The Board discussed the need for more EMT/paramedics and possible solutions. Clinical hours may become an issue as hospitals begin to charge for those courses. The Ohio Department of Health will be presenting later in the retreat to discuss grant opportunities which could include EMS Leadership training. First step will be for the Board to create and submit a needs analysis.

## **Board Roster**

The Board was provided with a copy of the EMFTS Board member list and was asked to review for accuracy and forward any changes to Sherry Harkness.

~ LUNCH BREAK (11:35 a.m.) ~

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~ RETURN FROM LUNCH @ 12:35 ~

## **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

## **SUMMA CENTER FOR EMS (Dr. Francis Mencl, MD, MS, FACEP, FAAEM)**

Dr. Francis Mencl presented and the Board reviewed and discussed the Summa Center for EMS Summa Akron City Hospital – “Characterization of Ohio EMS and Dispatch Systems” a Priority 5 Grant Final report. (PowerPoint presentation attached – Attachment 1). The Board received a copy of the final written report to review prior to the meeting in the Board packet.

Some points revealed by the survey:

- Survey revealed that most dispatchers are not required to have any certifications prior to employment. Training is received after employment. Although an area of concern, the fear is additional training requirements may result in less dispatchers and there is already a high turnover.
- Survey revealed a large amount of small agencies throughout Ohio.
- Most calls do not need an urgent transport.
- A follow-up survey should include questions regarding qualifications, dispatch certifications, 911, clearer questions, public-safety answering point (PSAP) relay time, and frequency in which calls need to be re-routed.
- Assessment is complete, but additional information is still needed to determine where Ohio’s system stands. However, at this time, there is no plan to complete additional studies. Research staff is not readily available and funding is lacking.

Anyone having questions can contact Dr. Mencl at (330) 375-9514 or [menclf@summahealth.org](mailto:menclf@summahealth.org).

## **Position Paper – Active Shooter (Mark Resanovich & Dave Gerstner)**

During the EMFTS Board meeting in October, the Board requested that the Homeland Security Subcommittee develop an active shooter position paper and present to the Board when complete. Dave Gerstner, MMRS Coordinator of the Greater Dayton area, member of the Dayton Fire Department and a Homeland Security committee member, presented on active shooters, the Rescue Task Force concept, and said position paper. The Board reviewed and discussed the draft position paper “*The Evolution of EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents*”. The Board received a copy of the position paper prior to the meeting as part of the Board Packet.

Points presented & discussed:

- Several active shooter incidents were reviewed.
- Average time for first victim of an active shooter incident to receive medical care is 1½ hours. Several cases were discussed regarding the time in which victims lie untreated.
- The on-line terrorist magazines are encouraging such incidents.
- Although Fire and EMS follow protocol (i.e., scene is safe/secure), they have been criticized for their response to several active shooter incidents.
- Law enforcement is very supportive to a Rescue Task Force (RTF) concept.
- EMS must be integrated with law enforcement.
- Tactical Emergency Causality Care Committee has endorsed this concept.
- Equipment needed for the RTF could possibly be purchased through Homeland Security and/or EMS grant funds.
- RTF concept focuses on the victims with a faster response time.
- The RTF concept as presented has been endorsed by the International Association of Firefighters, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the United States Fire Administration.
- Additional training for EMS and law enforcement will be needed.

The position paper is to encourage EMS agencies to prepare for such incidents and start looking at a better way to respond. The Board is asked to review the position paper for further discussion (if necessary) and action at the Board meeting on February 19, 2015.

**EMS Awards (Deanna Harris)**

As discussed during the December EMFTS Board meeting due to budget constraints, the Ohio ACEP will not be hosting the Ohio EMS Star of Life Awards program. The Board discussed the possibility of creating their own “EMS Star of Life”. Dr. Tallman met with ACEP and they indicated that they would also like to be involved in the award program and would assist as needed.

Dr. Tallman reviewed the ACEP Award process as used in the past: Applications accepted in March, nominations collected and reviewed, and awards given in May. With that, there is a lot involved and EMS Awards May 21, 2015 would be unlikely. The ACEP process will need to be revised to meet the budget constraints. The Board agreed to move forward with creating the EMS Awards by developing an EMS Awards Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee will develop the criteria and present to the Board for approval. The Division of EMS will assist. However, the Award Ceremony will take place in September 2015 instead of May 2015.

The Board discussed combining the EMS Awards program with the Fire Awards. However, after consideration, the Board decided that although they would want to make the EMS Awards program similar to the Fire Award, it should be a standalone program.

An EMS Awards Ad Hoc Committee will consist of: Dr. Tallman (Chair), Deanna Harris, and Julie Rose.

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**State Office of Rural Health Collaboration, Ohio Department of Health (Callen Corpi)**

Callen Corpi presented an overview of the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex Program) ( <http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/toolbox/RuralHealthITtoolbox/Introduction/flex.html> ). This program aims to improve access to preventive and emergency health care services for rural populations. The program provides federal grant funding to achieve this goal. The Flex Program also puts significant effort into designating Critical Access Hospitals. EMS plays a role in achieving their goal. The Board discussed ways in which EMS could utilize the federal grant funding to improve services to the Critical Access Hospital. The Board would like to use, if at all possible, the funds to also support their current priorities, i.e., waveform capnography, LEAD

program, Dispatch, etc. The Board should forward their ideas to the Executive Director Mel House no later than March 5, 2015. The first step will be to develop a needs assessment. The Division of EMS will meet and work with Ms. Corpi to develop the EMS portion of the grant. (Attachment 2 – A map Ohio's Critical Access Hospital & Rural Health Clinics and Attachment 3 - Ohio Critical Access Hospital List)

### **Division of EMS (DEMS) Annual Report (Mel House)**

Executive Director Mel House presented the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Service's annual report (PowerPoint – Attachment 4).

Some items discussed were:

- DEMS work distribution
- DEMS Organizational Chart
- Initial EMS & Fire Applications
- The number of all Active Certifications yearly comparison charts
- The number of EMS/Fire/Medical Transportation Investigations
  - Discussed the case classifications (criminal convictions/falsification/audit issues, etc.)
- Board (EMS) & Executive Director (Fire) Actions (Notice of Opportunity for Hearings, Chapter 119 Hearings, closed cases, Consent Agreements, Goldman Hearings
- The number of Medical Transportation (new, renewals, services, vehicles, inspections, etc.)

*The Board requested the number of Medical Transportation agencies lose their license that are ambulance vs ambulette agencies. Will follow up and report during the EMFTS Board meeting on February 19, 2015.*

- EMS Education (95 Accredited Institutions/610 CE Sites/201 on-site Inspections)
  - Fire Education (61 Chartered Institutions/Courses offered/21 on-site inspections)
  - Fire Education Updates (Database/Fire Charter Review/Fire Testing/Fire Training Rules/Live Fire Training)
  - EMS for Children (ED Categorization Program Development/ED Site Visits/Next Steps)
  - Grants (number of agencies funded/Total amount awarded (all priorities)
    - Agencies are not being funded due to their not reporting as required. Working to improve communications as to the value of the data obtained from these reports.
    - Continue to refine awards due declining funding. Priorities being developed.
  - Research and Analysis –there is a lot of data being collected. DEMS is working on ways to use and share that data, i.e., annual report.
  - Map of Ohio Designated Trauma Centers
    - 50 centers in Ohio
    - Board discussed the concern that there is only three burn centers in Ohio (2 in Columbus (1 pediatric/1 adult) and 1 in Cleveland).
- ACTION ITEM:** this concern will be forwarded to the Trauma Committee for further evaluation, assessment, and possible action.
- Naloxone Administration
    - In 2014 there were 15,210 reported Naloxone administrations by EMS – the scope of practice change by the Board has made an impact.
  - EMS Regional vs HLS Regions (map)
  - DEMS projects current working (Certificate process, Fire Reciprocity, EMSIRS migration, EMFTS Strategic plan, Priority 1 Grant Refinement, and etc...)

### **EMS Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS)(Tim Erskine)**

Tim Erskine reviewed and the Board discussed the draft *State of Ohio 2014 EMS Incident Reporting System Annual Data Report* (Attachment 5). The Board was asked to review the report and forward what other information that they would like to see in the report. The Board would like the completed report distributed to all EMS agencies; survey those agencies as to what additional information they would like to see added to the report. This report has the

potential to allow agencies to utilize the data for quality improvement, to set goals/priorities; compare their numbers to the National numbers; set benchmarks; and possibly used the information as rural collaborations; Medical Directors could use the data to ensure that their EMS agencies are providing care as required. The uses for the data are substantial.

The Board needs to determine how the information can be used/shared and then develop priorities accordingly. Perhaps form a Quality Improvement Committee to address this issue. Every EMFTS Board committee should be utilizing the data and focus on their individual committee quality improvement issues.

The Board would like to see the following completed:

- An updated report published and placed on the website for comment.
- Report to include a descriptor (full description, an explanation of what is contained in the report, how the information was obtained, how it can be used, etc.
- Create a Quality Improvement Committee
- Contact EMS Medical Directors & RPAB

**ACTION ITEM:** The Board request that the report be re-ran and brought before the Board at the April meeting for approval prior to publication/distribution. The report is to be distributed to the Board prior to the April meeting to allow time for review.

### **EMS Systems Development (Jim Davis)**

Jim Davis reported on the Strategic Plan, Key Focus Area – Priority Area #5: Data. The EMS Systems Development Committee reviewed several states as to what information was available regarding EMS crash data collection. A sample report from Michigan Public Health provided the best data. The Board was provided with a copy for review and discussion (Attachment #6). Although several states provided very good reports, Ohio is not one of them. It's very difficult to gather the same information in Ohio. Currently Ohio is not required to report EMS accidents. Even with the use of the vehicle crash database, the needed information is hard to retrieve or just not available.

Mr. Davis also reported Priority Area #2: Dispatch and Dispatch certification. Currently approximately 86.6% of all agencies require certifications. After review of the Summa Center for EMS Summa Akron City Hospital – “Characterization of Ohio EMS and Dispatch Systems” a Priority 5 Grant Final report, there may be other issues that need to be addressed more so than Dispatch certification. **ACTION ITEM:** The Board needs to decide if the EMS Systems Development Committee should continue with the dispatch certification issue. Chair Harris will follow up and report back.

### **Strategic Plan Review (Committee Chairs)**

The EMS Strategic Plan, Key Focus Areas (Attachment 7) were developed in February 2013. It was narrowed down to nine priority areas. Each Committee Chair presented an update of each priority in which they were assigned. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved to continue to address the following:

**Priority Area #1: Time-Critical Diagnosis.** Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton, Chair. The Committee has begun to bring together a much larger and diverse group to assist in determining how to move TCD forward. Headed in that direction, the Committee invited Dr. Michel Torbey, the medical director for Ohio State University's Neurovascular Stroke Center to attend the recent TCD meeting. In addition, Dr. Ernie Mazzaferri, who is the medical director of Ross Heart Hospital, has express interest in meeting with the TCD Committee to offer his feedback as well. The Committee has agreed that DEMS and/or the Board are not the best leads for this concept. The next step is to hold an all day summit and inviting cardiologists, clinicians. Reviewing other states' TCD programs (i.e., Missouri). As others get involved, the responsibility will need to move to another entity. For now, the Board will continue to move

forward and address Time-Critical Diagnosis issues. The Committee will also continue to reach out to others to get them more involved. It will need to be determined if this issue should be addressed as a best practice or needs a legislation change.

*Priority Area #2: Dispatch.* EMS System Development Committee, Jim Davis, Chair. The Board will need to determine if the Committee should move forward with pursuing Dispatch certification or expand to the gaps that have been identified by the EMS Summa Akron City Hospital – “Characterization of Ohio EMS and Dispatch Systems” report. **ACTION ITEM:** Committee to develop a follow-up survey to be sent to those agencies previously surveyed (obtain the contact information from Summa). The survey will be used to gather additional information regarding the identified gaps (i.e, pre-arrival instructions). The Committee will develop the questions and bring before the Board for approval.

*Priority Area #3: Education.* Education Committee, Pam Bradshaw, Chair. Most of the objectives have been completed and several others are near completion. Committee is currently working to develop the statewide clinical preceptor orientation; completing the education statewide video with Dr. Cunningham; and nearly complete with developing the statewide instructor techniques examination

*Priority Area #4: Medical Direction.* Medical Oversight Committee, Vacant, Chair Temporarily being led by Geoff Dutton until a replacement Chair is selected. Several objectives have been completed and others near completion. Currently working with the Education Committee to develop a Waveform Capnography education video.

*Priority Area #5: Data.* EMS System Development Committee, Jim Davis, Chair. As discussed during the EMSIRS report (above), the report may be used as the EMFTS annual report. The EMSIRS database transition is moving slower than anticipated. However, may be completed by the summer 2015.

DEMS is having difficulty in obtaining definite answer from the vendor working on the project (Digital Innovations) as to when the data will be available. **ACTION ITEM:** a letter to be developed from the Board and sent to Digital Innovations requesting that a status report is provided with projected competition dates.

The Committee will continue working towards completing the annual report; obtaining the auto accident data; finalizing a data usage and validation policy; single patient identifiers to be added to allow for the information to be linked (viable & statewide roll-out).

*Priority Area #6: Health and Safety.* EMS System Development Committee, Jim Davis Chair. Previously discussed. Committee will continue to move forward.

*Priority Area #7. Disaster Preparedness.* Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich, Chair.

- 1) *CHEMPACK.* Committee has completed all that it can in regards to CHEMPACK, still waiting for the Ohio Department of Health’s response. **ACTION ITEM:** Executive Director House to follow up the ODH for status update and report back to the Board.
- 2) *Improve state disaster planning to address the needs of children.* Complete
- 3) *Develop guidance for Crisis Standards of Care.* Complete
- 4) *Develop comprehensive database of EMS Resources.* Complete – maintained by the Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association, housed by the Columbus Fire Dispatch
- 5) *Active Shooter.* Position paper developed and will be presented to the Board for approval at the February 19, 2015 meeting.

*Priority Area #8. Specialty Care.* Specialty Care Subcommittee, Vacant – Chair

No report. Goals and objectives will need to be reevaluated and then possibly assigned to the Medical Transportation Committee and/or Critical Care Subcommittee. The Critical Care Subcommittee discussed the possibility of developing a specialty/critical care certification. However, a law change will be required. Update...the National Association of State EMS Officials produced and distributed their paper on Specialty Care Certifications (a national initiative).

*Priority Area #9: Community Paramedicine.* Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee, Deanna Harris, Chair. The goals and objectives have been completed or are ongoing. The Committee is on-hold until legislative change. Chief Porter Welch, Michelle Fitzgibbon, and the Fire Chiefs' Association working to draft language and are plan to introduce to legislation.

*Priority Area #10 for Medical Transportation.* Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein, Chair. The Medical Transportation Committee is currently developing the strategies and goals, key objectives, and the action steps. Once completed, these will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

All Committee Chairs are reminded to review the Strategic Plan – Key Focus Areas and forward any completed items to DEMS. This will allow for the continued accuracy of the progress of each area.

### **Open Meetings Act/Sunshine Law**

The Board has discussed on several occasions their desire to pursue law change to allow for a waiver for the EMFTS Board and Committees meetings. However, if there are no Board members' nominating organizations (or other agencies) willing to proceed with introducing a law change, the Board will no longer discuss this issue.

Dr. Steinberg discussed the possibility of having the language added to the Trauma Bill to include the EMFTS Board as well. The Board is asked to forward any language that they would like added to Dr. Steinberg ASAP. Chair Harris will review the current Trauma Bill language with the possibility of added additional language to include EMFTS Board.

### **RECESS**

**ACTION:** *Motion to recess until February 19, 2015 EMFTS Board meeting.* Ms. Bradshaw - First. Ms. Beaver – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting recessed at 4:57 p.m.

**MEETING:** *(at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.)*

- Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

*Attachments are available upon requests:*

- Attachment 1 – *Characterization of Ohio EMS and Dispatch System* report
- Attachment 2 – *Ohio's Critical Access Hospitals & Rural Health Clinics - Map*
- Attachment 3 – *Ohio Critical Access Hospital list*
- Attachment 4 – *EMS 2014 Annual Report/Review (PowerPoint)*
- Attachment 5 – *EMS Incident Report System Annual Report 2014 (DRAFT)*
- Attachment 6 – *Environmental Conditions from Michigan Crash Database*
- Attachment 7 – *EMFTS Board Strategic Plan – Key Focus Areas*

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**~ FINAL MEETING AGENDA ~**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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- **Roll Call**
  - **Welcome and Introductions**
  - **Open Forum**
  - **Review and Approval of Consent Agenda (posted to website prior to meeting)**, including minutes of the February 18, 2015 retreat and February 19, 2015 meeting and certifications, accreditations, and CE site requests for period February 18, 2015 – May 19, 2015.
  - **Report and Recommendation in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
    - EMS Case Number 2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant #166180
  - **EMS Goldmans in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-279-BE100, Kevin P. Kelly, EMS Certificate Number 10290
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-500-BE100, Casey T. Miller, EMS Certificate Number 142800
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-192-E300, Christine M. Griffith, EMS Certificate Number 106379
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-466-E300, Andrea M. Kaminski, EMS Certificate Number 140482
    - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-98-E300, Daniel A. Little, EMS Certificate Number 139775
  - **EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations, Melissa Vermillion and Staff**
    - **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22 (G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 (A)(2) or 4765.102(B).
  - **Reports**
    - **Chair's Report**, Deanna Harris
    - **State EMS Medical Director's Report**, Dr. Carol Cunningham
    - **Assistant Attorney General**, Brandon Duck
    - **EMS Staff Legal Counsel**, Anna Firestone
    - **EMS Legislative Liaison**, Alex Lapso
    - **Executive Director and Staff Reports**, Melvin House
      - **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests (Medical and Military)**, Jean Booze
      - **Education Requests**, Linda Mirarchi
      - **Medical Transportation Renewal Applications, New Services, New Headquarter and Satellite Locations, and Upgrade in Level of Service**, Dave Fiffick
  - **Board Committee Reports**
    - **Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare) Ad Hoc Committee**, Deanna Harris
    - **EMS-Children Committee**, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz
    - **EMS System Development Committee**, Jim Davis
      - **Homeland Security Subcommittee**, Mark Resanovich
    - **Education Committee**, Pam Bradshaw

- **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC)**, Geoff Dutton
- **Medical Transportation Committee**, Thomas Allenstein
  - **Critical Care Sub-Committee**, Julie Rose
- **Resource Management Committee**, Mark Resanovich
- **Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee**, Geoff Dutton
- **Trauma Committee**, Tim Erskine
  
- **Old Business**
  
- **New Business**
  - Request for EMR Fulltime Status Waiver, pursuant to 4765-12-01 OAC  
<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4765-12-01>
  - Action Items

**Adjournment (except for Fire Committee Members)**



STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2015
~ FINAL ~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Steven Jones, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Diane Simon, Dr. Steven Steinberg, Thomas Wappner and Dudley Wright II.

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Baute, James Davis, Ernest Hatmaker, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz and Dr. Thomas Tallman.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Anna Firestone, Dave Fiffick, Sherry Harkness, Natalie Haslage, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Ellen Owens, Robert Ruetenik, John Sands, Schuyler Schmidt, Joseph Stack, Diane Walton, and Rachel Zwayer.

Assistant Attorney General: Brandon Duck

Public Present: Jonathan Cabus, Peter Flowers, Sherri Kovach (Nationwide Children's), and Scott Starker.

EMS Rules Hearing ~ None

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:08 a.m.

Roll Call

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Lists board members and their attendance status.

Open Forum ~ None

Ms. Harris took a moment to recognize fallen firefighter, Daryl Gordon of Cincinnati, who was killed in the line of duty. Ms. Harris stated, "He gave his all" and she requested that everyone keep him and his family in their thoughts.

### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Harris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting, including the EMFTS Board retreat minutes of February 18, 2015, EMFTS Board meeting minutes of February 19, 2015, the certifications, and CE site requests for period May 20, 2015 – June 16, 2015.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items including the February 19, 2015 EMFTS Board meeting minutes and the February 18, 2015 EMFTS retreat meeting minutes, the certifications, and CE site requests for period February 18, 2015 - May 19, 2015. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

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### **Report and Recommendation**

Ms. Harris introduced herself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on one report and recommendations in the matters of:

- *EMS Case Number 2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant Number 166180*

The respondent did not file objections to the report and recommendation. Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Brandon Duck for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

AAG Duck presented EMS Case Number 2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant Number 166180. Mr. Starker's hearing was held on January 13, 2015. Previously Mr. Starker was a certified EMT in New York and was convicted of two felonies for arson from 1998 and 1999. Mr. Starker received a concurrent 4 to 12 year sentence, served 8 years and was paroled in 2006. Today he is 42 years old and lives in Fairborn, Ohio. He went to Fortis College in Centerville, Ohio for EMT training, sat for the National Registry exam, applied for a basic EMT card.

The report and recommendation has been provided by the hearing officer who has heard all the evidence and the witnesses. AAG Duck did not endorse or offer another recommendation; only a summation of this matter.

AAG Duck introduced Mr. Starker who was in attendance and presented his testimony to the Board.

Mr. Starker stated that he understood the seriousness of the offenses. However, he has turned his life around. He asked for an opportunity to receive his EMT certificate and to prove people are capable of change. Mr. Starker stated he completed his parole, the mental health evaluation, and the BCI background check.

No questions from the Board.

Having heard AAG Duck's synopsis and recommendations for the case and Mr. Starker's statement, Ms. Harris requested a motion to adjourn and go into private session.

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***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

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### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose *arrived 10:13 a.m.	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:28 a.m.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case #2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant Number 166180, the Board confirms and approves the findings of fact, conclusions of law; however, rejects the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner. The Board moves to reject and modify the recommendation issued based upon the egregious nature of the two felony convictions for arson, third-degree felonies, in violation of New York Penal Code 150.10. The Board rejects the proposed recommendation and denies Mr. Starker's application for EMT. Mr. Wright – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Resanovich, and Mr. Jones– abstained. Motion approved.***

### **Goldman Proceedings**

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceeding to order at 10:32 a.m. on May 20, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present. There were five adjudications. The proceedings were in the matter of:

- *EMS Case Number 2013-279-BE100, Kevin P. Kelly, EMS Certificate Number 10290,*
- *EMS Case Number 2013-500-BE100, Casey T. Miller, EMS Certificate Number 142800,*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-98-E300, Daniel A. Little, EMS Certificate Number 139775,*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-192-E300, Christine M. Griffith, EMS Certificate Number 106379 and,*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-466-E300, Andrea M. Kaminski, EMS Certificate Number 140482.*

The proceedings were an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the case, the proceeding was held before the Board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but may be present to hear the proceeding and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceeding in the board packet. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Office of the Division of EMS.

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Brandon Duck for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

As each Board member received the affidavits for each case to review prior to the meeting, AAG Duck briefly presented a summary of each case:

There were five Goldman cases where no hearing was requested

- Kevin P. Kelly – EMT Basic and also dual certified. Mr. Kelly was convicted of *Complicity, Unauthorized Compensation Prohibited*. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Kelly's basic EMT certificate.
- Casey T. Miller – submitted renewal application for EMT Intermediate Certificate and is dual certified. Mr. Miller has 8 convictions of *Voyeurism* from 3 different courts of law. Mr. Miller would photograph women while in tanning beds at various locations which resulted in 8 separate convictions. Based on his pattern of behavior and the seriousness of the crime, AAG Duck's recommendation is to revoke his advanced emergency medical technician certificate.
- Daniel A. Little, Christine M. Griffith, and Andrea M. Kaminski - CE Audit cases. EMS certificate renewal applications were submitted by Mr. Little for an EMT-Basic, Ms. Griffith for an EMT-Intermediate, and Ms. Kaminski for an EMT-Basic. Random audit notices were sent as were notices of hearing. All of these individuals were non-responsive and did not request a hearing.

AAG Duck's recommendation was to deny renewal applications and revoke these certificates.

Having heard AAG Duck's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Ms. Harris requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavit and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

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***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceeding closed at 10:38 a.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the proceeding will continue by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondents.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

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***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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**Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:53 a.m.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-279-BE100, Kevin P. Kelly, EMS Certificate Number 10290, the Board finds that Mr. Kelly was convicted of Complicity, Unauthorized Compensation Prohibited, a first-degree misdemeanor. Mr. Kelly was in violation of the Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c); therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Kelly's emergency medical technician certificate.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-500-BE100, Casey T. Miller, EMS Certificate Number 142800, the Board finds that Mr. Miller was convicted of six (6) counts Voyeurism, all second degree misdemeanors; Voyeurism, a third-degree misdemeanor; and Voyeurism, a third-degree misdemeanor. Mr. Miller violated Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c); therefore the Board moves to deny Mr. Miller's renewal application and revoke Mr. Miller's advanced emergency medical technician certificate.*** Mr. Wright – First Ms. Beavers – Second None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Resanovich, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Appelhans – abstained. Motion failed due to lack of quorum.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-98-E300, Daniel A. Little, EMS Certificate Number 139775, the Board finds that Mr. Little failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Little's emergency medical technician certificate to practice.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-192-E300, Christine M. Griffith, EMS Certificate Number 106379, the Board finds that Ms. Griffith failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), 4765-16-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Griffith's advanced emergency medical technician certificate.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-466-E300, Andrea M. Kaminski, EMS Certificate Number 140482, the Board finds that Ms. Kaminski failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Kaminski's emergency medical technician certificate. Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

**The Board discussed the previous motion regarding EMS Case #2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker. Due to four abstentions the motion fails. The motion was amended as follows:**

***ACTION*** In the matter of EMS Case #2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant Number 166180, the Board confirms and approves the findings of fact, conclusions of law, however, reject the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner. The Board moves to reject and modify the recommendation issued based upon the egregious nature of the two felony convictions for Arson, third-degree felonies, in violation of New York Penal Code 150.10. The Board rejects the proposed recommendation and denies Mr. Starker's application for EMT. Mr. Wright – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Resanovich, and Mr. Jones– abstained. **Motion failed.** Revisit in June 2015.

### **EMS Investigations**

***ACTION:*** Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B) at 11:02 a.m. Mr. McNutt – First Mr. Wappner - Second

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 11:42 a.m.

***ACTION:*** Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements: Mr. Wright – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-26-BE500	2014-625-BE300	2014-693-E400	2015-48-BE100
2014-150-E100	2014-648-E500	2015-28-E100	2015-59-BE100
2014-383-BE100		2015-32-E500	2015-64-BE100

***ACTION:*** Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement: Mr. Wappner – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Opposed - Mr. Dutton, Ms. Beavers, Mr. Wappner, Mr. Appelhans, Mr. Wright, Mr. McNutt, Dr. Steinberg, Ms. Simons, Ms. Rose, and Mr. Jones. Abstain - Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. **Motion failed.**

2014-440-E100 \*vacate hearing

***ACTION:*** Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreements: Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-404-ET500

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violation of ORC and/or OAC:*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-152-BE100 2014-385-E300*rescind NOH/vacate hearing 2014-448-BE100 2014-472-E300*rescind NOH/vacate hearing 2014-531-E300*rescind NOH/vacate hearing	2014-548-BE100 2014-662-E100 2014-674-E500 2014-677-BE100 2014-694-E300*Flag for complaint audit at renewal	2014-695-E300*Flag for complaint audit at renewal 2014-697-E100 2015-9-E100 2015-29-E100 2015-58-E100	2015-77-ET400 2015-80-ET500 2015-82-ET500 2015-176-ET500 2014-539-E300
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***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The Board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies:*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-316-E300 2014-370-E300	2014-373-E300*Rescind NOH 2014-450-E300	2014-571-E300
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***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals did not supply required documentation; therefore, their applications were rendered incomplete:*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-90-E100
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***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-138-E300 2012-257-E300	2013-172-E100 2013-636-E100	2014-177-BE100
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***ACTION: Motion to close the following education cases.*** Mr. Wappner – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2011-945-E300 *Renew certificate of approval 2014-620-E500 2014-621-E500	2014-666-E300 2015-86-E300 *Issue a warning letter
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***ACTION: Motion to Issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2013-436-BE100 2014-492-E300 2014-493-E300	2014-498-E300 2014-511-BE100 2014-529-E300	2014-633-BE100
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***ACTION: Motion to close the following 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, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-686-E100 2014-688-BE100 2014-698-BE100 2014-700-BE100 2015-43-E100 2015-49-E100 2015-63-BE100	2015-65-E100 2015-66-BE100 2015-71-E100 2015-76-E100 2015-78-BE100 2015-81-E100 2015-94-E100	2015-100-E100 2015-108-E100 2015-110-BE100 2015-111-E100 2015-114-BE100 2015-119-BE100 2015-122-E100	2015-127-E100 2015-131-E100 2015-138-E100 2015-139-E100 2015-141-E100
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## **REPORTS:**

### **EMS Board Chair Report, Deanna Harris (Chair)**

Ms. Harris thanked the Board for their time and dedication to this very important role, especially during EMS Week. The work of the Board members is very important and it is an honor to sit in these seats. Ms. Harris reminded the Board members that it is their responsibility to ensure that they are representing their nominating organizations, the citizens of Ohio, and certificate holders by attending as many EMFTS Board meetings as possible. If they are unable to attend, Board members must notify the Division of EMS to ensure that a quorum will be present at the meeting. Ms. Harris wished everyone a happy EMS Week.

She suggested that the Board continue to interact with EMS providers and firefighters and inquire as to how the Board might serve them better, inform them of current Board projects, and how they can become involved.

Ms. Harris congratulated Dr. Cunningham on her reappointment to the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC). Ms. Harris expressed how it is an honor to have Dr. Cunningham represent the EMS Medical Director sector and thanked her for serving the EMFTS Board and lending her expertise.

### **State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

#### *The Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB)*

- The RPAB is in the process of transitioning to the new regions. A list will be provided at the next Board meeting for approvals. An EMS agency in RPAB Region IV lost its Medical Director, and they presented a new candidate who, unfortunately, did not meet the requirements to request a waiver from the Board. RPAB members in Region IV have assisted the EMS agency to find a physician to serve as a medical director. A physician willing to serve has been identified; however, he will require a waiver from the Board to serve as the medical director. After a short discussion it was decided Dr. Cunningham will present the application to the Board on June 17, 2015 after the candidate's request and credentials have been reviewed and approved by the RPAB chairs.

#### *Ohio Association of EMS Annual Meeting, July 23, 2015*

- Dr. Cunningham and EMS Executive Director Melvin House will attend to answer questions during a live and in person AskEMS session. Dr. Cunningham will present a lecture on "The Role of EMS Preparedness and Community Resilience."

#### *Ohio Opiate Action Committee, Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team*

- The medical directors of each state agency are providing recommendations to the Governor's Cabinet on guidelines for physicians and patients with regards to education on pain management and expectations and appropriate analgesic prescribing.
- Dr. Cunningham was invited by the White House to speak with Deputy Director Leary, Office of National Drug Control Policy. They had an extensive conversation regarding Ohio's program and what has been done to expand the opportunities to engage law enforcement and communities. They also discussed options for the proper path to take since naloxone is now being provided to laypersons.
- As a follow-up to the discussion with the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy, Dr. Cunningham was invited to join a teleconference with Richard Frank, the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

During teleconference discussion 3 items were highlighted regarding naloxone administration by non-EMS personnel

- Training
- Physician medical direction
- Benefits EMS have over law enforcement and laypersons to decide the proper patient who would benefit from naloxone administration. She suggested modeling the protocol for laypersons and law enforcement personnel to a matrix similar to the American Heart Association's STEMI and stroke guidelines by activating 911 before administering naloxone. The data regarding long-term patient outcomes is also lacking.

#### **Assistant Attorney General, Brandon Duck**

AAG Duck stated there are two lawsuits pending; Kevin Miller and Robert Oldham. Therefore, there are no updates due to pending court action.

AAG Duck highlighted the Supreme Court case *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners vs. Federal Trade Commission* that affects anyone with a regulatory function over those with licenses or certificates. The Supreme Court's decision in February 2015 stated if one serves on a board and there are a controlling number of board members that makes decisions to affect the market, then one would not have state immunity from anti-trust claims. The Attorney General's office will continue to monitor the situation as it relates to this EMFTS Board.

#### **EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone**

Nothing to report.

#### **EMS Legislative Liaison, Alex Lapso**

*Executive Director Melvin House introduced Alex Lapso and welcomed him as the new EMS Legislative Liaison since Andrew Spencer transferred to the BMV.*

Alex Lapso stated there are some new pieces of legislation that have been recently introduced

- Senate Bill 125 which would allow teachers and school personnel to barricade the door shut using a removable device in an emergency situation with an assailant on the premises or in the school.
- HB 187 which would allow first responders to stabilize an injured animal in an emergency. The sponsor of the bill and members of the committee are looking to offer an amendment to clarify the definition of an animal; specifically to clarify that it be a service or companion animal.
- Senator Lehner introduced Senate Bill 165 and some concerns were raised by the Division of EMS.
- Trauma Board bill update – it was hopeful the fourth version would have been introduced; however, there were changes, and now there will be a fifth version.

Executive Director House requested that the Board members review these bills to determine how they will affect their services, and then work with their representatives to address any concerns.

#### **Executive Director and Staff Reports ~ Melvin House**

*State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS)*

- Seat 10: EMS Provider – remains vacant

#### *Staff Vacancies*

- *Grants Administrator – Certification/Grants Section.* Interviews completed April 6, 2015. A candidate was selected, and a recommendation to hire was submitted to Human Resources (HR) on April 7, 2015. The candidate declined the position. A second choice recommendation sent to HR, and the background check process is underway.

- *Administrative Professional 2 – Certification/Grants Section.* Jan Deppner, who transferred from the BMV, accepted the position; however, she is currently on medical leave.
- *Administrative Professional 1/ Customer Service Assistant 1 – Certification/Grants Section.* Sarah Hall, a transfer from the BMV, started on April 20, 2015.
- *Administrative Professional 2/ Customer Service Assistant 2 – Medical Transportation Section.* Position filled. New employee, Cynthia Gossard, started on April 6, 2015.
- *Administrative Professional 4 – Board Secretary/EMS Administrative Assistant.* Valerie Koker started on May 4, 2015.
- *Administrative Professional 2 – Certification/Grants Section.* AP2 Dawn Vondracek transferred to the OSHP effective March 8, 2015. Executive Director House is working with ODPS Admin and HR to fill the position.

#### *IT Project*

- Fire testing is being revised and should be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Certification rebuilding will resume on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Discovery sessions have been completed with IT and DEMS sections to establish project order and timeline.
- AHA Mission: Lifeline:
  - Comprehensive initiative to implement a STEMI system of care throughout Ohio to improve the quality of care and patient outcomes by improving the timelines of care.
  - 51 agencies in Ohio are considered “high-functioning” and “high-quality”.
  - By state, Ohio had the second most recognized agencies in the U.S.
- Meetings/Conferences:
  - *3/18/2015.* Executive Director House provided a Division of EMS/EMFTS Board update at the Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association Winter Symposium at the Hyatt Capital Square.
  - *3/28/2015.* Executive Director House presented an overview of the Division of EMS, EMFTS Board, rules and laws at the New Fire Chiefs’ Symposium hosted by the State Fire Marshal at the Ohio Fire Academy.
  - *5/13/2015.* Trauma Assessment, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, State Fire Marshal's Office / Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.
  - *5/18/2015.* Ohio EMS Conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Executive Director House advised the Board that the EMS staff struggle when Board meetings are cancelled. Board members reminded to rsvp if unable to attend Board and/or Committee meetings. Extenuating situations are understandable, however, there are only six Board meetings a year and would be appreciated if these meetings are made a priority due to quorum issues. In addition, it is also important to those waiting for their certifications. All of the Board member’s attendance is appreciated.

#### **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze**

Jean Booze reported that, from February 12, 2015 to April 8, 2015, there were 124 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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**ACTION: Motion to approve EMS extension requests.** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that during February 12, 2015 to April 8, 2015, there were 2,322 new EMS certifications and 2,198 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

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**ACTION: Motion to approve new certifications.** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions requests. There was one CE exemption request due to military exemption requests from an individual who is dual-certified and still on active duty (#2015-4-01). There was one EMS provider who is only requesting medical hardship exemption (2015-4-5). All supporting documentation has been received for these two requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve exemption requests for #2015-4-01 and #2015-4-5.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Education – John Sands**

National Accreditation Update

- 45 Ohio Accredited Paramedic Training
- 17 CAAHEP Accredited Paramedic Training
- 25 CoAEMSP Letter of Reviews
- 2 Independent Self Study Reviews
- 1 Preparing to have meeting with Director House

### **Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick**

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of March, April, May and June 2015. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of March, April, May and June 2015.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein (CEMS of Ohio) – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (14 Ambulettes/3 Ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new service.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Bradshaw - Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation for new headquarters (2 ambulettes/1 ambulance) and satellite location applications (2 ambulettes/4 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new headquarters and satellite location applications.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. Mr. Allenstein (Med Flight of Ohio) – abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **EMFTS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee, Deanna Harris**

Ms. Harris requested a motion for a waiver to go above 15 committee members for the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc committee.

Discussion regarding why new members are necessary.

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***ACTION: Motion to go above 15 committee members for the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc committee.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Amend the Motion to go above 15 committee members to a motion to cap the number of committee members to 18 for the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc committee.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstain. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Motion to remove Geoff Dutton from the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc committee.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. Mr. Dutton- abstain. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Jeffrey Bruggeman, Tristan Coomer, Adam Howard, Jonathan Lever, Natasha Meinert, and Janel Scarbrough to the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc committee.*** Mr. McNutt– First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. Mr. Dutton- abstain. Motion approved.

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Ms. Harris stated the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association have sent out a legislative alert and requesting to contact senators. Work is being done to add language to Substitute HB 64.

Next meeting for this committee is scheduled for June 16, 2015.

#### **EMS Awards Ad Hock Committee , Deanna Harris**

Ms. Harris stated that a conference call was held with EMS Staff to clarify questions regarding donations. Awards are typically given in September, however, the timeline is too soon to do a respectable presentation. Award ceremony will be in May 2016.

#### **EMS-Children Committee (EMSC), Joe Stack**

Previous meeting was held April 14, 2015.

The 2014 "Equipment for Ground Ambulances" pre-hospital equipment list has been reviewed and recommended by the EMS for Children Committee and the Medical Transportation Committee, to replace the 2009 "Equipment for Ambulances" list as the Board endorsed the list for Ohio EMS agencies. Dr. Naa Allotey, EMSC Project Director, is reviewing the list for compatibility with the Ohio EMS Grants list.

Dr. Naa Allotey is working with Ohio's pediatric hospitals to recruit physicians and nurses to serve as site reviewers for the Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared program.

The EMS for Children Committee has begun planning for a workshop in 2016 to focus on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors.

Joe Stack is working with Carol Jacobson of the Ohio Hospital Association and Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove of the EMSC Committee to schedule a meeting of the Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition later this year.

Tim Erskine and Joe Stack presented the "Concepts in Process Improvement" workshop at the Ohio EMS Conference on Monday, May 18, 2015. Twenty (20) EMS providers participated in the workshop.

Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove is working on a third annual Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference for Thursday, September 17 , 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety; topic areas are TBA.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2015.

#### **EMS System Development. (Deanna Harris)**

Ms. Harris, on behalf of Committee Chair Mr. Davis, requested a motion to add the following members to the EMS System Development Committee for 2015: Mr. Barry Seth, Mr. Herb de la Porte, and Mr. Vincent Gildone.

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***ACTION: Motion to appoint members Barry Seth and Herb de la Porte and Vincent Gildone to the EMS System Development Committee for 2015:*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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### **Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich**

Homeland Security Subcommittee met and received the revisions from ODH for the Chempack program. The committee is reviewing the revisions and at the next meeting will respond to ODH. Also discussed was ODH's response to the Ebola plan that involves EMS. Concerns were directed to Executive Director House.

Working on Strategic plan, development of the Chempack technical assistance teams. The committee is putting that into place and offering assistance to ODH and as a resource for technical assistance.

During the Board retreat there was a presentation from the Committee regarding active shooter incidents. During that time the Board was presented a position paper which included EMS involvement in active shooter response.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to appoint Mr. Barry Seth and Mr. Raymond Friedmann as new members of the Homeland Security Subcommittee for 2015.

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***ACTION: Motion to appoint Barry Seth and Raymond Friedmann to the Homeland Security Subcommittee for 2015:*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Motion to remove member Paul Thomas from the Homeland Security Subcommittee for 2015:*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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### **Education, Pam Bradshaw**

The Education Committee has had two meetings since the last Board meeting. Items that have been discussed are as follows:

- Five-Year Rule Review for OAC 4765-9-02: Professional standards of conduct for holders of certificate to teach.
- Strategic Plan and goals for the upcoming year.
- Discussion as to capacity needs assessment for all of Ohio areas related to education of EMS providers. The committee reviewed EMSIRS to determine if any data from the database could be used. The data points were reviewed and the committee would like to see some data points added such as capacity needs of certain areas in Ohio.
- The committee is currently reviewing the Developing a Performance Improvement Plan Program report and how the committee can educate consistently for all EMS agencies and determine how to assist training institutions with a performance improvement plan for educational programs.
- The committee, along with Dr. Cunningham, reviewed a prototype online capnography course developed by UTMC emergency medicine residents and produced by James Rhodes State College. Once finalized the course will be available on the Ohio EMS Website.
- The committee would like to present some issues regarding capnography to the MOC committee for their review at the next meeting.
- The committee will be working on some questions for an upcoming survey to be sent out for all instructors on the instructor list serve. More information to follow on this survey.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to add Mr. Kristopher Alexander to the Education committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Kristopher Alexander to the Education Committee for 2015:*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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**Medical Oversight Committee (MOC), Geoff Dutton**

The last meeting was held on April 14, 2015 and the next meeting will be June 16, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The committee continued a discussion regarding the electronic transmission 12-lead EKG. Dr. Cunningham is developing a white paper for committee review and when complete will be presented to the Board for consideration and approval

Discussed the specialty care transport code, scope of practice, and billing questions. Julie Rose will attend the next meeting to discuss in more detail.

“AskEMS” received an inquiry regarding the possibility of expanding the scope of practice, in response to the rising costs of auto-injectors. The committee’s recommendation was not to change the scope of practice for economic reasons.

Another “AskEMS” question received and discussed was regarding the use of intranasal tampons and whether its use is outside the scope of practice. The committee discussed and agreed their use is outside the current scope of practice.

The Board discussed the use of intranasal and why their use is indeed outside of the Ohio EMS scope of practice. However, the concern was that many agencies are currently using intranasal tampons although it is outside the scope of practice. The Board requested that a broadcast be sent out to all agencies through listserv.

***Action Item:*** Dr. Cunningham will develop an informational memo regarding intranasal tampons and it will be placed on the EMS listserv.

**Medical Transportation Committee (MTC) – Tom Allenstein**

The committee did not meet in April and the next meeting will be June 16, 2015.

Mr. Allenstein stated there was an oversight at the last meeting and one of the committee members was not placed for reappointment. Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to add Paul Wright to the Medical Transportation Committee

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***ACTION: Motion to reappoint Paul Wright as a member to the Medical Transportation Committee for 2015:*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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**Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose:**

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

The Committee will be having a dialogue regarding certain transports and clarification of additional training for those transports. Since this is a new committee, they will be deliberating on that topic using many different definitions to consider from around the country.

**Resource Management Committee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich reported there were five different research organizations requesting research grant extensions. The committee has reviewed these requests and the recommendation is to approve the requests from University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital who has three research grants and the University of Akron.

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***ACTION: Motion to grant the extension requests of the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and University of Akron.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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The Resource Management Committee received and are currently reviewing the grading scale from the Independent Trauma System. Their recommendations for Priority 2 through 5 will be presented to the Board in June 2015 for review and approval of the grant requests.

Grant funding for SFY 2016 is approximately \$2.9 million compared to \$2.8 million in SFY 2015. The concern remains that many agencies continue to leave grant money unspent at the end of each grant cycle. Those funds are then returned to the State of Ohio, it cannot be rolled over or granted to another agency, it is simply lost. This could result in less funding in the future.

A discussion was conducted regarding dollar amounts and the distinction between transporting and non-transporting parameters.

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***ACTION: Motion to reduce the maximum award of \$1500 to \$500 if any non-transporting agency has more than \$300 unspent for the current grant cycle.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Motion to reduce the maximum award of \$2500 to \$1500 if any transporting agency has more than \$300 unspent for the current grant cycle.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Next month, the Board will receive the recommendations for awarding grants. Mr. Resanovich stated that they have awarded grants where the full amount of money is received; however, some are noncompliant with the grant by not submitting the final report to the Board. Recommendation that those who are not compliant will not be eligible for future grants.

#### **Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Mr. Dutton**

A stakeholders' meeting will be held September 25, 2015 in Pickerington at the BWC. A large group will meet then break off into smaller groups for a work session. The meeting will be all day and the focus will be on reaching out to key physician groups. Guest speakers from other states who have some form of a time-critical diagnosis system already established will give their perspectives. An online reservation system will be put in place.

Mr. Dutton thanked EMS Staff for all the work they have done.

#### **Trauma Committee, Dr. Steinberg**

Tim Erskine hosted a meeting with attendance of 60 to 65 to rescore the state's trauma system based on the trauma system's evaluation tool. Ohio has improved from 17% to 32%.

Sponsors of the trauma bill were hopeful that version 4 would be introduced to the legislature; however, Representative Grossman will submit version 5 after the budget has been completed.

#### **EMS Supporting System, Tim Erskine**

Mr. Erskine submitted a draft of the first annual EMSIRS report. This report is new to EMS; no other state does this report. At this point, we cannot tell if the numbers are due to bad documentation, bad care, or both. Dr. Steinberg stated the importance of the EMSIRS report because data shows us how we are doing. Not only should better care be given, it should be documented to provide the data.

The EMS Compass project develops national level performance measures. When the report is released in June of next year we will incorporate those measures into this report.

Ms. Rose suggested adding critical care to the data.

**Action Item:** Tim Erskine to send the draft of the annual EMSIRS report to the committee chairs so they may possibly add additional information and determine what information can be extracted and be useful.

**Action Item:** Ms. Harris requested that Dr. Cunningham develop and submit an informational write up to be published with the EMSIRS report.

**Action Item:** Ms. Harris requested that a motion be presented at the next meeting to post the EMSIRS report on the EMS website. (Agenda Item)

Tim Erskine thanked Ryan Frick for extracting the data and formatting it for the report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Ms. Harris addressed the following Action Items.*

- Trauma Committee – only three burn centers in Ohio (*has not been addressed to date*)
- Trauma – EMSIRS report (*will revisit at June meeting*)
- EMS Systems Development – Dispatch certification (contacted by Cuyahoga County, who has a dispatch class. They are looking at doing some work and furthering dispatch education. (*In progress.*))
- EMS Systems Development – Survey (*In progress*)
- Education – Reciprocity certification. (*In progress*)
- Medical Transportation – Goals and Objectives (*Completed*)
- Medical Transportation – Homeland Security Update (*In progress*)

Ms. Beavers has received phone calls regarding background checks. Per Ms. Harris, this is being addressed by EMS Systems Development Committee.

As a reminder, Ms. Rose, stated there may be a potential issue with purchasing ambulances under the new requirements. No resolution is available at this time. A discussion regarding the federal standards as it relates to Ohio and possible legislation. Also discussed was what would need to be done in order to comply with the new standards.

**Announcement:** Firefighters' Behavioral Health, suicide intervention, May 27, 2015 at 9:00 pm, stations are requesting agencies/organizations to bring one of their vehicles out with lights on to signify mental health for firefighters and EMS and in addition, if the department has had a suicide, light a candle for that person outside.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Request for a Waiver Under 4765-12-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code for Fulltime EMR
  - Received written requests from Larry Zalesny, Fire Chief, Lafferty Fire Department and Dustin Hudak to be a paid EMR.
  - The Board considered and discussed a range of issues regarding the waiver.
    - Concerns of lowering the standard of care.
    - Discussed time of waiver, and they did not want the waiver to be indefinite.
    - Board has not approved waivers in the past, and there is no precedence regarding this matter.

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**ACTION: Motion to deny the request for a Waiver under 4765-12-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code for fulltime EMR.** Mr. McNutt - First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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**Action Item:** Executive Director House to send notification of the Board's decision regarding the Waiver.

Ms. Harris announced the opportunity for additional education at the Fire and EMS Expo, September 24-25, 2015 to be held at the Columbus Convention Center. Two tracks on mobile integrated health care and critical care have been added. Anyone who wishes to lecture should submit a proposal as soon as possible. Registration can be completed online.

Ms. Harris requested for insight of recognizing line of duty deaths by the Board. This matter will be discussed at the June Board meeting.

Mr. Resanovich requested clarification regarding the 1-hour training course online as to if it was a requirement or an option. Mr. Sands stated it is an option to take the class through an accredited in class course or the online course.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Mr. Allenstein - First. Ms. Rose – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

- Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services  
1970 W. Broad Street, Conference Room 134 (Motorcycle Room)  
Columbus, Ohio 43223**

**~ FINAL MEETING AGENDA ~**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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- **Roll Call**
  - **Welcome and Introductions**
  - **Open Forum**
  - **Review and Approval of Consent Agenda (posted to website prior to meeting)**, including minutes of the May 20, 2015 meeting and certifications, accreditations, and CE site requests for period May 19, 2015 – June 16, 2015.
  - **Report and Recommendation in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
    - EMS Case Number 2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant #166180
  - **EMS Goldmans in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
    - EMS Case Number 2013-500-BE100, Casey T. Miller, EMS Certificate Number 142800
    - EMS Case Number 2013-661-E300, Donald J. Burnett, EMS Certificate Number 12380
    - EMS Case Number 2013-684-E300 Dennis A. Murphy, EMS Certificate Number 147639
    - EMS Case Number 2014-193-E300 Thomas L. Barton, EMS Certificate Number 1130
    - EMS Case Number 2014-284-E500, Jennifer M. Valdez, EMS Certificate Number 162405
    - EMS Case Number 2014-485-E300, Walter E. Laser, EMS Certificate Number 157423
  - **EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations, Melissa Vermillion and Staff**
    - **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22 (G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 (A)(2) or 4765.102(B).
  - **Reports**
    - **Chair's Report**, Deanna Harris
    - **State EMS Medical Director's Report**, Dr. Carol Cunningham
    - **Assistant Attorney General**, Brandon Duck
    - **EMS Staff Legal Counsel**, Anna Firestone
    - **EMS Legislative Liaison**, Alex Lapso
    - **Executive Director and Staff Reports**, Melvin House
      - **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests (Medical and Military)**, Jean Booze
      - **Education Requests**, Linda Mirarchi
      - **Medical Transportation Renewal Applications, New Services, New Headquarter and Satellite Locations, and Upgrade in Level of Service**, Dave Fiffick
  - **Board Committee Reports**
    - **Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare) Ad Hoc Committee**, Deanna Harris
    - **EMS-Children Committee**, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz
    - **EMS System Development Committee**, Jim Davis
      - **Homeland Security Subcommittee**, Mark Resanovich
    - **Education Committee**, Pam Bradshaw

- **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC)**, Geoff Dutton
- **Medical Transportation Committee**, Thomas Allenstein
  - **Critical Care Sub-Committee**, Julie Rose
- **Resource Management Committee**, Mark Resanovich
- **Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee**, Geoff Dutton
- **Trauma Committee**, Tim Erskine
  
- **Old Business**
  
- **New Business**
  - Action Items

**Adjournment (except for Fire Committee Members)**



STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2015
~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Ernest Hatmaker, Steven Jones, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Diane Simon, Dr. Steven Steinberg, Dr. Thomas Tallman, Thomas Wappner and Dudley Wright II.

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Baute, James Davis, and Dr. Hamilton Schwartz.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Anna Firestone, Dave Fiffick, Ryan Frick, Sherry Harkness, Natalie Haslage, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, Carol Palantekin, Robert Ruetenik, John Sands, Schuyler Schmidt, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton, and Rachel Zwyer.

Assistant Attorney General: Brandon Duck

Public Present: Barry Seth (LaGrange Fire Department) and Scott Starker.

EMS Rules Hearing ~ None

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Lists board members and their attendance status.

Open Forum ~ None

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Harris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the May 20, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period May 19, 2015 to June 16, 2015 with the addition of the addendum Approval #1278; new expiration date of March 31, 2016 for Troy Township Fire Department in Richland County. The following correction to the May minutes were noted and will be revised accordingly prior to posting as "final". Remove the words "due to lack of quorum" on page six regarding EMS Case #2014-208-E100 of the EMFTS minutes of May 20, 2015.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the May 20, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period May 19, 2015 to June 16, 2015 with the addition of the addendum Approval #1278, new expiration date of March 31, 2016 for Troy Township Fire Department in Richland County.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Rose – Second. Ms. Bradshaw abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

## **Report and Recommendation**

Ms. Harris introduced herself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on one report and recommendations in the matters of:

- *EMS Case Number 2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant Number 166180*

The respondent did not file objections to the report and recommendation. Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Brandon Duck for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

AAG Duck introduced Mr. Starker who was in attendance. AAG Duck presented EMS Case Number 2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant Number 166180. Mr. Starker's hearing was held on January 13, 2015. Previously Mr. Starker was a certified EMT in New York and was convicted of two felonies for arson from 1998 and 1999. Mr. Starker received a concurrent 4 to 12 year sentence, served 8 years and was paroled in 2006. Today he is 42 years old and lives in Fairborn, Ohio. He went to Fortis College in Centerville, Ohio for EMT training, sat for the National Registry exam, and applied for a basic EMT card.

The report and recommendation has been provided by the hearing officer who has heard all the evidence and the witnesses. AAG Duck did not endorse or offer another recommendation; only a summation of this matter.

AAG Duck asked Mr. Starker if he wished to address the Board.

Mr. Starker stated that he understood the seriousness of the offenses. However, he reported that he has turned his life around. Mr. Starker stated he completed his parole, maintained employment since being in Ohio in 2010, attended Fortis College, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He asked for an opportunity to receive his EMT certificate.

No questions from the Board.

Having heard AAG Duck's synopsis and recommendations for the case and Mr. Starker's statement, Ms. Harris requested a motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation.

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Allenstein– First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:33 a.m.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case #2014-208-E100, Scott D. Starker, EMS Applicant Number 166180, the Board confirms and approves the findings of fact, conclusions of law; however, rejects the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner. The Board moves to reject and modify the recommendation issued based upon the egregious nature of the two felony convictions for arson, third-degree felonies, in violation of New York Penal Code 150.10. The Board rejects the proposed recommendation and denies Mr. Starker's application for EMT.*** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

### **Goldman Proceedings**

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceeding to order at 10:37 a.m. on June 17, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present. There were five adjudications. The proceedings were in the matter of:

- EMS Case Number 2013-500-BE100, Casey T. Miller, EMS Certificate Number 142800,
- EMS Case Number 2013-661-E300, Donald J. Burtnett, EMS Certificate Number 12380
- EMS Case Number 2013-684-E300 Dennis A. Murphy, EMS Certificate Number 147639
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The proceedings were an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the case, the proceeding was held before the Board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but may be present to hear the proceeding and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceeding in the board packet. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Office of the Division of EMS.

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Brandon Duck for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

As each Board member received the affidavits for each case to review prior to the meeting, AAG Duck briefly presented a summary of each case:

There were six Goldman cases where no hearing was requested:

- Casey T. Miller – submitted renewal application for an EMT Intermediate Certificate and is dual certified. Mr. Miller has 8 convictions of *Voyeurism* from 3 different courts of law. Mr. Miller would photograph women while in tanning beds at various locations which resulted in 8 separate convictions. Based on his pattern of behavior and the seriousness of the crime, AAG Duck's recommendation is to revoke his advanced emergency medical technician certificate.
- Jennifer M. Valdez – submitted a reciprocity application and was granted an EMT card, however, she failed to disclose she previously held a West Virginia card which was revoked. The revocation was specifically because she had possessed Toradol® and administered to a co-worker during work hours. AAG Duck's recommendation is to revoke her emergency technician certificate to participate.
- Dennis Murphy, Donald J. Burtnett, Thomas L. Barton, and Walter E. Laser – CE Audit cases. EMS certificate renewal applications were submitted by Dennis Murphy – EMT Basic, Donald J. Burtnett – EMT Basic, Thomas L. Barton – Paramedic, and Walter E. Laser – First Responder. Random audit notices and notices of hearing were sent. All of these individuals were non-responsive and did not request a hearing.

AAG Duck's recommendation was to deny renewal applications and revoke these certificates.

Having heard AAG Duck's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Ms. Harris requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavit and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

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***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.*** Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Jones – Second. No Abstentions. None opposed. Motion approved.

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There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceeding closed at 10:44 a.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the proceeding will continue by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondents.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

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***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). Mr. Wappner – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

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### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:48 a.m.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-500-BE100, Casey T. Miller, EMS Certificate Number 142800, the Board finds that Mr. Miller was convicted of six (6) counts Voyeurism, all second degree misdemeanors; Voyeurism, a third-degree misdemeanor; and Voyeurism, a third-degree misdemeanor. Mr. Miller violated Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c); therefore the Board moves to deny Mr. Miller's renewal application and revoke Mr. Miller's advanced emergency medical technician certificate. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Resanovich, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Appelhans – abstained. Motion approved.***

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-661-E300, Donald J. Burtnett, EMS Certificate Number 12380, the Board finds that Mr. Burtnett failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Burtnett's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.***

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-684-E300 Dennis A. Murphy, EMS Certificate Number 147639, the Board finds that Mr. Murphy failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Murphy's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.***

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-193-E300, Thomas L. Barton, EMS Certificate Number 1130, the Board finds that Mr. Barton failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-17-02; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Barton's paramedic certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-284-E500, Jennifer M. Valdez, EMS Certificate Number 162405, the Board finds that Ms. Valdez committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice. Furthermore, Ms. Valdez failed to possess a certificate/license from another state that was in good standing and free from probation, suspension, or revocation. Accordingly, Jennifer M. Valdez violated Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(A), 4765-10-03(B)(1) to wit: 4765-8-15(B)(4) and 4765-8-01(A)(12); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Valdez's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-485-E300, Walter E. Laser, EMS Certificate Number 157423, the Board finds that Mr. Laser failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-12-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Laser's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

## **EMS Investigations**

***ACTION:*** Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B) at 10:57 a.m. Dr. Steinberg – First. Mr. Wappner – Second.

## **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 11:26 a.m.

***ACTION:*** Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements: Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-473-E300	2015-151-E300	2015-159-E300
2015-150-E300	2015-158-E300	2015-229-E300

**ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement:** Mr. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain - Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.  
2014-156-E500 \*Permission for AAG to negotiate terms

**ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC:** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-196-E500  
2014-657-E400 \*Close case; No jurisdiction/Defer to local medical director  
2015-113-E400 \*Non-violation  
2015-178-E500 \*No jurisdiction

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following cases have been recommended to be closed due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-598-E300	2014-642-E400	2015-85-E400 *Non-violation
2013-622-E500	2014-652-E400 *Local issue	2015-90-E500 *Non-violation
2014-465-E300 *Rescind NOH	2015-16-E100	2015-115-E500
2014-609-E400	2015-68-BE100	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following individuals were audited at their respective levels. Each was only deficient for the Ohio Trauma Triage continuing education requirement. Each person has completed that requirement. Close cases.** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-123-E300	2015-140-E300	2015-152-E300	2015-155-E300	2015-211-E300
2015-124-E300	2015-145-E300	2015-153-E300	2015-205-E300	2015-228-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, the board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-194-E300 *Rescind NOH	2015-133-E300	2015-167-E300
2014-538-E300 *Rescind NOH	2015-146-E300	2015-206-E300
	2015-154-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals did not supply required documentation; therefore, their applications were rendered incomplete.** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-656-E100

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements.** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2010-166-E100	2012-472-E300	2013-498-E100	2014-509-E300
2012-178-BE100	2012-591-E300	2014-103-BE100	

**ACTION: Motion to close case, reopen if re-applies. The following individuals have cases pending; however their respective certificates to practice have expired.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-7-E300	2012-331-E300	2014-139-BE100
2012-50-E300	2012-796-E100	2014-199-E100

**ACTION: Motion to close the following Education cases.** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-669-E300	2015-116-E500 *Send warning letter
2014-699-BE500	2015-135-E100
2015-93-E100 *Send warning letter	

**ACTION: Motion to rescind warning letter.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-86-E500 \* Rescind warning letter

**ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following Education cases.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-35-E500 \*Permission to negotiate a Consent Agreement

**ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-36-BE100	2014-616-BE100
2014-121-BE100	2015-46-E100
2014-202-E300	2015-175-E300
2014-367-E100	2015-177-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following 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, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-402-BE100	2015-171-E100	2015-200-E100	2015-241-BE100
2015-15-E100	2015-172-BE100	2015-202-E500	2015-244-E500
2015-134-E100	2015-174-BE100	2015-214-BE100	2015-252-BE100
2015-143-E100	2015-180-E100	2015-223-BE100	2015-257-BE100
2015-144-E100	2015-187-BE100	2015-226-E100	2015-282-BE100
2015-169-E100	2015-199-E500	2015-239-E100	2015-298-E100

Ms. Harris requested that Ms. Simon re-read the following Motion:

**ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement:** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Abstain - Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-156-E500 \*Permission for AAG to negotiate terms

**REPORTS:**

**Trauma Committee, Dr. Edward Michelson and Tim Erskine**

The Trauma Committee conducted a special meeting in May. Dr. Michelson reported that in 2008 the Trauma System went through an assessment of the Ohio Trauma System using a model trauma system planning and evaluation tool. The committee revisited this system to understand what progress has been made and where progress needs to be made. Dr. Michelson introduced Mr. Erskine, EMS Chief Trauma Systems and Research.

Tim Erskine presented a power point presentation; *2015 Reassessment of the Ohio Trauma System Using the Model Trauma Systems Planning and Evaluation Tool*. The system is based

on the public health model of evaluating health care systems. Mr. Erskine presented and discussed the assessment, the process, and the results. *\*\* (Attachment #1)*

At the next meeting on July 8, 2015 the committee will discuss plans to develop updates or replace the trauma system plan.

Dr. Steinberg reported that the Trauma Bill is now in the legislature. The duration of the legislative process or what action will be made on the bill still remains to be determined.

### **EMS Board Chair Report, Deanna Harris (Chair)**

Ms. Harris stated that during the Executive meeting, it has been identified that there is a national conference at the time of the EMFTS Board meeting in October. Mr. Allenstein and she will be lecturing at the conference. Ms. Harris requested the Board members check their schedules and advise as soon as possible if they are unable to attend the October Board meeting.

Ms. Harris expressed her appreciation of all the work that is done at the committee level. The nominating agencies only want the best individuals to represent them. There are two Board members on each committee who acts as the chairperson and the other as vice chairperson. Ms. Harris offered her assistance to anyone with questions or anyone who would like to know what the expectations are for committee members. Executive Director Mel House reminded the Board there can be more than two Board members on a committee.

A list of Board members and committee members were distributed to all of the Board members. Ms. Harris requested that the committee chairpersons review their list of committee members and to indicate any additions, deletions or corrections.

A discussion ensued regarding the Board members experiences with being on the EMFTS Board and on several different committees. It was also suggested to the members of the committees that it is very important to inform the chairperson of the committee if you are unable to attend. Attendance affects all the committee members and the ability to do any business if there is not a quorum.

### **State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

Dr. Cunningham provided a list of the proposed Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) members for all of whom she recommended for appointment. Dr. Cunningham requested approval of the Board. *\*\* (Attachment #2)*

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed appointments to the Regional Physician Advisory Board.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Dr. Cunningham requested recruitment of additional RPAB members and RPAB chairpersons.

The credentials and application of Dr. Greg A. Arnette were presented by Dr. Cunningham. A motion was requested to grant a waiver to Dr. Greg A. Arnette to serve as a medical director for EMS agencies.

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***ACTION: Motion to grant a waiver to Dr. Greg A. Arnette to serve as a medical director for EMS agencies.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Bradshaw– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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As the transition begins in the new regions, there are two regions that were previously granted approval by the Board to utilize trauma triage rules. The former Region IV has not met with their

stakeholders. They are aware of the timeline to present a plan to the Board for approval or the triage rules will revert back to the rules of everyone else in the state. The former RPAB Region I, which is now RPAB Region VI, is in the process of meeting with their stakeholders. The next RPAB Chair meeting will be held September 9, 2015.

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) EMS Compass project is an initiative to improve systems of care through meaningful performance measures. Dr. Cunningham encouraged the Board members to participate in the webinars scheduled for June 15-18, 2015 to discuss quality and performance measures under consideration for further development.

Dr. Cunningham reported she has been invited to make a public comment at The Exploring Naloxone Uptake and Use meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland, on July 1-2, 2015. The meeting is hosted by the White House, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), National Institutes on Drug Abuse, and two organizations within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The U.S. Department of Transportation released their guidelines in April 2015 for the *Use and Availability of Helicopter Emergency Medical Transport*.

Executive Director Mel House and Dr. Cunningham will be presenting at the Ohio Association of EMS annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio on July 23, 2015.

Ms. Harris introduced Assistant Attorney General, Brandon Duck.

AAG Duck requested a motion to go into executive session to give a litigation update pursuant to 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent court action that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(3) at 12:04 p.m. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second.***

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from executive session at 12:13 a.m.

AAG Duck announced his acceptance of another position and will be leaving the EMFTS Board. He will remain with the Attorney General's Office, however, he will be moving to the Consumer Protection Section. AAG Duck introduced, Rico Barrera, Assistant Attorney General, who will represent EMS and the EMFTS Board.

Ms. Harris thanked AAG Duck for all of his service and welcomed AAG Rico Barrera.

### **EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone**

Ms. Firestone also thanked AAG Duck and welcomed AAG Rico Barrera. Ms. Firestone introduced the two legal interns who will be working on different projects in the legal department. They may also be assisting the Board in the future.

### **EMS Legislative Liaison, Melvin House**

*Alex Lapso, legislative liaison, was unable to be in attendance today.*

Executive Director Melvin House highlighted HB 187 which would permit EMS Certificate holders to stabilize an injured animal in an emergency.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-187>

There have been many amendments made on the proposed MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) Legislation, SB 165, as requested by the EMFTS Board and staff.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-165>

Executive Director House requested that the Board members review these bills to determine how they will affect their services, and then work with their representatives to address any concerns.

### **Executive Director and Staff Reports ~ Melvin House**

*State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS)*

- Seat 10: EMS Provider – remains vacant

#### *Staff Vacancies*

- *Grants Administrator – Certification/Grants Section.* A tentative start date is June 29, 2015.
- *Administrative Professional 2 – Certification/Grants Section.* Jan Deppner, who transferred from the BMV, accepted the position; however, she is currently on medical leave. The tentative date of return is June 22, 2015.
- *Administrative Professional 2 – Certification/Grants Section.* AP2 Dawn Vondracek transferred to the OSHP effective March 8, 2015. Executive Director House is working with ODPS Admin and HR to fill the position.

Executive Director House introduced Sarah Hall, Administrative Professional 1, who started April 20, 2015. Jean Booze stated Ms. Hall has been a nice addition to the EMS staff.

Executive Director House reported that Schuyler Schmidt has accepted a new position with Medicaid; therefore, this creates a vacancy for a Program Administrator 2 in the Trauma section in July. Executive Director House wished Mr. Schmidt continued success.

#### IT Project

- Database improvements continue. Fire testing is nearing to completion. A webinar for program directors is scheduled for July 7, 2015. A Platform upgrade will continue through the end of July. The certifications rebuild will resume around August 1, 2015.

#### National Accreditation

- Executive Director House and Linda Mirarchi, DEMS EMS Education Coordinator, attended a meeting at Belmont College on June 4, 2015 to discuss national accreditation for their paramedic program. During the meeting Belmont College administration committed to continuing their paramedic program. Plans are for the college to move

forward with requesting a National Accreditation application packet. DEMS education staff will meet with the officials from the College the first week in July, to assist with the National Accreditation application processing and submittal.

Dave Fiffick and Executive Director House presented at the Ohio Ambulance and Medical Transportation annual meeting in Dublin, Ohio on June 12, 2015.

A request has been made to establish a Rural EMS Committee to discuss issues that face rural EMS. Tim Erskine spoke regarding the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility grant program (Flex), a federal grant to enhance rural health. The grant concentrates on critical access hospitals. The new Flex coordinator is working on enhancing the relationship between the 33 critical access hospitals in Ohio and the EMS agencies that serve them. Through EMSIRS, the agencies have been identified who will serve the hospitals.

Ms. Harris suggested the Rural EMS Committee to be a subcommittee of EMS Systems Development. Ms. Harris requested a motion and reminded the Board that a chairperson and vice chairperson will be needed for this committee. Executive Director House stated that if the grant is received, a needs analysis will need to be completed.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to add the Rural EMS Committee as a subcommittee of the EMS Systems Development Committee.

A discussion ensued regarding whether a chairperson and vice chairperson could be named at a later date. Executive Director House stated that members will be solicited once the committee has a chairperson.

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***ACTION: Motion to add the Rural EMS Committee as a subcommittee of the EMS Systems Development.*** Ms. Rose – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION:** In August Ms. Harris will request a chairperson and vice chairperson for the new Rural EMS committee.

### **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze**

Jean Booze reported that, from April 9, 2015 to June 9, 2015, there were 106 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve EMS extension requests.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that on June 9, 2015, there was one EMS extension requested for 115 days; therefore since it is beyond 90 days requires Board approval per Ohio Revised code 4765-19-03. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extension:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve EMS extension request of 115 days.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that during April 9, 2015 to June 9, 2015, there were 2,625 new EMS certifications and 3,062 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve new certifications.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions requests. There were two CE exemption requests due to military exemption requests who are dual-certified and both are still on active duty (#2015-6-01 and #2015-6-02). There were three EMS providers who are only requesting medical hardship exemption (#2015-6-06, #2015-6-07, and #2015-6-08). All supporting documentation has been received for these two requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve exemption requests for #2015-6-01, #2015-6-02, #2015-6-06, #2015-6-07, and #2015-6-08.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Education – Linda Mirarchi**

No education requests.

Ms. Mirarchi presented the June 2015 Ohio and National Accreditation Paramedic Training Institution Status Report:

CAAHEP Accredited	20	Program Issued CAAHEP Accreditation Certificate
CoA Letter of Review (LoR)	21	Limited Self-Study Report Approved. * LSSR Submitted.
Request for Application (RAS)	1	Initial step in accreditation process
Will Not Seek	3	Each has discontinued offering paramedic training programs and will be deleted with submission of renewal application.
Total Ohio Accredited Institutions	45	

### **Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick**

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of May and June 2015. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of May and June 2015.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. Ms. Rose (Community Care Ambulance Network) – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (2 Ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new service.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation for new headquarters (1 ambulette/1 ambulance) and satellite location applications (2 ambulettes/4 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new headquarters and satellite location applications.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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## **EMFTS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee, Deanna Harris**

The committee met June 16, 2015.

Substitute HB 64 was passed by the House and is being debated by the Senate. Since this is in the Budget Bill, it may be passed by June 30, 2015, however, they could request an extension. Once the law is passed there are still many parameters and rules to be made to move forward.

Ms. Harris stated she would like to remain on the committee; however, she would like to step down as chairperson. She inquired if anyone would be interested in filling that position.

Dr. Cunningham reminded the Board that the Community Paramedicine is an Ad-Hoc Committee and if the Substitute HB 64 passes, the Board may elect to have a formal committee to write the rules.

### **EMS-Children Committee (EMSC), Karen Beavers**

The committee meeting was held June 16, 2015.

The 2014 "Equipment for Ground Ambulances" pre-hospital equipment list has been reviewed and recommended by the EMS for Children Committee and the Medical Transportation Committee, to replace the 2009 "Equipment for Ambulances" list as the Board endorsed the list for Ohio EMS agencies.

Dr. Naa Allotey, EMSC Project Director, is recruiting physicians and nurses from Ohio's pediatric hospitals to serve as site reviewers for the Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared program. A webinar is planned for October.

The EMS for Children Committee is planning a workshop in 2016 to focus on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on June 11, 2015 at the Ohio Hospital Association. The meeting was attended by Joe Stack, Carol Jacobson, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, and Dr. Naa Allotey of the EMS for Children Committee, and focused on planning for future projects. Quarterly meetings are to be scheduled shortly by OHA.

Joe Stack and Tim Erskine will present the "Concepts in Process Improvement" workshop for Sandusky County EMS on July 9, 2015.

Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove is working on a third annual Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference for Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety; the conference topic will be writing EMS protocols. The information gained from this conference will help plan the medical directors' workshop for spring 2016.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2015.

### **EMS System Development, Deanna Harris**

Mr. Davis is currently the chairperson of this committee; however, he will no longer be able to remain in this position. Ms. Harris stated she has an interest in being the chairperson of the EMS System Development Committee.

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to appoint Ms. Deanna Harris as the chairperson of the EMS System Development Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to appoint Deanna Harris as the chairperson of the EMS System Development Committee.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

### **Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich stated the recommendations and additions have been received from the Ohio Department of Health regarding the CHEMPACK program. The subcommittee will be reviewing the revisions.

Executive Director House inquired if some exercises are being planned regarding the revised CHEMPACK program. Mr. Resanovich stated that a full scale exercise will be implemented.

**ACTION:** Ms. Harris requested the EMS Rural Subcommittee be added to the agenda for the August Board meeting.

### **Education, Pam Bradshaw**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC), Geoff Dutton**

The committee met on June 16, 2015.

Mr. Dutton distributed the electronic transmission white paper, which also encompasses 12-lead EKG transmission, written by Dr. Cunningham to the Board members. He asked the Board to review and he would seek Board approval at the August 21, 2015 Board meeting.

Dr. Cunningham stated that a memo that reinforces the Ohio EMS scope of practice parameters for the performance of prehospital 12-lead EKG's has been written to accompany the white paper, *Electronic Technologies and the Impact on EMS*, when it is posted to the DEMS website and distributes on the listserv. The memo was written to ensure that EMS providers understand that the scope of practice does not change.

Mr. Dutton suggested voluntary certification of medical directors to verify if they meet the requirements to be an Ohio EMS medical director. The EMS legal staff will need to be consulted regarding this matter.

Dr. Cunningham stated that it is not known who the medical directors are, and there are inadequate resources. Recruiting Ohio Physician EMS Instructors and the emergency medicine residents at the time of completion of residency training may be an untapped avenue to increase the pool of EMS medical director resources for EMS Agencies. Dr. Cunningham stated that every EMS Agency is required to have a medical director.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

### **Medical Transportation Committee (MTC) – Tom Allenstein**

The committee met June 16, 2015.

Mr. Allenstein thanked Dave Fiffick, Chief of Medical Transportation, for his consistent training with the emergency medical transportation inspectors and standardized guidelines.

The Emergency Medical Services for Children equipment list and requirements were compared with what our rules require. The major difference is the pulse oximetry requirement. The costs would be approximately \$500.00. This is in the scope of practice and needs to be addressed as a standard.

Mr. Allenstein reported that new subcommittees will be formed to look at the rules for ambulances and ambulettes.

The "Triple K" (KKK) specifications, as required by Ohio law, are the standards to follow. The government has made some revisions to the KKK specifications. After July 1, 2015 the manufacturers of newly built ambulances are required to have a patient loading and transport system. The cost is approximately \$28,000 for each system. The problem is that the old stretchers cannot be retrofitted to meet the new standard. Work is being done to provide a replacement that would not be cost inhibitive.

### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose**

The subcommittee had a meeting on June 16, 2015.

The subcommittee will discuss how they can change the language to meet the philosophy that there is additional training required to safely transport some of the higher acuity patients such as those on ventilators or IV pumps at the next meeting.

The Critical Care Subcommittee discussed what the definition is of a critically ill or injured patient. Ms. Rose also stated that the subcommittee will be discussing the critical care endorsement certification and if that would be in the best interest of Ohio patients.

### **Resource Management Committee, Mark Resanovich**

Division of EMS staff made site visits to those who requested Priority 1 grants. Mr. Resanovich referred to the listing of the four agencies recommended to receive a grant. The EMS staff made a recommendation; instead of granting five agencies with \$15,000 each, they should provide three agencies with \$15,000 of grant funding and one agency with \$30,000. A stipulation to purchase a capnography machine will be required of the agency who receives the \$30,000 grant.

Ms. Harris thanked Mr. Resanovich and the committee for being fiscally responsible in making sure the money goes to those agencies that really need the money.

Motion requested by Ms. Beavers to approve the recommended grant recipients; 3 agencies for \$15,000 and one agency for \$30,000. **\*\* (Attachment #3)**

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommended grant recipients; 3 agencies to receive a \$15,000 grant and one agency to receive a \$30,000 grant.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Mr. Resanovich distributed the 2015-2016 EMS Grant Award List to the Board for review.  
**\*\* (Attachment #4)**

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the 2015-2016 EMS Grant Award List.*** Mr. Appelhans – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Ms. Bradshaw (Porter Twp.), Mr. Appelhans (Pemberville Freedom Fire), Mr. Dudley (Monroe Twp.), Mr. McNutt (Whitehouse), Mr. Hatfield (Casper), Mr. Jones (Concord, Bazelle, Conneaut, Geneva, Geneva on the Lake, Kinsman, Mecca, Munson, Saybrook, Thompson and Windsor Fire) - Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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*\*Please note: Ms. Harris did not vote, however, for transparency and ethics she abstains. (Metro Life Flight)*

Mr. Resanovich distributed the "2015-2016 Priority 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Grant Applicants to the Board to review. Executive Director House reported that a recommendation for one agency will be brought before the Board during the August meeting once all the documentation is received.  
**\*\* (Attachment #5)**

The Resource Management Committee has recommended the following Priority 2 Grants:

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (Early Activities Levels and Family Function in mTBI Recovery)
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (Understanding State-Wide Trauma Under-Triage)

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the two recommended grant recipients for Priority 2 - Trauma Research Grants.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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The Resource Management Committee has recommended the following Priority 3 Grants:

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (Driving after childhood TBI: The Impact of Distraction)
- University of Cincinnati (Peer Effects on Driving)

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the two recommended grant recipients for Priority 3 - Injury Prevention Research Grants.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Mr. Resanovich reported there were no applicants for the Priority 4-Trauma Research Grant.

The Resource Management Committee has recommended the following Priority 5 Grant:

- Wright State University (Impact of Inter-facility Transfers and Secondary Over-triage)

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommended grant recipient for Priority 5 - EMS Board Research Grant.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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The Resource Management Committee has recommended the following Priority 6 Grant:

- Central Ohio EMS Training (Paramedic Training Program)

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommended grant recipient for Priority 6 - Assistance to Paramedic Training Programs Grant.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Mr. Resanovich reported the committee received one grant extension request from Wright State University. The Resource Management Committee's recommendation is to approve the grant extension to Wright State University.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the grant extension to Wright State University.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to add Barry Seth to the Resource Management Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to appoint Barry Seth to the Resource Management Committee.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to appoint Dudley Wright to serve as the vice chairperson to the Resource Management Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to appoint Dudley Wright as the vice chairperson to the Resource Management Committee.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Mr. Resanovich reminded the Board of the concerns regarding priority 2 through 6 grant recipients who have not submitted either a mid-cycle progress report or final progress report. The Resource Management Committee recommends that the agencies that do not meet the requirements of the grant will be ineligible for future grants until the recipients meet the requirements.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommendation of the Resource Management Committee that the agencies that do not meet the requirements of the grant will be ineligible for future grants until the recipients meet the requirements.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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The Resource Management Committee is seeking additional membership.

#### **Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton**

The committee met June 16, 2015.

The 2015 Time Critical Diagnosis Stakeholders Conference will be held on September 25, 2015. Online registration is available to those interested in attending. Guest speakers from Missouri and Utah, who have some level of time-critical diagnosis system development in their states will share their ideas and best avenues to improve patient outcomes and minimize deaths.

Mr. Resanovich declared his interest in being the vice chairperson for the Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Dutton requested a motion to appoint Mark Resanovich to the Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee as the vice chairperson.

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***ACTION: Motion to appoint Mark Resanovich to the Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee as the vice chairperson.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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#### **EMS Awards Ad-Hoc Committee, Deanna Harris**

The committee met June 16, 2015.

The committee discussed giving the awards during EMS Week, how to fund these awards, and possibly partnering with ACEP. During the discussion several issues were identified. The legal department will be consulted.

Ms. Firestone stated there are two issues; statutory authority and ethical. The Board would not be able to participate in voting on who would receive the awards.

Ms. Harris stated she will meet with attorney, Anna Firestone, and a representative from the Ethics Commission to discuss all of the issues regarding the awards.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Harris requested a motion to approve the forward written by Dr. Cunningham regarding the EMS Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS) and to be posted online.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the forward written by Dr. Cunningham to be posted on the website.*** Mr. Resanovich– First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Ms. Harris addressed the following Action Items:

- *Trauma Committee* – discussion regarding three burn centers are on the agenda for the July meeting.
- *EMS Systems Development* – new chairperson will follow up with the action items.
- *Medical Transportation* - Decommissioned ambulances and safety precautions.

Mr. Allenstein stated that once an ambulance is decommissioned, there is no way to enforce future use. Mr. Allenstein stated the only action that can be done is to remove all of the lights and other identifiable items.

Executive Director Mel House announced the ethics training will be held before the EMFTS Board meeting, October 21, 2015. Ethics training needs to be completed by December 31, 2015. Due to the training, there will not be an Executive Committee meeting.

**Action Item:** Send an e-mail with the link for the online ethics training to all of the board members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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***ACTION: Motion to adjourn.*** Mr. Allenstein - First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Wednesday, August 21, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio

Attachments available upon request.

*Attachment #1* – Power Point

- 2015 Reassessment of the Ohio Trauma System Using the Model Trauma Systems Planning and Evaluation Tool

*Attachment #2*

- Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) members.

*Attachment #3*

- Grant recipients

*Attachment #4*

- 2015-2016 EMS Grant Award List

*Attachment #5*

- 2015-2016 Priority 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Grant Applicants

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services  
1970 W. Broad Street, Conference Room 134 (Motorcycle Room)  
Columbus, Ohio 43223**

**~ FINAL MEETING AGENDA ~**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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- **Roll Call**
- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Open Forum**
- **Review and Approval of Consent Agenda (posted to website prior to meeting)**, including minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting and certifications, accreditations, and CE site requests for period June 16, 2015 – August 18, 2015.
- **Report and Recommendation in the matter of EMS Case:**
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-312-BE100, William A. Eberly, EMS Certificate Number 136954
- **EMS Goldmans in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-114-E100, Carrie A. Wise, EMS Certificate Number 139096
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-288-BE100, Todd A. Kirby, EMS Certificate Number 143717
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-366-BE100, Damien J. Csiszar, EMS Certificate Number 112285
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-602-E300, Eve D. Harper, EMS Certificate Number 103488
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-403-BE100, Sharleen E. Hemminger, EMS Certificate Number 155989
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-454-BE100, Scott K. Riffle, EMS Certificate Number 126865
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-470-E300, Lawrence J. Hershey, EMS Certificate Number 6401
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-474-E300, Robert Jamison, EMS Certificate Number 157644
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-503-E300, Lovealee A. Blevins, EMS Certificate Number 115351
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-536-E300, James M. Schuster, EMS Certificate Number 158255
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-554-E300, Larry P. Coffee, EMS Certificate Number 24759
  - In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-583-E300, Ted R. Coates, EMS Certificate Number 142554
- **EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations, Melissa Vermillion and Staff**
  - **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22 (G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 (A)(2) or 4765.102(B).

- **Reports**
  - **Chair's Report**, Deanna Harris
  - **State EMS Medical Director's Report**, Dr. Carol Cunningham
  - **Assistant Attorney General**, Rico Barrera
  - **EMS Staff Legal Counsel**, Anna Firestone
    - Five year rule review, Chapter 8 and 9
  - **EMS Legislative Liaison**, Alex Lapso
  - **Executive Director and Staff Reports**, Melvin House
    - **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests (Medical and Military)**, Jean Booze
    - **Education Requests**, Linda Mirarchi
    - **Medical Transportation Renewal Applications, New Services, New Headquarter and Satellite Locations, and Upgrade in Level of Service**, Dave Fiffick
  
- **Board Committee Reports**
  - **Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare) Ad Hoc Committee**, Deanna Harris
  - **EMS-Children Committee**, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz
  - **EMS System Development Committee**, Deanna Harris
    - **Homeland Security Subcommittee**, Mark Resanovich
    - **EMS Rural Subcommittee**
  - **Education Committee**, Pam Bradshaw
  - **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC)**, Geoff Dutton
  - **Medical Transportation Committee**, Thomas Allenstein
    - **Critical Care Sub-Committee**, Julie Rose
  - **Resource Management Committee**, Mark Resanovich
  - **Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee**, Geoff Dutton
  - **EMS Awards Ad Hoc Committee**, Thomas Tallman
  - **Trauma Committee**, Tim Erskine
  
- **Old Business**
  
- **New Business**
  - Action Items

**Adjournment (except for Fire Committee Members)**





STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2015
~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Ernest Hatmaker, Steven Jones, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Diane Simon, Dr. Steven Steinberg, Thomas Wappner and Dudley Wright II.

Board Members Absent: Kent Appelhans and Dr. Thomas Tallman

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Jan Deppner, Anna Firestone, Heather Frient, Dave Fiffick, Natalie Haslage, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Ellen Owens, Carol Palantekin, Johanna Pickett, Robert Ruetenik, John Sands, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton, and Rachel Zwyer.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: Barry Seth (LaGrange Fire Department), Randy Johann (Tri Health), Tony Anteau (Air Evac), William Eberly (Midvale Fire Department), Paula Moore (Mid-East CTC), Joseph Kirk (DPS Legal), Edward Michelson, MD (EMFTS Trauma Committee), Steve Hickenbottom (OhioHealth).

EMS Rules Hearing ~ None

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Lists attendees like Ms. Deanna Harris (Present), Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Present), Mr. Kent Appelhans (Absent), etc.

Open Forum ~ None

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Harris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the June 17, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period June 16, 2015 to August 18, 2015.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the May 20, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period June 16, 2015 to August 18, 2015.***

Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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## **Report and Recommendation**

Ms. Harris introduced herself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on one report and recommendation in the matter of:

- *EMS Case Number 2014-312-BE100, William A. Eberly, EMS Certificate Number 136954.*

The respondent filed objections to the report and recommendation. Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

AAG Barrera presented EMS Case Number 2014-312-BE100, William A. Eberly, EMS Certificate Number 136954. Mr. Eberly is the current fire chief of Midvale, in Tuscarawas County. In September 2007, Mr. Eberly was convicted of three counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. He was sentenced to 60 days of incarceration and placed on probation for a period of 60 days. Four years later, in July 2011, Mr. Eberly applied for certification to become a Basic EMT. He did not disclose the 2007 convictions and his application was approved. He renewed his certification in 2013, did not disclose his convictions, and his renewal was approved. The Division of EMS became aware of the convictions and upon an investigation it was determined he failed to disclose the convictions on his applications. At the hearing Mr. Eberly admitted to these convictions. He stated that based on his discussions with a prior employer he was under the impression he did not need to disclose these convictions. At the hearing the prior employer testified and said he did not make any such representation. Two days following the hearing, the hearing examiner concluded that the state proved upon a preponderance of evidence that Mr. Eberly was convicted of three counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor in 2007 which are crimes involving moral turpitude. This is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B). He also concluded Mr. Eberly failed to disclose these convictions on his 2011 initial application and his 2013 renewal application. In failing to disclose these convictions Mr. Eberly committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in the filing of his initial application and his renewal application. This is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B). Accordingly the hearing examiner recommended a penalty of revocation. The hearing examiner noted that while this conviction occurred more than 8 years ago Mr. Eberly failed to disclose his convictions on multiple occasions.

AAG Barrera asked the Board if Mr. Eberly could speak.

Mr. William Eberly stated that when he was convicted, former Fire Chief Tom Milburn informed him that everything was handled through the State and he had already reported it and it was taken care of. Mr. Eberly stated that is the reason he never reported it. When he attended classes at Buckeye, the background check came back and he was never told to continue to

report it. He thought that once it was reported, it was done. Since that time, Mr. Eberly said he was appointed Fire and EMS Chief at Midvale. He stated that the department knew the history and they felt he is capable of doing his job as an EMT and fireman. In the last eight months Mr. Eberly reported that he has turned the department around. Mr. Eberly stated he will do whatever is required of him so he can keep his card.

Having heard AAG Barrera's synopsis and recommendations for the case and Mr. Eberly's statement, Ms. Harris requested a motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation.

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***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Allenstein– First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:29 a.m.

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***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case #2014-312-BE100, William A. Eberly, EMS Certificate Number 136954, the Board confirms and approves the findings of fact, conclusions of law and to modify the hearing examiners' recommendation of Mr. Eberly's certificate to practice to permanent revocation. The reasons for revocation include violations of public trust, crimes of moral turpitude, the high standards of the EMS system and the duty that the Board has to protect the public; whereas this could place them in a position where patients are compromised and unable to protect themselves.*** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Davis and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Goldman Proceedings**

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceeding to order at 10:31 a.m. on August 19, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present. There were eleven adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-114-E100, Carrie A. Wise, EMS Certificate Number 139096
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-288-BE100, Todd A. Kirby, EMS Certificate Number 143717
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-366-BE100, Damien J. Csiszar, EMS Certificate Number 112285
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-454-BE100, Scott K. Riffle, EMS Certificate Number 126865
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-470-E300, Lawrence J. Hershey, EMS Certificate Number 6401
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-474-E300, Robert Jamison, EMS Certificate Number 157644
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- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-554-E300, Larry P. Coffee, EMS Certificate Number 24759
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-583-E300, Ted R. Coates, EMS Certificate Number 142554
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-602-E300, Eve D. Harper, EMS Certificate Number 103488

The proceedings were an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the case, the proceeding was held before the Board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but may be present to hear the proceeding and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceeding in the board packet. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Office of the Division of EMS.

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

As each Board member received the affidavits for each case to review prior to the meeting, AAG Barrera briefly presented a summary of each case:

There were six Goldman cases where no hearing was requested:

- Carrie A. Wise – Ms. Wise was convicted of possessing cocaine which is a third degree felony. Ms. Wise failed to provide police reports, court records or a background check as required. Recommendation is to deny her renewal application and revoke her certificate to practice.
- Todd A. Kirby – Mr. Kirby marked no as to whether he had a conviction in the past. He has 3 convictions; operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, Domestic Violence and Violation of Protection Order. Mr. Kirby failed to provide police records, court records and a background check, as required. The recommendation is to deny Mr. Kirby's renewal application and revoke his certificate to practice.
- Damien J. Csiszar – Mr. Csiszar was convicted of a fifth degree felony of Aggravated Theft and failed to report his conviction and failed to supply court records, police reports, and a background check, as required. Recommendation is to revoke Mr. Csiszar's certificate to practice.
- Eve D. Harper – As a result of a random audit, Ms. Harper was asked to submit documentation confirming her continuing education. Ms. Harper did not respond in any way. Recommendation is to revoke Ms. Harper's certificate to practice.
- Scott K. Riffle – Mr. Riffle failed to report his conviction of *Workers' Compensation fraud*, a fifth degree felony. He failed to supply court records, police reports, or a background check, as required. Recommendation is to revoke Mr. Riffle's certificate to practice.

The remaining 6 cases are continuing education issues where an audit was conducted and it was found the applicants did not satisfy the continuing education requirements.

- Lawrence J. Hershey
- Robert Jamison
- Lovealee A. Blevins
- James M. Schuster
- Larry P. Coffee
- Ted R. Coates

AAG Barrera stated for the record that Case Number 2014-403-BE100, Sharleen E. Hemminger, EMS Certificate Number 155989 has been tabled and removed from the agenda.

AAG Barrera's recommendation was to deny renewal applications and revoke these certificates.

Having heard AAG Barrera's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Ms. Harris requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavit and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

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***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Resanovich, Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceeding closed at 10:40 a.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the proceeding will continue by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondents.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

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***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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## **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:45 a.m.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-114-E100, Carrie A. Wise, EMS Certificate Number 139096, the Board finds that Ms. Wise failed to provide the police records, court records, and a background check, as required. Additionally, Ms. Wise was convicted of Possession of Cocaine, a third-degree felony. Ms. Wise violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-8-02(F); therefore, the Board moves to deny Ms. Wise's renewal application and revoke her certificate to practice.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Resanovich, and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-288-BE100, Todd A. Kirby, EMS Certificate Number 143717, the Board finds that Mr. Kirby committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for a certificate to practice. Mr. Kirby failed to provide the police records, court records, and a background check, as required. Additionally, Mr. Kirby was convicted of: Violation of a Protection Order, a first-degree misdemeanor, Domestic Violence, a first-degree misdemeanor, Endangering Children, a first-degree misdemeanor, and Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, a first-degree misdemeanor. The Board concludes these misdemeanors involve moral turpitude. Mr. Kirby violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(A), 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-8-02(F); therefore the Board moves to deny Mr. Kirby's renewal application and revoke his certificate to practice.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-366-BE100, Damien J. Csiszar, EMS Certificate Number 112285, the Board finds that Mr. Csiszar failed to report his conviction and failed to supply court records, police records, and a background check, as required. Additionally, Mr. Csiszar was convicted of Aggravated Theft, a fifth-degree felony. Mr. Csiszar violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-9-01(M); therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Csiszar's certificate to practice.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION:** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-454-BE100, Scott K. Riffle, EMS Certificate Number 126865, the Board finds that Mr. Riffle failed to report his conviction and failed to supply court records, police records, and a background check, as required. Additionally, Mr. Riffle was convicted of Workers' Compensation Fraud, a fifth-degree felony. Mr. Riffle violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-9-01(M); therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Riffle's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION:** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-470-E300, Lawrence J. Hershey, EMS Certificate Number 6401, the Board finds that Mr. Hershey failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Hershey's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION:** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-474-E300, Robert Jamison, EMS Certificate Number 157644, the Board finds that Mr. Jamison failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-8-06(B)(3); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Jamison's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION:** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-503-E300, Lovealee A. Blevins, EMS Certificate Number 115351, the Board finds that Ms. Blevins failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Blevins' certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION:** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-536-E300, James M. Schuster, EMS Certificate Number 158255, the Board finds that Mr. Schuster failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-8-06(B)(3); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Schuster's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

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**ACTION:** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-554-E300, Larry P. Coffee, EMS Certificate Number 24759, the Board finds that Mr. Coffee failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Coffee's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-583-E300, Ted R. Coates, EMS Certificate Number 142554, the Board finds that Mr. Coates failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-8-06(B)(3); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Coates' certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-602-E300, Eve D. Harper, EMS Certificate Number 103488, the Board finds that Ms. Harper failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Harper's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

### **EMS Investigations**

***ACTION:*** Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B) at 10:57 a.m. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second.

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 11:21 a.m.

***ACTION:*** Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements: Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-758-E300	2015-60-BE100	2015-272-E300	2015-323-E300
2014-426-BE100	2015-218-E300	2015-307-E300	2015-326-E300
2014-633-BE100	2015-209-E300	2015-318-E300	2015-327-E300

***ACTION:*** Close the following medical transportation cases due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC: Mr. Simon – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-643-ET400  
2015-287-ET500 \*no jurisdiction  
2015-309-E500

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies.:*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-208-E300	2015-337-E300	2015-322-E300
2015-249-E300	2015-339-E300	2015-325-E300
2015-293-E300	2015-288-E300	
2015-294-F300	2015-320-E300	

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements:*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-597-E300	2013-663-E300
2012-717-E300	2014-66-BE100
2012-933-E300	2014-517-E300

***ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases:*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-311-E300	2015-105-BE100
2014-650-BE100	2015-235-E300
2015-96-BE100 & 2012-480-E300	2015-279-E300
2015-98-E500	

***ACTION: Motion to close the following 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, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction:*** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-212-E300	2015-310-E100	2015-376-E100	2015-404-E100
2015-245-E300	2015-312-E100	2015-377-E100	2015-410-BE100
2015-259-E300	2015-329-E100	2015-379-BE100	2015-412-E100
2015-274-E300	2015-330-E100	2015-372-E100	2015-420-E100
2015-273-E300	2015-335-BE100	2015-384-BE100	2015-423-E100
2015-304-E100	2015-343-E100	2015-387-E100	2015-427-BE100
2015-306-BE100	2015-347-E300	2015-402-E100	
2015-308-E300	2015-366-E100		

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. These cases have been recommended to be closed due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC:*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-461-E300	2014-582-E300
2012-754-E300	2015-16-E100 *Accept withdrawal
2013-700-BE300 2013-710-E300	2015-89-E500 *Accept withdrawal
2014-401-B100/2014-577-B100	2015-112-E400 *Defer to local MD
2014-462-E300	2015-163-E400
2014-483-E300	2015-183-E400 *Warning letter
2014-493-E300 *Rescind NOH	2015-286-E500

## **REPORTS:**

### **Trauma Committee, Dr. Edward Michelson and Tim Erskine**

Dr. Michelson stated the committee met in July, however, he was not present. Ms. Simon officiated in his absence. Ms. Simon stated that the primary discussion at the meeting were the results of the Model Trauma System plan. The Trauma Committee has created a subcommittee to gather the information and to examine what has changed. The result will either be tweaking the framework or it may result in creating a new plan. The subcommittee will meet the second week of September.

There was a presentation from the Stop the Bleeding Coalition, whose primary purpose is to place hemostatic gauze in every ambulance, ambulance, and law enforcement vehicle in the state. The decisions that need to be made is whether this is practical and if it is within the scope of practice. A board member has been assigned to explore this further to determine what the impact might be and the best place for it to be provided. The EMFTS Board tasked this committee to discuss the diminishing accredited burn centers in Ohio. It was determined there is not a rationale as to why the centers are diminishing, however, Dr. Sid Miller will review this matter and report his findings at the next meeting.

Dr. Cunningham stated the current scope of practice permits hemorrhage control. It is not mandated as to how it is done. Ms. Simon asked if there would be a problem in putting this into a police car. Dr. Cunningham stated that EMS does not have authority over law enforcement.

### **EMS Board Chair Report, Deanna Harris (Chair)**

Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Harris will be speaking at a national conference; therefore, they will not be attending the October board meeting. Ms. Harris requested the Board members check their schedules and advise the Division of EMS as soon as possible if they are unable to attend the October board meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding a change to the October board meeting. As stated by Dr. Cunningham, Ethics Training will be held before the October board meeting. Those who cannot attend should take the online ethics training. Director House expressed the difficulty in changing the date and venue; therefore, it was decided by the Board that the October 21, 2015 meeting remain on the calendar.

Ms. Harris recognized Roberta (Bobbi) Gearhardt, an original EMS board member from 1992 - 1999, who passed away recently. Her service to the Board and community is appreciated.

A lengthy discussion transpired regarding whether the EMFTS Board can present recognition awards or recognize line of duty deaths. Anna Firestone stated two issues; statutory authority and ethics. Mr. Davis suggested the Ethics Commission be consulted. After continued discussion it was agreed upon by the Board that Ms. Harris provide potential guidelines in written form and meet with the legal department to make a formal request to the Ethics Commission regarding these issues.

**Action Item:** Deanna Harris to provide potential guidelines regarding awards and meet with the legal department to create a formal request.

## **State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

The transition of the RPAB to Ohio Homeland Security regions were completed on July 1, 2015.

Dr. Cunningham submitted the following RPAB applicants for EMFTS Board approval;

- Stephanie Casey, M.D., new appointment for RPAB Region 1
- William Hinckley, M.D., RPAB member of former Region 1 requesting appointment to the new RPAB Region 6.
- Hamilton Schwartz, M.D., RPAB member of former Region 1 requesting appointment to new RPAB Region 6.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed appointments to the Regional Physician Advisory Board.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstained.  
Motion approved.

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The current matrix allows for additional RPAB members in every region. Region 7 and Region 8 do not have any members. The Board members were asked to refer any physicians who may be interested in serving on the RPAB to Dr. Cunningham. A current roster will be distributed to all RPAB members to possibly recruit members.

The next RPAB Chair meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

The new RPAB Region 6 (former RPAB Region IV) has trauma triage protocols in the review process by the Trauma Committee prior to presentation to the EMFTS Board for approval. The new RPAB Region 1 (former RPAB Region IV) has not proceeded with the review process by the Trauma Committee of their regional trauma triage protocol and must transition to utilization of the State of Ohio trauma triage.

The CMS memo regarding point-of-care testing of blood glucose is in the process of being updated. The CMS committee that issued the original memo is asking for comments and suggestions on both topics. Please submit your comments regarding the testing of blood glucose and on the updated draft memo at [LabExcellence@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:LabExcellence@cms.hhs.gov).

Legislation became effective on July 16, 2015 that allows pharmacists to distribute naloxone without a prescription. (Ohio Revised Code 4729.44) There is also pending legislation for mandatory CPR/AED training for high school graduation.

Dr. Mary DiOrio, Ohio Department of Health's medical director and Dr. Cunningham had a discussion regarding the new legislation.

Potential avenues where EMS can assist the Ohio Department of Health:

- Use of naloxone administration training module for laypersons and primary care physicians.
- Creation of a naloxone administration algorithm similar to the American Heart Association's algorithm for cardiac arrest where rescuers would be directed to call 911 first, and then give naloxone.

Potential avenues where ODH can assist EMS:

- Provision of EVZIO® and intranasal naloxone to mitigate the escalating cost of this medication.
- Provision of digital capnometers and/or capnography for patient assessment and naloxone administration decision-making tool.

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) provided a webinar August 17, 2015 on opiate abuse in rural communities and the resultant rising incidence of HIV and hepatitis C. Dr. Cunningham participated as one of the invited presenters.

Ms. Harris introduced Assistant Attorney General, Rico Barrera. AAG Barrera stated the transition has been very easy and he has enjoyed working with the EMS staff, legal counsel and the EMFTS Board.

### **EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone**

Ms. Firestone introduced Mr. Joe Kirk, the new Rules Coordinator. Mr. Kirk stated that he has been working on rules; Chapters 8 and 9. He previously worked for eight years at the Ohio State Board of Nursing with a great deal of experience with rules.

Ms. Firestone stated that the Ohio Administrative Code Rules, Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 and the Business Impact Analysis (BIA) were distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting for review. Chapter 8 is being filed as no change. Chapter 9 has two rule changes.

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***ACTION: Motion to file the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4765-8 and Chapter 4765-9 and the Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative Office subject to minor revisions.*** Ms. Resanovich – First. Dr. Steinberg – Second. None opposed. None abstained.  
Motion approved.

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### **EMS Legislative Liaison, Alex Lapso**

Mr. Lapso stated the operating budget was passed in June. Bills have been introduced to both the House and the Senate concerning secondary locks in the event of school emergencies. Language has been added to the budget that closely resembles the Senate version which will essentially speed up and make certain it is not against the fire code.

HB 187 is the animal stabilization bill which would permit EMS Certificate holders to stabilize an injured animal in an emergency. <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-187> Sponsor Representative Timothy Ginter has presented changes regarding immunity and scope of practice clarifications.

SB 165, the MOLST Bill (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), have had two hearings. Hopefully this bill will move forward in the fall.  
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-165>

Representative Marlene Anielski approached our office concerning suicide prevention for EMS officials. Mr. Lapso will keep the Board informed.

**~Break~**

Returned from break at 12:10 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

## **Homeland Security Sub-committee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to add Mr. Geoff Dutton to serve as the vice chair of the Homeland Security Sub-committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Mr. Geoff Dutton as vice chair of the Homeland Sub-Committee.***

Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Dutton - abstained. Motion approved.

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## **Resource Management Committee, Mark Resanovich**

At the last meeting Priority 1 grant funding was approved. Since that time four additional grant requests have been received that are compliant:

- Westerville Fire
- Washington Township Fire
- New Concord Fire
- KLG Mobile Intensive

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Priority 1 grants funding to Westerville Fire, Washington Township Fire, New Concord Fire and KLG Mobile Intensive.***

Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. Mr. Dutton - abstained. Motion approved.

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The committee is in the process of reviewing the rules regarding the grants. The rules are to be completed by November 2016 and will be submitted by the first half of 2016.

The Priority 1 grants will have changes in the process of how the grants are awarded. The committee will have a process in place to present to the Board. An issue has been identified by the EMS legal department and the ethics commission. Only board members will have immunity in discussing priority 1 grants. Two options: 1) Board members who are committee members take on the responsibility of making the changes to the Priority 1 grant funding formula. 2) Put out a Request for Proposal to have an outside source, separate from the division of EMS, to review and develop the priority 1 grants formula.

After discussions with the committee members; the recommendation to the Board is to only have the Board members on the Resource Committee take on the responsibilities through a workgroup to review and develop the Priority 1 grants scoring system.

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***ACTION: Motion to permit the Board members on the Resource Management Committee to review and develop the Priority 1 grants formula.***

Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Dutton - abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Executive Director and Staff Reports ~ Melvin House**

#### *State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS)*

- Seat 10: EMS Provider – remains vacant
- Expiring Seats (November 12, 2015)
  - Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2)
  - Volunteer Fire Chief (Seat #7)
  - EMS Instructor (Seat #8)
  - EMS Provider (Seat #12)
  - EMS Provider (Seat #14)
  - Mobile Intensive Care Unit Provider (Seat #17)
  - Air-Medical EMS Provider (Seat #18)

Nomination letters are being sent to the nominating organizations and will be given 30 days to submit their three nominations. All of the nominations will be sent to the Governor's office for appointment. Our goal is to have everyone seated by November 12, 2015.

Ellen Owens introduced Johanna Burgess-Pickett, the new grants administrator. Ms. Pickett comes from the State of Ohio Department of Mental Health Addiction Services and has eight years of experience in the grants program.

Jean Booze introduced Jan Deppner, the new Administrative Professional 2, in the certification/grants section. Ms. Deppner joins Emergency Medical Services from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The vacancy in certifications/grants section has been filled by Novica Olinger who will start on August 24, 2015. There is a vacancy in the research and data section and we are working with DAS on the classification for the replacement.

The IT project continues and the fire testing is complete. The section is currently working on the certifications rebuild; ultimately all applications will be electronic. First, IT is working on the renewal applications.

Dr. Steinberg recognized Dr. Norm McSwain, who passed away on July 28, 2015. Dr. Steinberg and Dr. McSwain were colleagues for 25 years. Dr. McSwain was a pioneer in trauma surgery and advocate for pre-hospital care.

Executive Director House recommended that the Board Retreat be held February 17, 2016 and the EMFTS Board meeting on February 18, 2016. The committee meetings can be held February 16, 2015. The Board agreed on the dates and the rooms will be reserved.

### **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze**

Jean Booze reported that, from June 10, 2015 to August 9, 2015, there were 118 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve EMS extension requests.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that during June 10, 2015 to August 9, 2015, there were 2,460 new EMS certifications and 2,410 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve new certifications.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze presented a procedural change regarding continuing education exemptions to the Board for approval. The Board approves exemption requests, but sometimes the applicants do not comply with the request to either submit a renewal or reinstatement application. When the individual does not respond to the request, the staff comes to the Board to close the exemption. Currently there is no deadline for an application submission for an exemption. The EMS staff would like a motion to approve future exemptions based on application submission within 60 days after the Board meeting. To facilitate this, a certified letter will be sent to the individual in addition to calling and e-mailing the applicants and advising them that they have 60 days to submit the appropriate application. If they do not submit the application within the 60 days, another certified letter will be sent advising the individual that the deadline to submit the application has expired and the exemption approval is no longer valid. If the certificate has expired, reinstatement requirements will be sent. If the certificate has not expired, renewal requirements as well as the reinstatement requirements will be sent. Executive Director House and Jean Booze met with EMS legal counsel, Anna Firestone, to discuss the procedural change. Ms. Firestone suggested Director House and Ms. Booze follow up and incorporate the procedure into future rules. Ms. Rose suggested that it be specified as to 60 calendar days and provide a deadline date.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve exemptions based upon their appropriate application submission within 60 days of the EMFTS Board meeting.*** Mr. Wright – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions requests. There were two CE exemption requests; one military exemption is dual-certified and still on active duty (#2015-8-1). There is one EMS provider who is requesting a medical hardship exemption (#2015-08-3). All supporting documentation has been received for these two requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve exemption requests based on the certificate holders submission of the appropriate application within 60 days of the EMFTS Board meeting, August 18, 2015, for #2015-8-01 and #2015-08-03.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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At the June 17, 2015 EMFTS Board meeting two exemptions were approved, but the individuals have not responded to repeated requests to submit the appropriate applications. Both were EMS only with medical documentation; #2015-6-6 and #2015-6-8. To close these cases, the EMS staff would like to send a certified letter to respond within 60 days. If they do not respond, the staff will send another certified letter advising the exemptions have expired. Jean Booze requested a motion to close these two requests using the new 60-day procedure.

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***ACTION: Motion to close two exemptions; 2015-6-6 and 2015-6-8, implementing the new 60 day procedure.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Education – Linda Mirarchi**

Ms. Mirarchi stated that Cedarville University have voluntarily surrendered their paramedic training certificate. To accurately reflect their approved operating status, the staff recommends issuing a revised certificate to operate as an EMT and Advanced EMT training program.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue a revised certificate to Cedarville University to operate the EMT and Advanced EMT Training Program.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Ohio University-Lancaster has received their letter of review from CoAEMSP. The staff recommends their certificate of accreditation be extended to August 16, 2017, the full five years.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue a Certificate of Accreditation to Ohio University-Lancaster with an expiration date of August 16, 2017.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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The staff recommends an extension of 1 year and 1 month to Pike County Career Technology Center in order to align their fire charter expiration date with their EMT accreditation.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue an extension of 1 year and 1 month to Pike County Career Technology Center in order to align their fire charter expiration date with their EMT accreditation.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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The staff recommends a 3-year Certificate of Accreditation to Southern Hills Career Center.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue a 3 year Certificate of Accreditation to Southern Hills Career Center.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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The staff recommends to issue a 5-year Certificate of Accreditation to Southwest General Hospital. The accreditation is being recommended because they are in compliance with ORC 4765.17, OAC 4765-7-01, and all requirements in OAC rule 4765-7-02.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue a 5-year Certificate of Accreditation to Southwest General Hospital.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Mr. Jones - abstained. Motion approved.

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### **CAAHEP Status**

20 Accredited Programs

21 CoAEMSP Letter of Review

1 Request for Application Services

2 TBD

Ms. Mirarchi stated there will be 42 Paramedic programs in Ohio. CoAEMSP conducted 113 site visits and 11 of those site visits were in Ohio.

John Sands presented a renewal application for Farmersville Fire and EMS. Previously they had an active investigation case which has been cleared and the case was closed. The CE site 1029, Farmersville Fire and EMS; staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Renewal.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal application of Farmersville Fire and EMS.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick**

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of June, July and August 2015. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of June, July and August 2015; pending satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (9 ambulettes). Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new services; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Rose- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation headquarters (1 ambulette/1 ambulance), satellite location applications (5 ambulettes/7 ambulances) and air service (1 rotor-wing). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new headquarters and satellite location applications and air service.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **EMFTS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee, Deanna Harris**

HB 64 was signed June 30, 2015 and goes into effect in 90 days. (Ohio Revised Code 4765.361) The information sheet was sent out by the Division of EMS. The document can be found on the EMS website.

The wording that was approved and passed does not provide for any rule-making authority for this Board. Ms. Harris inquired as to if the Board wanted to have a white paper written. Mobile Integrated healthcare is not mandatory, and the purpose of the white paper would only be to provide guidance for people who potentially want to look at a program. Executive Director House stated that the language and the law is not strictly related. Certificate holders are permitted to do what they do now within the scope of practice under non-emergency conditions. Although the language regarding the scope of practice is included, the issues and considerations surrounding mobile integrated healthcare are much bigger.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the issue. Dr. Cunningham stated the information sheet gives some guidelines. It was suggested that this is a local decision to be made by the community, medical directors, and fire and EMS services on how they will deliver EMS to their community. Anna Firestone stated that legal will have to review the new legislation again. It was decided Ms. Harris would provide various documents to the Board members to review and then an informed decision can be made regarding this issue.

Ms. Harris suggested the Ad Hoc Committee be on hiatus and if it is necessary the committee can always reconvene.

**Action Item:** Ms. Harris to e-mail documents to the EMFTS Board Secretary, Ms. Koker and she will forward to all the Board members and Anna Firestone. The Board members are not to respond with any comments, however, they can forward all feedback to Dr. Cunningham, State Medical Director.

### **EMS-Children Committee (EMSC), Dr. Hamilton Schwartz**

The committee meeting was held August 15, 2015.

Dr. Naa Allotey, EMSC Project Director, is recruiting physicians and nurses from Ohio's pediatric hospitals to serve as site reviewers for the Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared program. A webinar is planned for October.

The EMS for Children Committee is planning a workshop in 2016 to focus on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors.

The 2014 "Equipment for Ground Ambulances" pre-hospital equipment list has been reviewed and recommended by the EMS for Children Committee, the Medical Oversight Committee, and the Medical Transportation Committee, to replace the 2009 "Equipment for Ambulances" list as the Board endorsed the list for Ohio EMS agencies. We would request that the motion from October 2014 be taken from the table and reconsidered at this time.

***ACTION: Motion to take off the table and address the 2014 "Equipment for Ambulances" list.***  
Ms. Harris– First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

The Medical Transportation Committee, Medical Oversight Committee and the EMS-Children Committee have reviewed and adopted the 2014 "Equipment for Ground Ambulances".

***ACTION: Motion to endorse the 2014 "Equipment for Ambulances" pre-hospital equipment list for Ohio EMS Agencies.*** Dr. Schwartz– First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on June 11, 2015 at the Ohio Hospital Association. The meeting was attended by Joe Stack, Carol Jacobson, Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, and Dr. Naa Allotey of the EMS for Children Committee, and focused on planning for future projects. Quarterly meetings are to be scheduled shortly by OHA.

Joe Stack and Tim Erskine presented the "Concepts in Process Improvement" workshop for Sandusky County EMS that was provided July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup> to EMS providers.

Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Dr. Naa Allotey, and Dr. Schwartz are working on a third annual Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference for Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio Department of Public Safety; the conference topic will be writing EMS protocols. The information gained from this conference will help planning the medical directors' workshop for spring 2016.

Terry Kirkham has resigned from the EMS for Children Committee, and Dr. Julie Leonard has applied for admission to the Committee and her application has been approved through the Division of EMS; request the Board's approval.

***ACTION: Motion to add Dr. Julie Leonard to the EMS for Children Committee.***  
Dr. Schwartz– First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

***ACTION: Motion to accept the resignation of Terry Kirkham from the EMS for Children Committee and be removed from the committee roster.*** Dr. Schwartz– First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Ms. Harris requested that EMS for Children Committee appoint a vice chair at the next Board meeting.

### **EMS System Development, Deanna Harris**

Based on the strategic plan, the committee would like to request that Tim Erskine create a data usage policy and a data validation policy and work in collaboration with the legal department.

The committee was identifying crash data and Ms. Harris requested that the Department of Public Safety staff write a rule into Chapter 8; prior to the initial EMS Certification, whether by reciprocity or initial certification, the individual must possess a NHTSA approved emergency vehicle operator certificate.

***ACTION: Motion for the Department of Public Safety staff write a rule into Chapter 8 to specify the following: Prior to the initial EMS Certification, whether by reciprocity or initial certification, an individual must possess a NHTSA approved emergency vehicle operator certificate.***

Ms. Beavers– First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety is unable to fund the BCI background checks. The committee investigated this matter and the results have been reported to the Board; therefore, it will be removed from the strategic plan.

***ACTION: Motion to add Jim Davis as vice chair of the EMS System Development committee.***

Mr. Allenstein– First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Davis - abstain. Motion approved.

The EMS System Development committee is requesting that the Education Committee provide their thoughts and recommendations regarding distance learning and reciprocity.

EMS System Development committee will not meet in October. The next meeting will be in December.

### **Rural Committee, Deanna Harris**

***ACTION: Motion to add Karen Beavers as chair and Diane Simon as vice chair of the Rural committee.***

Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Ms. Simon and Ms. Beavers - abstain. Motion approved.

One application for the Rural Committee has been received and vetted by the EMS Staff.

***ACTION: Motion to add Tony Anteau to the Rural committee.***

Ms. Allenstein – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Ms. Simon and Ms. Beavers - abstain. Motion approved.

### **Education, Pam Bradshaw**

***ACTION: Motion to add Karen Beavers as the vice chair of the Education committee.***

Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Ms. Beavers - abstain. Motion approved.

The Education Committee will meet September 16, 2015.

### **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC), Geoff Dutton**

The committee has not had a meeting. Mr. Dutton requested that another board member participate either as chair or vice chair of the MOC committee.

Dr. Cunningham presented the draft electronic transmission white paper which was included in the board packet for approval. Mr. Allenstein reported a typographical error to be corrected.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the white paper; Electronic Technologies and the Impact on EMS.**

Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

### **Medical Transportation Committee (MTC), Tom Allenstein**

The committee met on August 18, 2015. The committee began reviewing the ambulance and ambulette rules. Once the rules are completed they will be presented to the EMFTS Board for approval.

Mr. Allenstein reported there are new stickers for the vehicles. Executive Director House stated that the new process is much more efficient and commends Dave Fiffick and staff for a job well done.

### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose**

The subcommittee had a meeting on, August 18, 2015. A vice chair needs to be identified for this subcommittee.

Ms. Rose reported that the committee adopted the definition of critically ill and injured. They will revisit the possibility and need of the AKA accreditation of critical care at the paramedic level.

### **Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton**

The committee met August 18, 2015.

The 2015 Time Critical Diagnosis Stakeholders Conference will be held on September 25, 2015. The target audience are physicians and nurses. Guest speakers from Missouri and Utah, who have some level of time-critical diagnosis system development in their states will share their ideas and best avenues to improve patient outcomes and minimize deaths.

### **EMS Awards Ad-Hoc Committee, Deanna Harris**

The Board cannot be the sponsor of or participate in selecting individuals for awards. Ms. Harris will speak with Dr. Tallman, the ACEP representative, regarding the EMS awards. It was suggested that nominating organizations nominate individuals for the awards.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

~None~

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Harris addressed the following Action Items:

- *Trauma Committee* – the burn centers is in progress.

- *EMS Systems Development* - Dispatch is in progress. Reciprocity will be addressed at the December Committee meeting.
- *Medical Transportation* - Decommissioned ambulances and safety precautions have been completed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Ms. Beavers - First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Wednesday, October 21, 2015 *at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio*

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services  
1970 W. Broad Street, Conference Room 134 (Motorcycle Room)  
Columbus, Ohio 43223**

**~ FINAL MEETING AGENDA ~**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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- **Roll Call**
- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Open Forum**
- **Review and Approval of Consent Agenda (posted to website prior to meeting)**, including minutes of the August 19, 2015 meeting and certifications, accreditations, and CE site requests for period August 18 – October 20, 2015.
- **Report and Recommendation in the matter of EMS Case:**
  - EMS Case Number 2015-104-E500/2012-161-E300, Joshua G. Limbacher, EMS Certificate Number 111267
  - EMS Case Number 2014-440-E100, Jeremy D. Edmondson, EMS Certificate Number 165721
- **EMS Goldmans in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
  - EMS Case Number 2013-234-E400, William M. Zartman, EMS Certificate Number 116451
  - EMS Case Number 2014-492-E300, William G. Burklow, EMS Certification Number 139515
  - EMS Case Number 2014-498-E300, Jeremy M. Lee, EMS Certification Number 157876
  - EMS Case Number 2014-529-E300, Edward J. Holland, EMS Certification Number 27054
- **EMS Summary Suspension Requests**
  - EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100 Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292
  - EMS Case Number 2014-382-BE100, James J. Kuruc, EMS Certificate Number 158586
- **EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations, Melissa Vermillion and Staff**
  - **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22 (G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 (A)(2) or 4765.102(B).
- **Reports**
  - **Chair's Report**, Deanna Harris
  - **State EMS Medical Director's Report**, Dr. Carol Cunningham
  - **Assistant Attorney General**, Rico Barrera
  - **EMS Staff Legal Counsel**, Heather Frient
    - Five year rule review, Chapter 8 and 9
  - **EMS Legislative Liaison**, Alex Lapso
  - **Executive Director and Staff Reports**, Melvin House
    - **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests** (Medical and Military), Jean Booze
    - **Education Requests**, Linda Mirarchi
    - **Medical Transportation Renewal Applications, New Services, New Headquarter and Satellite Locations, and Upgrade in Level of Service**, Dave Fiffick
- **Board Committee Reports**
  - **Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare) Ad Hoc Committee**, Deanna Harris
  - **EMS-Children Committee**, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

- **EMS System Development Committee**, Deanna Harris
  - **Homeland Security Subcommittee**, Mark Resanovich
  - **EMS Rural Subcommittee**, Karen Beavers
- **Education Committee**, Pam Bradshaw
- **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC)**, Geoff Dutton
- **Medical Transportation Committee**, Thomas Allenstein
  - **Critical Care Sub-Committee**, Julie Rose
- **Resource Management Committee**, Mark Resanovich
- **Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee**, Geoff Dutton
- **EMS Awards Ad Hoc Committee**, Thomas Tallman
- **Trauma Committee**, Tim Erskine
  
- **Old Business**
  - **Priority 1 Grant Proposal**
  
- **New Business**
  - Action Items

**Adjournment (except for Fire Committee Members)**





STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2015
~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Kent Appelhans, Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Ernest Hatmaker, Steven Jones, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Diane Simon, Dr. Steven Steinberg, Dr. Thomas Tallman, Thomas Wappner and Dudley Wright II.

Board Members Absent: Thomas Allenstein and Deanna Harris

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Heather Frient, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Novica Olinger, Ellen Owens, Johanna Pickett, John Sands, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton, and Rachel Randall.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: Ted Coates (Massie Township Fire), and Taylor Neff (Massie Township Fire)

EMS Rules Hearing ~ None

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:29 a.m.

Roll Call

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Lists members and their attendance status.

Open Forum ~ None

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Baute requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the August 19, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period August 18, 2015 to October 20, 2015.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the August 19, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period August 18, 2015 to October 20, 2015.***

Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

## **Report and Recommendation**

Ms. Baute introduced herself as the vice chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on two report and recommendations in the matter of:

- *EMS Case Number 2015-104-E500/2012-161-E300, Joshua G. Limbacher, EMS Certificate Number 111267*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-440-E100, Jeremy D. Edmondson, EMS Certificate Number 165721.*

The respondents did not file objections to the report and recommendation. Ms. Baute recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the cases and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

AAG Rico Barrera stated the EMS Case Number 2015-104-E500, Joshua G. Limbacher, is a continuing education case. Mr. Limbacher failed to obtain the appropriate continuing education hours before renewing. In 2012 he previously had a case where he failed to obtain the correct number of continuing education hours and was placed into a Consent Agreement. When he renewed this year in 2015 he again failed to obtain the appropriate continuing education hours. On the renewal he checked the “no” box next to the section indicating he did not have the appropriate continuing education hours. He also filed a 90 day extension to submit evidence of his continuing education; however, upon the terms of his 2012 consent agreement he was not eligible for such an extension. Mr. Limbacher has not submitted any proof to date. The hearing examiner concluded that he violated the terms of the Consent Agreement, as well as Ohio Administrative Code 4765-15-03(A) (1) and 4765-15-04(A)(3). By failing to show any proof of meeting the continuing education requirements, the hearing officer’s recommendation is to revoke his certification and deny his application for renewal.

AAG Barrera stated a hearing was held for EMS Case Number 2014-440-E100, Jeremy D. Edmondson. At the hearing Mr. Edmondson was very forthright about his convictions and seemed genuinely remorseful. The proposal was to deny his initial application for certification for two reasons: 1) Mr. Edmondson was convicted of misdemeanors during an incident in 2009. It was alleged these were misdemeanor crimes of moral turpitude. 2) Mr. Edmondson did not disclose his convictions on his initial first responder application which was granted; although he disclosed his convictions on his subsequent EMT Basic application. Convictions at issue are: 1) Using a weapon while intoxicated (first degree misdemeanor), 2) obstructing official business (second degree misdemeanor) 3) discharging a firearm within city limits (third degree misdemeanor). These events occurred in July 2009 when Mr. Edmondson was 22 years old. The incident stemmed from a confrontation with his half-sister who showed up unannounced to a party, where alcohol was being consumed, at Mr. Edmondson’s home. She would not leave when asked. Mr. Edmondson retrieved a weapon and discharged a weapon upon the half-sister

while leaving. Mr. Edmondson applied for first responder certification in March 2014 and it was granted. When he applied for the EMT Basic in August 2014 he divulged his convictions. The Division proposed that his application be denied due to misrepresentation and a misdemeanor involving crimes of moral turpitude. The hearing examiner found that Mr. Edmondson misrepresented by failing to disclose his convictions in his first responder application. It seems illogical that Mr. Edmondson would intentionally fail to disclose the convictions in his initial application and then a few months later disclose convictions on the EMT Basic application. Although he was convicted of 3 misdemeanors, none of those involved moral turpitude. Specifically the hearing examiner noted that these are not crimes that manifest a lack of social consciousness and depravity of criminal intent of that specific conviction. The hearing examiner noted that Mr. Edmondson has been certified by the Nursing Board since 2009 as a State Tested Nursing Assistant and in 2012 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The Nursing Board found that these were not crimes of moral turpitude. Accordingly the hearing examiner recommended that the Board accept his EMT Basic application and that he be given the following: 1) A written reprimand and that he be placed on probation until his next renewal period. 2) At the time of his next renewal, Mr. Edmondson should submit an updated BCI&I Civilian Background Check prior to the issuance of a renewal.

AAG Barrera read a letter received from Mr. Edmondson explaining that he could not attend the board meeting because his work as a nurse would adversely affect patient care and put an undo strain on his co-workers. \*\*\* Attachment #1.

The Board questioned if he was pointing the firearm at his sister when he discharged it. AAG Barrera stated that at the time his sister took off in a car and Mr. Edmondson shot the gun in the air and then he shot the gun in the direction of the vehicle; however, it did not strike the vehicle.

Having heard AAG Barrera's synopsis and recommendations for the cases, Ms. Baute requested a motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation.

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***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Davis– First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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#### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:52 a.m.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case 2015-104-E500/2012-161-E300, Joshua G. Limbacher, EMS Certificate Number 111267, the Board moves to confirm and approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to deny Mr. Limbacher's renewal application and revoke his certificate to practice. Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.***

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case 2014-440-E100, Jeremy D. Edmondson, EMS Certificate Number 165721, the Board moves to confirm and approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to grant Mr. Edmondson his certificate to practice. The Board issues a written reprimand and places Mr. Edmondson's certificate to practice on three years of probation. Mr. Edmondson shall provide an updated BCI&I background check with the next renewal. Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.***

### **Goldman Proceedings**

Ms. Baute, Vice Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceeding to order at 10:54 a.m. on October 21, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

#### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present. There were four adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

EMS Case Number 2013-234-E400, William M. Zartman, EMS Certificate Number 116451  
EMS Case Number 2014-492-E300, William G. Burklow, EMS Certification Number 139515  
EMS Case Number 2014-498-E300, Jeremy M. Lee, EMS Certification Number 157876  
EMS Case Number 2014-529-E300, Edward J. Holland, EMS Certification Number 27054

The proceedings were an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the case, the proceeding was held before the Board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but may be present to hear the proceeding and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceeding in the board packet. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Office of the Division of EMS.

Ms. Baute recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

As each Board member received the affidavits for each case to review prior to the meeting, AAG Barrera briefly presented a summary of each case where no hearing was requested.

The first one is a patient care matter and the other three are continuing education cases.

- William M. Zartman holds an EMT Advanced Certification. Before being terminated, based on this incident, he worked for the New London Fire Department. Mr. Zartman's crew responded to a call concerning an unresponsive male in July 2015. Upon arrival law enforcement was performing CPR. Mr. Zartman arrived on the scene with another EMT. The second EMT immediately provided service and Mr. Zartman refused. Mr. Zartman did not immediately respond and was argumentative with the family and the EMT counterpart and impeded treatment by pulling off the leads from the defibrillator. Mr. Zartman was adamant that the patient should be moved while his counterpart thought he should be intubated due to respiratory distress. After arguing Mr. Zartman left the scene and refused to grab a valve mask and an intubation kit despite the request from his counterpart and family. The incident was investigated by the New London Fire Department. As a result Mr. Zartman was terminated from his position. Copies of the witness statements and the investigation reports from the fire department are contained in the affidavit. Mr. Zartman was cited for failing to comply with minimal standards of care and failing to respect the needs of patients in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(5) to wit 4765-9-01(A)(B). The recommendation is the denial of Mr. Zartman's renewal application and revocation of his certification.  
\*\* It was noted that Mr. Zartman requested a hearing, however, it was not in a timely manner.
- William G. Burklow was audited and it was found Mr. Burklow was short of the required amount of continuing education hours; specifically hours related to Ohio Trauma Triage. The recommendation is the suspension of Mr. Burklow's certification until he provides the Division with documentation supporting the hours of education.
- Jeremy M. Lee and Edward J. Holland are both individuals who failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements and the recommendation is to revoke both of their certificates to practice.

Having heard AAG Barrera's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Ms. Baute requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavit and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

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***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.*** Mr. Davis – First. Dr. Steinberg – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceeding closed at 11:02 a.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the proceeding will continue by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondents.

Ms. Baute requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

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***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Wappner– First. Mr. Jones – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 11:14 a.m.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-234-E400, William M. Zartman, EMS Certificate Number 116451, the Board finds that Mr. Zartman failed to comply with the minimal standards of care and failed to respect the needs of the patient in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(5) to wit 4765-9-01(A) and 4765-9-01(B); therefore the Board moves to deny Mr. Zartman's renewal application and revoke his certificate to practice.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Davis and Dr. Steinberg - opposed. Mr. Resanovich and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-492-E300, William G. Burklow, EMS Certificate Number 139515, the Board finds that Mr. Burklow was audited and found to be short the required continuing education hours to include the Ohio Trauma Triage. Accordingly, William G. Burklow violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1) to wit: 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3) and 4765-15-03; therefore the Board moves to suspend Mr. Burklow's certificate to practice until he provides the Division with documentation of completion of hours.*** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-498-E300, Jeremy M. Lee, EMS Certification Number 157876, The Board finds that Mr. Lee failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore, not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Lee's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.***

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-529-E300, Edward J. Holland, EMS Certification Number 27054, the Board finds that Mr. Holland failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore, not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Holland's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.***

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### **EMS Summary Suspension Requests**

Ms. Baute, Vice Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 11:23 a.m. on October 21, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

#### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present. The Board will review two cases to determine if there is clear and convincing evidence to warrant a summary suspension of each Respondent's certificate to practice, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4765.112. These proceedings were in the matter of:

- EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292
- EMS Case Number 2014-382-BE100, James J. Kuruc, EMS Certificate Number 158586

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for review. The affidavits and exhibits contain evidence upon which the Board will deliberate. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

Ms. Baute recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of each case.

AAG Barrera explained that a Summary Suspension is a specific type of suspension that can be imposed in very limited incidents for very specific conduct. The suspension is put into place before that person has an opportunity to request a hearing. If a summary suspension is imposed that person is notified and they have the opportunity to request a hearing. If a hearing is requested, it is required to be held within 45 days and then a decision must be rendered by both the hearing examiner and the Board within 45 days of the date of the hearing. It may be necessary to call a special meeting in some instances in order to ensure that the order is issued within the specific time frame required by the law. This is only done in very serious circumstances in order to protect the public.

The statute is Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112 and states *“the Board may suspend a person without a prior hearing if the Board determines by clear and convincing evidence that the continued practice by the certificate holder presents a danger of immediate or serious harm to the public and that the certificate holder has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving a crime of moral turpitude committed during the course of practice”*.

Joshua Bleigh is currently certified as an EMT. In June when he applied to renew his certificate he disclosed a 2014 felony conviction for *“Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor”*, a fourth-degree felony, Wayne County Court of Common Pleas, Case number 2013CR0242. The convictions stem from a consensual sexual relationship with a 15 year old. At the time of the conviction Mr. Bleigh was 20 years old.

James Kuruc is certified as a paramedic. Based on a newspaper article the Division became aware of Mr. Kuruc’s criminal indictment for two counts of *“Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor”*; a fourth-degree felony. In September 2015, the Medina Court of Common Pleas convicted Mr. Kuruc. He was designated as a Tier II sex offender and ordered not to have contact with anyone under the age of 18 years old unless an immediate family member. This conviction stems from a consensual sexual relationship with a 15 year old. At the time of the conviction Mr. Kuruc was 22 years old.

Ms. Baute requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

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***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Wappner – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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## **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present

Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 11:38 a.m.

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292, the Board finds clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Bleigh's continued practice as an emergency medical technician presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and he has been convicted of a felony. Specifically, on January 9, 2014, Mr. Bleigh was convicted of *Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor*, a fourth-degree felony, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.04, in the Court of common Pleas, Wayne County, Ohio, Case No. 13-CR-0242. Mr. Bleigh was designated by the court a sex offender and is registered as a Tier II Sex Offender. Mr. Bleigh is also in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Additionally, Mr. Bleigh failed to report and provide documentation of his conviction(s) in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Therefore, the Board hereby Orders Mr. Bleigh's EMT certificate to practice, at any level, be **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Resanovich and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-382-BE100, James J. Kuruc, EMS Certificate Number 158586, the Board finds clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Kuruc's continued practice as an emergency medical technician, at any level, presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and he has been convicted of a felony. Specifically, on September 25, 2015, Mr. Kuruc was convicted of two (2) counts of *Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor*, both fourth-degree felonies, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.04, in the Court of Common Pleas, General Division, Medina County, Ohio, Case No. 14CR0396. Mr. Kuruc was designated by the Court a sex offender and is registered as a Tier II Sex Offender. Mr. Kuruc is also in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Additionally, Mr. Kuruc failed to report his convictions(s) in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Therefore, the Board hereby Orders Mr. Kuruc's EMT certificate to practice, at any level, be **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None Opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

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### **EMS Investigations**

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***ACTION:*** Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B) at 11:43 a.m. Ms. Rose – First. Mr. Wappner – Second.

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**Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 12:18 a.m.

**ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-606-E100	2015-276-E300	2015-405-BE100
2015-168-BE100	2015-305-BE100	2015-406-E300
2015-221-BE100	2015-351-BE100	2015-525-E100
	2015-373-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreements:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Dr. Steinberg, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2013-450-BE100
2014-367-E100
2015-54-E100 *Issue NOH with permission to negotiate a consent
2015-98-E500
2015-238-BE100 *Issue NOH with permission to negotiate a consent
2014-403-BE100 *Rescind and re-issue NOH, with approval to negotiate a consent agreement
2014-583-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner– Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-120-E400	2015-352-E500
2015-311-E400	2015-411-E400

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following cases have been recommended to be closed due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-121-BE100	2015-361-E100
2014-616-BE100 *Rescind NOH	2015-365-E100 *No jurisdiction
2015-175-E300 *Rescind NOH/accept surrender	2015-353-E500 *Defer to medical director
2015-243-E500 *Accept withdrawal	2015-385-E100 *Accept the withdrawal
2015-217-E400	2015-415-E100
2015-258-E100	2015-453-E500
2015-332-E100	2015-414-E100
2015-334-E500	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-434-E300	2012-782-E300
2012-481-E100	2013-261-E100
2012-566-E300	2013-699-BE300
	2014-511-BE100*Rescind NOH

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies.:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-75-F500	2015-338-E300	2015-435-E300
2015-290-E300	2015-344-E300	2015-463-E300
2015-291-E300	2015-396-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2011-803-E100	2013-644-E300	2014-447-BE100
2012-664-E300	2013-695-E300	2014-617-E100
2012-942-E300	2013-696-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following education cases:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-99-E500 \*Issue warning letter

**ACTION: Motion to rescind the previously issued notice of opportunity for hearing and close the case:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-511-BE100

**ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-382-BE100	2015-248-E300	2015-336-E300
2014-612-BE100	2015-269-E300	2015-346-E100
2015-196-E300	2015-289-E300	2015-370-E300
2015-198-E300	2015-292-E300	2015-434-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases:** Ms. Simon – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-260-E300	2014-441-BE100	2015-461-E100	2015-497-E100
2015-345-E300	2015-444-BE100	2015-462-E100	2015-498-BE100
2015-357-E100	2015-448-E500	2015-477-E300	2015-505-BE100
2015-413-E100	2015-452-E100	2015-478-E100	2015-509-E100
2015-416-BE100	2015-454-E100	2015-480-E100	2015-518-BE100
2015-422-E100	2015-455-E100	2015-481-E100	2015-519-E100
2015-433-E300	2015-456-E100	2015-484-E100	2015-526-E100
2015-437-E100	2015-457-E100	2015-492-E100	2015-546-E100
2015-438-E100	2015-459-E100	2015-493-BE100	2015-547-BE100
2015-439-BE100	2015-460-E100	2015-495-BE100	2015-548-E100

## **REPORTS:**

### **State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

Dr. Cunningham submitted the following RPAB applicants for EMFTS Board approval;

Dr. James Freyhof – RPAB Region 3

Dr. David Linstrom – RPAB Region 1

**ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed appointments, Dr. James Freyhof and Dr. David Linstrom, to the Regional Physician Advisory Board.** Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Appelhans– Second. None opposed. Mr. McNutt and Ms. Simon - abstained. Motion approved.

The All Member RPAB meeting will be held on November 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with the RPAB Chair meeting immediately following. At the December EMFTS Board meeting the updates from the American Heart Association CPR/ECC guidelines, which were released in October 2015, to the State of Ohio EMS guidelines and procedures manuals will be reviewed. The RPAB oversees these documents which will be distributed to the Board members in December. A summary sheet will be provided as to what guidelines have been changed. All of the guideline documents will be updated in 2016.

Dr. Cunningham wrote a document, requested by Chair Harris, as a resource for Ohio EMS regarding Mobile Integrated Healthcare. The document was reviewed by legal counsel, Ms. Frient, and was included in the Board packet. Dr. Cunningham requested approval of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Guidance Resource for Ohio EMS.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Guidance Resource for Ohio EMS.** Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Jones– Second. None opposed. Mr. McNutt and Ms. Simon - abstained. Motion approved.

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) fall meeting was held October 12<sup>th</sup> through October 16<sup>th</sup>, in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Mary Fallat, a pediatric trauma surgeon, presented a project titled *Compassionate Options for Pediatric EMS (COPE)*. It is a computerized application that is available for Android cell phones and will be available for iPhones in the near future.

The Medical Director's Council was tasked by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) to draft a document regarding appropriate care of spinal injuries of athletes. The document was finalized and approved by NASEMSO.

Dr. Cunningham will attend the following meetings:

- Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care meeting to be held on November 1, 2015 in Austin, Texas.
- The National EMS Advisory Council meeting will be held December 1-2, 2015, in Washington, D.C.
- The Federal Interagency Committee on EMS will be held December 2, 2015, in Washington, D.C.
- The National Association of EMS Physicians annual meeting to be held January 13-16, 2016 in San Diego, California. Dr. Cunningham has been invited to serve on a Mobile Integrated Health panel.

### **EMS Legal Counsel, AAG Rico Barrera and Heather Frient**

Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera reported that William Eberly has filed an appeal with the Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court. The EMFTS Board revoked his certificate to practice at the August Board meeting.

Legal counsel, Heather Frient, advised the Board that a candidate for the EMS Legal Counsel position has been chosen and is in the approval process.

Beverly Cooper reported that the rules approved by the Board at the August meeting, Chapter 4765-8 and Chapter 4765-9, were filed with the Common Sense Initiative. Once the recommendations are received a response is required. On the EMS website there is a section titled Small Business Regulatory Impact, which is where the rules process is tracked. In 2016 the Grant rules will be filed.

ED House reminded the Board of the importance to have a quorum at the December meeting in order to keep the rules process compliant with the legislative deadlines.

### **EMS Legislative Liaison, Alex Lapso**

Executive Director House reported that Mr. Lapso was unable to attend; however, he provided his report. House Bill 163 from Representative Patmon to designate May 24<sup>th</sup> as First Responders' Appreciation Day has been passed by the House and has been referred to the Committee Senate State and Local Government.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-163>

House Bill 187, from Representative Ginter to allow emergency responders to stabilize injured animals has been forwarded to the House Health and Aging.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-187>

## **Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House**

Seven EMFTS Board seats expire on November 12, 2015, which include:

- Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2)
- Volunteer Fire Chief (Seat #7)
- EMS Instructor (Seat #8)
- EMS Provider (Seat #12)
- EMS Provider (Seat #14)
- Mobile Intensive Care Unit Provider (Seat #17)
- Air-Medical EMS Provider (Seat #18)

Nominations have been received from the nominating organizations and were sent to the Governor's Office for appointment. Per ORC 4765.02, seats remain filled by incumbents for up to 60 days. ("A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.")

Jean Booze introduced Novica Olinger, who began work in the Certification and Grants Section on August 24, 2015. Ms. Olinger has worked in the Ohio Department of Public Safety for three years in the BMV division and has also worked for the Ohio Department of Corrections.

The Program Administrator 2 position still remains open; however, the position has been reclassified as an Epidemiologist. An Investigation Supervisor and Administrative Professional 2 has been hired and will begin on November 2, 2015.

The Medical Transportation Section is currently seeking part-time contractors to serve as medical transportation inspectors in the Columbus area.

The EMS Grant Section continues to conduct site visits at EMS organizations across the state of Ohio. The visits serve a dual purpose; grant monitoring and an opportunity to discuss EMS grantee needs.

The EMFTS Retreat is scheduled for February 17 and 18, 2016. EMFTS committee meetings will be held on February 16, 2016. All EMFTS committee members will be reappointed at the February Board meeting. Applications and resumes are due by December 16, 2015 for all members excluding the appointments made the last quarter of 2015.

Dr. Cunningham, Executive Director House and Joe Stack attended the NASEMSO annual meeting.

- The C.A.R.E.S. program will present a webinar for the Medical Oversight Committee in December. The program is a cardiac data collection for use in improving cardiac response.
- There were many discussions regarding medical transportation issues and ambulance standards.

Tim Erskine explained that the EMS Compass Project is a federally funded program being administered by NASEMSO to set the standards for performance and formulas for EMS performance measures. For more information visit [www.emscompass.org](http://www.emscompass.org).

### **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze**

Jean Booze reported that, from August 10, 2015 to October 8, 2015, there were 100 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve EMS extension requests.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that during August 10, 2015 to October 8, 2015, there were 2,434 new EMS certifications and 2,084 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve new certifications.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze stated that the EMFTS Board approved a new procedure to allow requests to have 60 days to complete the exemption process at the August Board meeting. Ms. Booze reported the new procedure worked very well.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions requests. There is one Hardship/Medical CE exemption request; (#2015-10-3). This certificate holder is the main caregiver for their spouse's medical condition. The individual had a 90 day extension in place and has completed all but a few hours. He submitted the exemption request after the 90 day extension expired; however, there were extenuating circumstances. All supporting documentation has been received for this request. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption request.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the exemption request based on the certificate holders submission of the appropriate application within 60 days of the EMFTS Board meeting, October 21, 2015, for #2015-10-3.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Education – Linda Mirarchi**

Ms. Mirarchi stated there are two agencies who have requested the Initial Certificate of Accreditation; Hocking County EMS with an expiration of October 21, 2018. The staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue an Initial Certificate of Accreditation to Hocking County EMS with an expiration of October 21, 2018.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Medina County Career Center requested the Initial Certificate of Accreditation with an expiration of October 21, 2018. The staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue an Initial Certificate of Accreditation to Medina County Career Center with an expiration date of October 21, 2018.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Akron General Medical Center has requested a renewal of accreditation to September 18, 2020 to align with the CAAHEP expiration date.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal of accreditation of Akron General Medical Center to September 18, 2020 to align with CAAHEP expiration date.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Belmont College has requested an extension of accreditation to October 31, 2018.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the extension of accreditation of Belmont College to October 31, 2018.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Butler Technology & Career Development Schools requested an extension to September 18, 2020 to align with the CAAHEP accreditation. Staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the extension of Butler Technology and Career Development Schools to September 18, 2020 to align with CAAHEP expiration date.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Cincinnati State Technical & Community College requested an extension to October 21, 2018. Staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the extension of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College to October 21, 2018.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Dayton Fire Department EMT Program requested renewal of accreditation.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal of accreditation to Dayton Fire Department EMT Program.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Newton Township Fire Department is asking for a change in their accreditation date from February 20, 2017 to July 12, 2016 in order to align with their fire charter. Staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve Newton Township Fire Department to change accreditation date from February 20, 2017 to July 12, 2016 to align with their fire charter.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Life Fleet Ambulance Training Center is requesting an accreditation renewal. Staff recommends and requests a motion to approve the renewal.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the accreditation renewal of Life Fleet Ambulance Training Center.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Summa St. Thomas Hospital requested an accreditation renewal to align with the CAAHEP accreditation date of July 31, 2020.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the accreditation renewal of Summa St. Thomas Hospital to July 31, 2020 to align with the CAAHEP accreditation.*** Ms. Bradshaw– First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Ms. Mirarchi stated for the record that the Dayton Area Red Cross has voluntarily surrendered their Certificate of Accreditation to offer EMR training.

### **Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick**

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of August, September and October 2015. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of August, September and October 2015; pending satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wappner (700042) and Mr. Applehans (485115, 480049, 480129, & 025055) - Abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (8 ambulettes and 1 ambulance). Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new services; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Bradshaw- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation satellite location applications (4 ambulettes/3 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation satellite location applications; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Bradshaw– Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee**

~No Report~

### **EMS-Children Committee (EMSC), Dr. Hamilton Schwartz**

Dr. Naa Allotey, EMSC Project Director, is recruiting physicians and nurses from Ohio's pediatric hospitals to serve as site reviewers for the emergency departments: Pediatric Preparedness program. A webinar will be held this Friday, October 23, for pediatric ED staff, and the webinar will be recorded for future access.

The EMS for Children Committee is planning a workshop in April 2016 to focus on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors, focusing on the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines and the exercises completed at the Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference held last month.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on October 14 at the Ohio Hospital Association. The meeting was attended by Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove of the EMS for Children Committee, and determined the following priorities for 2016: pediatric surge capacity, guidelines for pediatric pre-hospital decontamination, and reunification of unaccompanied minors. Quarterly meetings are to be scheduled by OHA, beginning in January or February.

Joe Stack and Tim Erskine presented the “Concepts in Process Improvement” workshop for the Southern Ohio EMS Alliance on October 6, 2015 to 18 EMS providers. The next scheduled workshop will be November 12, 2015 for the Ohio EMS Chiefs’ Association in Westerville. The Ohio Association of EMS has also invited Mr. Stack and Mr. Erskine to present at their Spring Conference in Marietta at the end of April.

The third annual Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference was held Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety; the conference topic was writing pediatric EMS protocols. Twenty-seven pediatric emergency medicine fellows attended and answered issues provided through “Ask EMS” questions. The information gained from this conference will help with the planning of the medical directors’ workshop for April 2016.

Deena Brecher has applied for admission to the Committee and her application has been approved through the Division of EMS; Dr. Schwartz requested the Board’s approval.

Dr. Schwartz requested a motion to add Deena Brecher as a member to the EMS-Children Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Ms. Deena Brecher as a member of the EMS-Children Committee.***  
***Mr. McNutt***– First. Mr. Resanovich– Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstained. Motion approved.

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Dr. Schwartz made a motion to add Ms. Karen Beavers to serve as the vice chair of the EMS-Children Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Ms. Karen Beavers as vice chair of the EMS-Children Committee.***  
Dr. Schwartz – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. Ms. Beavers - abstained. Motion approved.

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### **EMS System Development Committee**

~No Report~

### **Homeland Security Sub-committee, Mark Resanovich**

The sub-committee met on October 2, 2015.

The CHEMPACK updates have been completed and a meeting with Ohio Department of Health was held.

On October 23, 2015, Executive Director House and Mr. Resanovich will visit the warehouse at Rickenbacker to look at surplus EMS equipment that the Ohio Department of Health no longer wants. If there is any equipment that is viable, it can be used or gifted to those who are in need and will be retrieved.

The Hartford Consensus report on active shooter incidents has been received. The sub-committee reviewed the report and asked the Trauma Committee to also review the report and compare it to the document that has already been approved.

**Action Item:** Dr. Cunningham to draft a letter to Center for Disease Control (CDC) with concerns regarding DuoDote®.

The CDC is planning on either adding or replacing the Mark 1® kits with DuoDote®. DuoDote® is a combination auto-injector where atropine and 2-PAM are in the same vial. The problem is CHEMPACK assets will be used on children and the elderly, and there are significant side effects with repeated doses of 2-PAM in that population. The committee is asking the Board for a letter to the CDC to address our concerns.

Motion for Dr. Cunningham to prepare a draft letter to the Centers for Disease Control.

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***ACTION: Motion for Dr. Carol Cunningham to prepare a letter to be sent to the Centers for Disease Control.*** Mr. Resanovich– First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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The Homeland Security Sub-Committee will review the draft letter at the next committee meeting.

#### **Rural Committee, Karen Beavers**

A meeting is in the process of being scheduled before the December Board meeting. Applications and resumes continue to be reviewed.

#### **Education Committee, Pam Bradshaw**

Ms. Bradshaw requested a motion to add Steven Harrison as a new member to the Education Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Mr. Steven Harrison as a member of the Education Committee.*** Mr. Davis– First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstained. Motion approved.

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#### **Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton**

The MOC met on October 20, 2015.

An inquiry was received from the Ohio Hospital Association regarding the white paper electronic transmission. They had questions whether it was a realistic expectation given that many providers use personal phones. The MOC concluded that the white paper is not binding and the recommendations cited in this Board position is based on best practices.

The MOC discussed the new American Heart Association Guidelines regarding emergency cardiac care. The waveform capnography training module was also discussed by the committee.

The committee is also reviewing the C.A.R.E.S. program which is a cardiac arrest registry of cardiac arrest treatments outside of the hospital. The general consensus is that this may be very promising and a useful tool for EMS. Data collection would be a new requirement for the hospitals. The Hospital Association has been contacted to begin discussions.

TASER® barb removal was discussed whether the scope of practice would need to be changed. The determination by the MOC is that the scope of practice will remain the same as an element of the psychomotor skill of soft tissue management.

Dr. Cunningham received a question through ASK EMS from a provider who attended a pediatric disaster with evacuation from the hospital. *If they were called on such a scene would a basic EMT or EMR be able to transport from the health care facility if they had a heplock in place?* The EMS Board drafted a position paper on the transport of patients with pre-existing medical devices. The paper was reaffirmed in 2013, however; the language relates only to the pre-hospital setting. Dr. Cunningham sent a revised draft position paper to the legal department for review. A discussion ensued regarding the subject of transporting patients with pre-existing medical devices.

Mr. Dutton requested a motion to remove Dr. Tallman from the Medical Oversight Committee and add Mr. Davis as Vice Chair.

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***ACTION: Motion to remove Dr. Tallman from the Medical Oversight Committee and add Mr. James Davis as Vice Chair.*** Mr. Dutton– First. Mr. Resanovich– Second. None opposed.  
Dr. Tallman and Mr. Davis - abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Medical Transportation Committee (MTC), Kent Applehans**

The MTC met October 20, 2015, however; there was not a quorum.

The committee reviewed Rule 4766-02, Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Mr. Applehans stated he would table the addition of a new member until the next board meeting in order to review the number of current members and inactive members.

### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose**

The Critical Care sub-committee met October 20, 2015, however, there was not a quorum.

### **Resource Management Committee – Mark Resanovich**

The Resource Management Committee met October 20, 2015.

The committee continues to move forward with grants, especially Priority 1.

The University of Cincinnati requested a six month extension on a research project that was awarded to them. This is the second extension requested, however; they would still be within the timeline.

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion for approval to grant a six month extension to the University of Cincinnati for the research project.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve a six month extension request to the University of Cincinnati for a research project grant.*** Mr. Resanovich– First. Mr. Dutton– Second. None opposed.  
Dr. Schwartz - abstained. Motion approved.

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A new grant application is being created. The Board previously approved a motion to remove all disposables on the application, however, these disposables are part of the equipment used in conjunction with the Board priorities. Mr. Resanovich requested approval of the following disposals to be included beginning with the 2016-2017 grant cycle for Priority 1.

- Disposable needles for I.O. Devices
- CPAP Equipment circuits
- Heart Monitor/Defib.quick combo pads
- CO2 Sensing equipment

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the following disposable equipment to be included on the Priority 1 grant application for the 2016-2017 grant cycle: disposable needles for I.O. devices, CPAP equipment circuits, heart monitor/defib quick combo pads, and CO2 sensing equipment.*** Mr. Davis– First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Manufacturers are upgrading their monitors from 2G to 3G. The question proposed is whether grant priority 1 funding can be used for those upgrades. It was determined they can use the priority 1 grant funding to upgrade the monitors.

The committee is awaiting guidance from the Ethics Commission regarding the rules.

Executive Director Melvin House presented the Priority 1 Grant Proposal Power Point.

The proposed Priority 1 Training and Equipment Grants would be divided into three parts:

Part 1 – Principal Fund

Part 2 – Supplemental Funding (Economic hardship and Board priorities)

Part 3 – Supplemental Funding only to primary EMS transport organizations.

Agencies can apply for one or more parts; principal plus one or both supplemental parts. The EMS agency must apply for principal funding to be eligible for supplemental funding. The agency can receive the principal funding plus one supplemental part. A \$30,000 cap will be applied to supplemental funding.

The electronic version that is currently used is very confusing, therefore; a Survey Monkey grant application will be created and will be available online.

*\*\*\*Attachment – Power Point – Proposed 2016-17 EMS Grant Program.*

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to approve the proposed 2016-17 Priority 1 Grant Program.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed 2016-2017 Priority 1 Grant Program.*** Mr. Dutton– First. Mr. Davis– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton**

The 2015 Time Critical Diagnosis Stakeholders Conference was held on September 25, 2015 and was a great success. Many ideas were shared and discussed regarding the best avenues to improve patient outcomes and minimize deaths. The next step is to direct the different specialties to meet and then share their ideas.

Mr. Dutton thanked everyone who was involved in making the conference a successful event.

### **EMS Awards Ad-Hoc Committee, Dr. Tallman**

Dr. Tallman stated that ACEP is willing to support the EMS awards. It still remains open as to whether the Board can be the sponsor of or participate in selecting individuals for awards. Ms. Rose suggested that nominating organizations nominate individuals for the awards. Ms. Frient, EMS legal counsel will contact the Ethics Commission.

### **Trauma Committee, Tim Erskine**

The Digital Innovation Trauma Registry is actively working; however, most hospitals in the state are on an extension for submission of data.

In May the Trauma Committee did a reassessment of the trauma system and the committee is working on re-writing their strategic plan. The Trauma Registry workgroup has been elevated to sub-committee status.

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma recently created the educational requirements for trauma registrars effective July 2015. All registrars must attend or have previously attended within 12 months of being hired, the American Trauma Society's Trauma Registrars course or the equivalent. The Alliance of Ohio Trauma Registrars have designed an equivalent course and presented the pilot program. Final recommendations are being given to the Trauma Committee whether this is an equivalent course. The EMFTS Board is recognized as the lead Trauma Agency in Ohio. Endorsement from this Board for that course will be necessary to satisfy the requirements of equivalency.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

~None~

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Baute requested Board nominations for the Board Chair. Mr. Davis nominated Deanna Harris.

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***ACTION: Motion to close the nominations.*** Mr. Davis - First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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Ms. Baute requested Board nomination for the Board Vice Chair. Ms. Rose nominated Geoff Dutton for Board Vice Chair.

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***ACTION: Motion to close the nominations.*** Mr. Resanovich - First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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Executive Director House stated that Ms. Baute and Mr. McNutt will be retiring from the EMFTS Board. He thanked both of them for their service to the EMFTS Board and also for their work at the committee level.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Ms. Bradshaw - First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

- Wednesday, December 16, 2015 *at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1106, Columbus, Ohio*



**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services  
1970 W. Broad Street, Conference Room 1106  
Columbus, Ohio 43223**

**~ FINAL MEETING AGENDA ~**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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- **Roll Call**
- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Open Forum**
- **Review and Approval of Consent Agenda (posted to website prior to meeting)**, including minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting and certifications, accreditations, and CE site requests for period October 20, 2015 – December 15, 2015.
- **EMS Goldmans in the matter of EMS Case(s):**
  - EMS Cases 2012-480-E300 and 2015-96-BE100 Andrew M. Seal, EMS Certificate Number 24636
  - EMS Case Number 2013-689-E300, Asa J. Newsome, EMS Certification Number 110174
  - EMS Case Number 2014-36-BE100, Almon L. Harris, EMS Certificate Number 82495
  - EMS Case 2014-202-E300, Brian S. Ferguson, EMS Certificate Number 17786
- **EMS Summary Suspension Requests**
  - 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292
- **EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations, Melissa Vermillion and Staff**
  - **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22 (G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 (A)(2) or 4765.102(B).
- **Reports**
  - **Chair's Report**, Deanna Harris
  - **State EMS Medical Director's Report**, Dr. Carol Cunningham
  - **Assistant Attorney General**, Rico Barrera
  - **EMS Staff Legal Counsel**, Mike Wise
  - **EMS Legislative Liaison**, Alex Lapso
  - **Executive Director and Staff Reports**, Melvin House
    - **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests** (Medical and Military), Jean Booze
    - **Education Requests**, Linda Mirarchi
    - **Medical Transportation Renewal Applications, New Services, New Headquarter and Satellite Locations, and Upgrade in Level of Service**, Dave Fiffick

- **Board Committee Reports**

- **Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare) Ad Hoc Committee**, Deanna Harris
- **EMS-Children Committee**, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz
- **EMS System Development Committee**, Deanna Harris
  - **Homeland Security Subcommittee**, Mark Resanovich
  - **EMS Rural Subcommittee**, Karen Beavers
- **Education Committee**, Pam Bradshaw
- **Medical Oversight Committee (MOC)**, Geoff Dutton
- **Medical Transportation Committee**, Thomas Allenstein
  - **Critical Care Sub-Committee**, Julie Rose
- **Resource Management Committee**, Mark Resanovich
- **Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee**, Geoff Dutton
- **EMS Awards Ad Hoc Committee**, Thomas Tallman
- **Trauma Committee**, Tim Erskine

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

- Action Items
- Board Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

**Adjournment (except for Fire Committee Members)**





STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2015
~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1106, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Steven Jones, Daryl McNutt, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Diane Simon, Dr. Steven Steinberg, Dr. Thomas Tallman, Thomas Wappner and Dudley Wright II.

Board Members Absent: Ernest Hatmaker and Mark Resanovich

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Novica Olinger, Ellen Owens, Johanna Pickett, Rachel Randall, John Sands, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion, and Diane Walton and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: Ed Bak; Cuyahoga Community College, Kevin Barnard; Cuyahoga Community College, William Krebs; OSU MC, Barry Seth; LaGrange Fire & Rescue and Angie Simmons; Air Evac

EMS Rules Hearing ~ None

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Lists attendees like Ms. Deanna Harris (Present), Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Present), Mr. Daryl McNutt (Present), Mr. Mark Resanovich (Absent), etc.

Open Forum ~ None

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Harris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the October 21, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period October 20, 2015 to December 15, 2015.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the December 16, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period October 20, 2015 to December 15, 2015.***

Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. Deanna Harris – Abstain (University of Toledo). Motion approved.

## **Goldman Proceedings**

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:04 a.m. on December 16, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present. There were four adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

- EMS Case 2012-480-E300, Andrew M. Seal, EMS Certificate Number 24636
- EMS Case 2015-96-BE100, Andrew M. Seal, EMS Certificate Number 24636
- EMS Case Number 2013-689-E300, Asa J. Newsome, EMS Certification Number 110174
- EMS Case Number 2014-36-BE100, Almon L. Harris, EMS Certificate Number 82495
- EMS Case 2014-202-E300, Brian S. Ferguson, EMS Certificate Number 17786

The proceedings were an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the case, the proceedings were held before the Board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but may be present to hear the proceeding and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceedings in the board packet. The affidavits contained the

evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Office of the Division of EMS.

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the cases and recommendations for disciplinary action.

As each Board member received the affidavits for each case to review prior to the meeting, AAG Barrera briefly presented a summary of each case where no hearing was requested.

- EMS Case Number 2012-480-E300, Andrew M. Seal, is a continuing education matter. In February 2015, Mr. Seal entered into a consent agreement; however, he failed to complete the required CE hours. He was suspended for a week, paid a \$1000 fine and was required to submit documentation. Mr. Seal did not submit the required documentation, therefore, he was in violation of the consent agreement. The second case, EMS Case Number 2015-96-BE100, Andrew M. Seal, involves a felony drug charge in 2014 for which he was granted intervention in lieu of conviction. Mr. Seal did not disclose this charge on his renewal application. The recommendation is to deny Mr. Seal's renewal application and permanently revoke Mr. Seal's certificate to practice.
- EMS Case Number 2013-689-E300, Asa J. Newsome, EMS Certification Number 110174. The EMS Division received a complaint that Mr. Newsome did not complete the required continuing education hours. After an investigation it was determined that Mr. Newsome did not have the appropriate CE hours. He was provided an opportunity to submit documentation; however, he did not provide any documentation. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Newsome's emergency medical technician certificate to practice.
- EMS Case Number 2014-36-BE100, Almon L. Harris, EMS Certificate Number 82495. On October 20, 2014, Mr. Harris was convicted of *Menacing*, a fourth-degree misdemeanor, and *Disorderly Conduct*, a minor misdemeanor. The *Menacing* charge stems from Mr. Harris appearing at a rental property with a machete, and brandishing the machete while making threats to make the tenants pay rent. The disorderly conduct comes from Mr. Harris punching the brother of the tenant in the mouth during this incident. Mr. Harris did not timely report this conviction to the EMS Division. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Harris' certificate to practice.
- EMS Case Number 2014-202-E300, Brian S. Ferguson, EMS Certificate Number 17786. In August 2014, Mr. Ferguson entered into a consent agreement to complete 60 hours of continuing education within a 180 day period. Mr. Ferguson has not responded to repeated inquiries by the Division, or submitted any documentation of continuing education. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Ferguson's certificate to practice.

Having heard AAG Barrera's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Ms. Harris requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

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***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.*** Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:11 a.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the proceeding will continue by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondents.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

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***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). Mr. McNutt– First. Ms. Rose – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

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**Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:19 a.m.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2012-480-E300, Andrew M. Seal, the Board finds that Mr. Seal failed to comply with the terms of the consent agreement by not providing documentation of continuing education hours. Accordingly, Mr. Seal violated Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(6). Secondly, in the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-96-BE100, Andrew M. Seal, the Board finds, that on, or about, October 8, 2014, in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Mr. Seal entered a guilty plea and was granted intervention in lieu of conviction for Possession of Cocaine, a fifth degree felony and Illegal Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a fourth degree misdemeanor, both in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a) and 4765-10-03(B)(2)(d). Additionally, Mr. Seal failed to submit documentation of his intervention in lieu of conviction to include the court records, law enforcement report and the background check, as required pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Based on the facts of these two cases, the Board moves to deny Mr. Seal's renewal application and permanently revoke Mr. Seal's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.***

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-689-E300, Asa J. Newsome, EMS Certificate Number 110174, the Board finds that Mr. Newsome failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Newsome's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw– abstained. Motion approved.***

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-36-BE100, Almon L. Harris, EMS Certificate Number 82495, the Board finds that Mr. Harris was convicted of Menacing, a fourth-degree misdemeanor in violation of Cleveland City Ordinance 621.07. The Board concludes this misdemeanor involves moral turpitude. Additionally, Mr. Harris failed to report his conviction and failed to provide required records and background check. Mr. Harris violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c), 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Harris' certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones– Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Davis – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-202-E300, Brian S. Ferguson, EMS Certificate Number 17786, the Board finds Mr. Ferguson failed to comply with the terms of the consent agreement by not providing documentation of continuing education hours. Accordingly, Mr. Ferguson violated Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(6). Therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Ferguson's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.

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### **EMS Summary Suspension Requests**

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:25 a.m. on December 16, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present.

At the October 2015 Board meeting, the Board found clear and convincing evidence that a summary suspension was warranted in the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua, J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292,. Mr. Bleigh did not request a hearing. The Board was asked to adopt a final order. The Board may suspend, revoke, issue a written reprimand, limit, or permanently revoke Mr. Bleigh's certificate to practice.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for review. The affidavits and exhibits contain evidence upon which the Board will deliberate. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case.

- EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292. Mr. Bleigh is currently certified as an EMT, under summary suspension pursuant to the Board's Order in October 2015. In June Mr. Bleigh applied to renew his certificate, and disclosed a 2014 felony conviction for *Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor* in the Wayne County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 13CR0242. This is a fourth-degree felony. This conviction stems from a consensual sexual relationship with a 15 year old; Mr. Bleigh was 20 years old at the time of conviction. The EMFTS Board summarily suspended Mr. Bleigh's certificate to practice at the last meeting in October 2015. Mr. Bleigh was given an opportunity to request a hearing; however, he did not request a hearing. R.C. 4765.116(A) allows the Board to adopt a final order including findings in this case without a hearing, and may impose suspension, revocation, a written reprimand, or refuse to renew certificate to practice.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

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***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:24 a.m.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292, the Board finds clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Bleigh's continued practice as an emergency medical technician presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and he has been convicted of a felony. Specifically, on January 9, 2014, Mr. Bleigh was convicted of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, a fourth-degree felony, in violation of Ohio Revised code Section 2907.04, in the Court of common Pleas, Wayne County, Ohio, Case No. 13-CR-0242. Mr. Bleigh was designated by the court a sex offender and is registered as a Tier II Sex Offender. Mr. Bleigh is also in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Additionally, Mr. Bleigh failed to report and provide documentation of his conviction(s) in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Therefore, the Board hereby Orders Mr. Bleigh's EMT certificate to practice, at any level, be PERMANENTLY REVOKED pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.115 AND 4765.116.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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**EMS Investigations**

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B) at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Wappner– First. Mr. Appelhans – Second.***

**Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	**Absent	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

**\*\*Note:** Ms. Bradshaw excused herself from the executive session for the proposed disciplinary actions.

The Board returned from private session at 11:14 a.m.

***ACTION: Motion to Issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for each of the following education cases. Grant permission to negotiate a consent agreement.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-655-E500
2015-403-E500
2015-549-E500

***ACTION: Motion to Close the following education cases.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-92-BE500	2015-426-E500
2015-222-E300	2015-601-E500 *Warning letter
2015-321-E500 *Warning letter	

***ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner– Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-404-E500	2015-27-E400
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***ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw– Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-225-E300	2015-458-E100	2015-487-E300	2015-530-E300
2015-354-E300	2015-464-E300	2015-490-E300	2015-555-E100
2015-389-E300	2015-465-E300	2015-499-BE100	2015-569-E300
2015-451-E300	2015-479-BE100	2015-507-BE100	2015-577-E300
	2015-482-BE100	2015-528-E300	2015-594-E100

**ACTION: Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreement.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-46-E100 \*Incorporate NOH

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following cases have been recommended to be closed due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-624-E500	2015-491-BE100
2012-754-E300	2015-496-E300 *Accept withdrawal
2012-804-E300	2015 -517-E400 *Defer to local medical director
2015-34-E500	2015-541-E100
2015-147-E100	2015-560-E100
2015-177-E300 *Rescind NOH	2015-572-E100
2015-263-E400	2015-575-BE100
2015-359-E100	2015-590-E400
2015-483-E100	2015-593-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases; the board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-388-E300	2015-395-E300	2015-486-E300
2015-390-E300	2015-449-E300	2015-531-E300
2015-391-E300	2015-450-E300	2015-535-E300
2015-393-E300	2015-475-E300	2015-566-E300
2015-394-E300	2015-485-E300	2015-567-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals did not supply required documentation; therefore, their application was rendered incomplete.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-283-E100

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements.** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-129-BE100	2013-115-E300	2013-678-E300
2012-139-E100	2013-126-E300	2013-680-E300
2012-463-BE100	2013-667-E300	2014-17-E100
2013-71-E300	2013-673-E300	2015-35-E500

**ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases.** Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – Abstain. Mr. Davis – Abstain on 2015-552-E500. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-393-E100	2015-79-E100	2015-488-E300
2012-413-BE500	2015-121-BE100	2015-501-BE100
2014-644-BE100 *Permission to negotiate consent agreement	2015-430-E300	2015-552-E500 *Davis abstain
	2015-467-E300	

***ACTION: Motion to close the following 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, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.***

Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw- Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-369-E300	2015-561-BE100	2015-591-BE100	2015-668-E100
2015-428-E300	2015-568-BE100	2015-636-BE100	2015-670-BE100
2015-502-E100	2015-579-E100	2015-663-BE100	2015-672-E500
2015-543-E500	2015-586-BE100	2015-664-BE100	2015-673-E500
2015-557-E100			

***ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and grant permission to negotiate a Consent Agreement in the matter of EMS Case No. 2015-539-E500.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

***ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the matter of EMS Case No. 2015-584-E500.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chair Report, Deanna Harris**

Ms. Harris expressed her appreciation for all of the Board members' hard work in the past year.

### **State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

Dr. Cunningham submitted the following RPAB applicants for EMFTS Board approval;

- Dr. Charles McIntosh – RPAB Region 3
- Dr. David Keseg – RPAB Region 4

***ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed appointments, Dr. Charles McIntosh and Dr. David Keseg, to the Regional Physician Advisory Board.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Rose– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham reported there are RPAB membership openings in all RPAB regions. There are currently no members in RPAB Regions 7 and 8.

The All-Member and RPAB chair meetings were held on November 12, 2015. A discussion ensued on how to devise a plan for a full review and updating of all State of Ohio EMS Guidelines and Procedures manuals. The next RPAB Chair meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

On November 18, 2015 the FDA approved the intranasal route for naloxone administration. The approval paved the way for manufacturers to produce pre-measured doses of naloxone, 4 mg per dose with two doses per box, for intranasal delivery by laypersons and healthcare providers use. Special prices are available for EMS.

Dr. Cunningham presented a Power Point of the updated State of Ohio Naloxone Administration Training Module.

Dr. Cunningham requested approval to replace the present training module with the new updated State of Ohio Naloxone Administration Training Module.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve and replace the present training module with the new updated State of Ohio Naloxone Administration Training Module.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Dr. Cunningham wrote a training module for waveform capnography that has been reviewed and changes made by the Education Committee, the Medical Oversight Committee and the RPAB members. Dr. Cunningham presented a Power Point of the Waveform Capnography Training Module. The training module is written at the highest level of provider. This will be provided in a narrated and non-narrated form.

A request was made by Dr. Cunningham to approve the Waveform Capnography Training Module.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Waveform Capnography Training Module.*** Mr. Davis – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Dr. Cunningham sent a letter to Dr. Redd of the CDC on November 17, 2015 regarding the impact of EMS and patient safety due to the potential replacement of Mark I® kits with Duodote® in the EMS CHEMPACK assets.

A letter was also sent to the State of Ohio Medical Board on November 3, 2015 regarding the discontinuation of issued wallet cards to physicians licensed in Ohio. The Medical Board did not realize the impact it would have on EMS and the need to rapidly confirm the credentials of physicians on scene.

A letter from Ed Bak, Cuyahoga County Community College's EMT program manager, was received by the Division of EMS. Mr. Bak requests modification of the intubation requirement in ORC 4765-17-04 to allow completion on a mannequin or simulator or the substitution of two simulated intubations for every required live intubation.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the CoAEMSP airway management requirements are no fewer than 50 airway attempts completed across all age levels with the last 20 attempts being 100% successful. Their requirement can be completed "in any combination of live patients, high definition fidelity simulations, low fidelity simulations, or cadaver labs in all age brackets." They recommend, but do not require, that most of the airway attempts be accomplished on live patients, realistic simulated labs, or both.

Mr. Ed Bak was in attendance and explained the challenges they face with hospitals not allowing their students into the operating rooms to perform live intubation. Ms. Bradshaw stated that it is becoming more and more difficult to find hospitals who will allow students into the operating room to intubate.

A discussion ensued regarding whether the Board should revisit the scope of practice regarding intubations. Some expressed their concerns with simulation only. It was suggested that this topic be discussed in more detail at the February Board retreat.

### **EMS Legal Counsel, Michael Wise**

Executive Director Melvin House introduced Michael Wise, the new EMS Legal Counsel. Mr. Wise stated that he had previously been with the Attorney General's Office and most recently the Ohio Nursing Board.

### **EMS Legislative Liaison, Alex Lapso**

Mr. Lapso stated that HB 187 has passed the house unanimously with a vote of 92 to 0. This bill is the animal first aid bill which allows EMS Providers to provide care in the event of an emergency. Other sections of the bill includes immunity and also includes the ability to administer naloxone to an animal who may have been exposed to drugs. Mr. Lapso thanked Executive Director House and Dr. Cunningham for their input regarding HB 187.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-187>

Senate Bill 248, recently introduced, increases Medicaid payment rates for certain medical transportation services. The department is neutral; however, as it moves along in the legislative process it will be monitored.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-248>

HB 365 changes the definition of an ambulette and defines that a person transported in an ambulette must be someone who is "medically fragile". This bill has been referred to the Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-365>

Several questions were raised and discussed regarding legislation. Mr. Lapso will be collecting information and will send concerns to EMS legal counsel and to Executive Director House.

### **Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House**

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS)

- Seat 10: EMS Provider - VACANT

Seven EMFTS Board seats expire on November 12, 2015, which include:

- Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2)
- Volunteer Fire Chief (Seat #7)
- EMS Instructor (Seat #8)
- EMS Provider (Seat #12)
- EMS Provider (Seat #14)
- Mobile Intensive Care Unit Provider (Seat #17)
- Air-Medical EMS Provider (Seat #18)
- Nominations have been received from the nominating organizations and were sent to the Governor's Office for appointment. Seats #12 and #18 have been reappointed.
- Per ORC 4765.02, seats remain filled by incumbents for up to 60 days. ("A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.")

Executive Director House introduced Bryan Reardon, the new Investigation Supervisor in the Division of EMS. Mr. Reardon came from the Department of Commerce as an investigator and is a certified firefighter.

John Sands introduced Glenda Woodgeard, who began with the EMS Education and Fire Testing Section on November 2, 2015. Ms. Woodgeard comes from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and is a member of the Star Volunteer Fire Department.

Two part-time medical transportation inspectors, Clifford Mason and Bill Piwtorak, were hired for the Columbus area.

Executive Director House, Johanna Burgess Pickett and Diane Walton continue to conduct site visits at EMS organizations across the State of Ohio. Four visits are scheduled for December 21, 2015; Fall Township Volunteer Fire Department, Somerset Emergency Medical Services, New Lexington Fire Department and Junction City Volunteer Fire Department. The visits serve a dual purpose; grant monitoring and an opportunity to discuss EMS grantee needs.

All of the Committee member reappointments will be made at the February Board meeting. Applications and resumes shall be submitted for everyone except for those appointments made the last quarter of 2015.

At the October meeting the EMFTS Board approved a proposal to revise the grant program. Johanna Pickett has taken that information and has revised the grant applications to incorporate those changes. A new web-based Priority 1 Principle and Supplemental grant application is being created.

Ms. Pickett stated that a supplemental application will be added to the Priority 1 grant. A packet was distributed to all the Board members for review. The grant application will be completely electronic; however, it will still be available by paper if requested.

Mr. Dutton made the motion to approve the new grant applications.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the new Priority 1 with the supplemental grant application, Priority 2 through 5 application, and Priority 6 grant application.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze**

Jean Booze reported that, from October 9, 2015 to December 6, 2015, there were 103 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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***ACTION: Motion to ratify EMS extension requests.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that during October 9, 2015 to December 6, 2015, there were 2,056 new EMS certifications and 2,185 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

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***ACTION: Motion to ratify new certifications.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported there are two voluntary surrender requests. One individual is surrendering an EMS instructor certificate and the other is an EMT-Basic. Both individuals are now retired and state they no longer need their certificates. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the voluntary surrender requests.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the two voluntary surrender requests.***

Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported on the CE exemption requests. There are three EMS requests for exemption all due to active duty service during their certification cycles; #2015-12-2, 2015-12-4 and 2015-12-6. All military documentation was received. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the military exemption requests of #2015-12-2, 2015-12-4, and 2015-12-6.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported on the medical exemption requests. There are two EMS requests due to medical requests; #2015-12-1 and #2015-12-3. All medical documentation was received. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical exemption requests of #2015-12-1 and #2015-12-3.*** Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Education – Linda Mirarchi**

Ms. Mirarchi stated there were no additional education requests.

### **Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick**

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of October, November, December 2015 and January 2016. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of October, November, and December 2015 and January 2016; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (Ambulance HN4/MF7 and Ohio Medical Transport) and Mr. Davis - Abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (7 ambulettes). Staff is requesting a motion and for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new service applications (7 ambulettes); pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Schwartz- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation satellite location applications (7 ambulettes, 7 ambulances, and 2 air services). Staff is requesting a motion and for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation satellite location applications (7 ambulettes, 7 ambulances and 2 air services); pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Rose– Second. Mr. Allenstein (Ambulance 250114, Air Medical 254013 and Ohio Medical Transport) and Mr. Appelkans (St. Vincent UTMC and St. Rita's Life Flight) - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Ms. Harris thanked Ms. Baute for her service on the EMFTS Board and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. Ms. Harris also recognized and thanked Mr. McNutt for his many years of service. He was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

### **Grant Extension, Johanna Pickett**

Johanna Pickett reported a request for a one year grant extension from Cincinnati Children's Hospital (Early Activity Levels and Family Functions in TBI Recovery Project).

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the one year grant extension of Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Early Activity Levels and Family Functions in TBI Recovery Project.*** Mr. Davis– First.

Mr. Appelhans- Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstain. Motion approved.

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### **Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee**

Ms. Harris stated that the committee has completed all of their objectives. Ms. Harris requests that the Board disband the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine, Ad Hoc Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to disband the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee.*** Ms. Beavers– First. Mr. Dutton- Second. None opposed. None abstained.

Motion approved.

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### **EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz**

Dr. Schwartz reported the EMS-Children Committee met on December 15, 2015.

The Health Resources and Services Administration has published a preliminary set of Performance Measures for the EMS for Children Partnership Grant to take effect starting in 2017. Measures concerning medical direction and continuing education have been removed, and the measure concerning pediatric pre-hospital equipment has been changed to emphasize skill development in the use of pediatric equipment. Additional measures include submission of state data to NEMSIS, and the designation of a pediatric care coordinator for EMS agencies. Measures will be finalized prior to grant application in the fall of 2016.

Dr. Naa Allotey, EMSC Project Director, held a webinar on October 23rd to recruit physicians and nurses from Ohio's pediatric hospitals to serve as site reviewers for the Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared program. The webinar was recorded for future use and will be linked to the Ohio EMS for Children website. Dr. Allotey and Joe Stack will present additional information about the program to hospitals as scheduling allows.

The EMS for Children Committee is planning a workshop on April 13, 2016 to focus on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors, focusing on the NASEMSO National Model Clinical Guidelines and the exercises completed at the Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference held last month. Dr. Allotey is holding a conference call with the physicians on the Committee in January to complete details for the workshop content.

Joe Stack is developing a postcard to send to hospital emergency department staff highlighting the Interfacility Transfer Toolkit available on the Ohio EMS for Children website.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition will next meet on January 28, 2016. Carol Jacobson of the Ohio Hospital Association will hold a conference call with Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove and Joe Stack on December 17th, to discuss possible funding from the American Academy of Pediatrics Coalition Building Opportunity.

Joe Stack and Tim Erskine presented the “Concepts in Process Improvement” workshop for the Ohio EMS Chiefs Association on November 12th to 25 EMS providers. The next scheduled workshop will be for the Ohio Association of EMS Spring Conference in Marietta on April 30, 2016. Several other locations are currently under consideration.

### **EMS System Development Committee, Deanna Harris**

Ms. Harris reported the EMS System Development Committee met on December 15, 2016. Discussions included what type of data needs to be collected and what to include in the annual report. The committee would like to see a smaller breakdown in the age groups; especially in pediatrics. There were discussions regarding data as it relates to race; as to any deficits or changes in treatment. The data determines our current practice and guides education.

Tim Erskine reported that the National EMS Information System’s Technical Assistance Center (NEMSIS TAC) has classified Ohio’s EMS Incident Reporting System’s (EMSIRS) Annual Report as a “best practice” in its Spotlight newsletter. This newsletter is received by state EMS and health officials nationwide. The NEMSIS TAC commends Ohio’s efforts to improve healthcare. The NEMSIS newsletter was distributed to all of the EMFTS Board members.

### **Homeland Security Subcommittee, Geoff Dutton**

The subcommittee discussed the active shooter incidents and what can be done to educate the public.

### **Rural EMS Committee, Karen Beavers**

The Rural EMS Committee met for the first time on December 15, 2015.

Committee applications are being reviewed for additional members.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Diane Simon as Vice Chair of the Rural EMS Committee.***

Mr. Davis– First. Ms. Bradshaw– Second. None opposed. Diane Simon - abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Charles Davis, Steven Harrison, and Doug LaRue to the Rural EMS Committee.*** Ms. Bradshaw– First. Mr. Davis– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Pam Bradshaw to the Rural EMS Committee.*** Mr. McNutt– First. Dr. Tallman– Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw abstained. Motion approved.

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The Office of Rural Health will have a liaison to work with the committee. Some of the problems for those in Rural EMS are communication issues, training, and other general problems.

### **Education Committee, Pam Bradshaw**

The last meeting was held on November 18, 2015.

Ms. Bradshaw reported that there were discussions regarding the changes for all paramedic programs with the National Competency Program and the new skills testing being mandated by the National Registry.

The Education Committee will attend a presentation by the National Registry at Columbus State Community College on January 11, 2015. The Education Committee will meet prior to the meeting at Columbus State at 10:00 am.

The National Registry is changing the amount of continuing education hours from 72 hours to 60 hours, which will ultimately affect Ohio.

### **Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton**

The MOC met on November 15, 2015.

The C.A.R.E.S. representatives presented their program to the MOC. Dr. Keseg reported his experiences with the program. It was suggested to have a discussion with the hospital associations to ask what the interest level is in the C.A.R.E.S. program. The value of the program is that it tracks the event, the patient and the outcomes.

A discussion ensued regarding the value of the C.A.R.E.S. program and it was decided to invite a representative of the program to present at the EMFTS Board Retreat in February to answer all of the Board's questions.

The MOC also discussed critical care transport and whether every paramedic provider should transport. Medicare will provide a higher reimbursement for specialty care transport. Dr. Cunningham suggested referring to the position paper on Interfacility Transport of Patients by EMS Providers. The Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Revised Code is what should be followed.

### **Medical Transportation Committee (MTC), Thomas Allenstein**

The committee is currently working on the ambulance rules; Rule 4766-02, Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The Medical Transportation Committee suggested that the KKK standards need to be removed from our laws. A change in the law might be to recognize a national standard instead of a specific standard.

Mr. Allenstein stated the committee currently has 17 members; however, a few have not met the attendance standards.

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***ACTION: Motion to exceed the current 17 members to 18 members to the Medical Transportation Committee.*** Mr. Allenstein– First. Mr. Dutton– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Kristie Gallagher to the Medical Transportation Committee.*** Mr. Allenstein– First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. Ms. Simon - abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose**

The Critical Care sub-committee met December 15, 2015.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Kent Appelhans to the Critical Care Subcommittee.***

Ms. Rose– First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. Mr. Appelhans - abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Kent Appelhans as Vice Chair to the Critical Care Subcommittee.***

Ms. Rose– First. Mr. Dutton– Second. None opposed. Mr. Appelhans - abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Resource Management Committee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich was absent from the meeting, therefore, there was not a report.

### **Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton**

The 2015 Time Critical Diagnosis Stakeholders Conference was held on September 25, 2015 and was a great success. The next step is to direct the different specialties to meet and then share their ideas. The follow up meeting was held and it was agreed the conversations will continue. At the next meeting specific action items will be developed.

Mr. Dutton asked the Board to reflect on whether the Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee should continue or should it be disbanded.

### **EMS Awards Ad-Hoc Committee, Dr. Tallman**

Dr. Tallman stated that the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP) is willing to take on the lead role and support the EMS awards. A discussion ensued on how to obtain nominations. An electronic version of the application will be available. The Star of Life Awards purpose is to recognize and honor exceptional EMS personnel from Ohio and to reunite the EMS provider with the person they treated. Ohio ACEP would also be willing to provide the EMS pins.

Ms. Harris stated that there would be an EMFTS Board meeting on the day of the EMS Awards in May 2016.

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***ACTION: Motion to move forward with partnering with ACEP for the EMS Awards.*** Mr. Tallman– First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Mr. Dutton suggested that China Dodley, ODPS Communications, be made aware of the EMS Awards. He also suggested that all Board members spread the word via Facebook and word of mouth in order to obtain nominations. Executive Director House will approach DAS regarding approval to purchase plaques for awards and refreshments.

Executive Director House suggested saving the date of May 18, 2015 for the EMFTS Board meeting and the EMS Awards.

Ms. Harris stated the February EMFTS Board Retreat's agenda is extremely full and suggested that the afternoon of February 16<sup>th</sup> be added. All committee meetings will be cancelled with the exception of the Medical Transportation Committee that will meet from 10:00 am to 12 noon on February 16, 2015. It was decided that the EMFTS Board retreat will begin at 1:00 pm on February 16, 2015.

### **Trauma Committee, Tim Erskine**

Ms. Simon explained that a packet had been distributed of the regional trauma triage protocol from the RPAB Region 6 (formerly Region 1 – Cincinnati area). It is simply the region aligning their protocol to the state protocol and there are no changes of any significance. It was approved by the Trauma Committee and needs the Board's approval to go into effect.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve RPAB Region 6 trauma triage protocol.***

Ms. Simon - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma recently changed educational requirements for trauma registrars. Effective July of this year, all new trauma registrars “must attend or have previously attended, within 12 months of being hired, the American Trauma Society’s (ATS) Trauma Registrar Course or equivalent provided by a state trauma program.”

Because the ATS course is costly, usually involves interstate travel and is infrequently presented, the Alliance of Ohio Trauma Registrars (AOTR) has developed a trauma registrar training course to be an ATS-equivalent to educate Ohio’s trauma registrars, free of charge.

It is felt that in order to achieve acceptable equivalency status this course would need endorsement by the EMFTS Board. Tim Erskine, who has attended the ATS course, attended a pilot of the AOTR course to evaluate it on behalf of the Trauma Committee. He recommended endorsement without reservation. The Ohio Society of Trauma Nurse Leaders also sent a representative to the course and that organization endorsed the course earlier this month.

The Trauma Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the EMFTS Board that it recognize the AOTR Trauma Registry Course as an equivalent to the American Trauma Society’s registry course.

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***ACTION: Motion that the EMFTS Board recognize the Alliance of Ohio Trauma Registrars’ Trauma Registry Course as an equivalent to the American Trauma Society’s Trauma Registry Course.*** Ms. Simon - First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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One of the Trauma Committee’s strategic plan implementation workgroups is tasked with addressing the gaps in providing care to people with functional needs, such as mobility, hearing and vision impairment, mental illness and other cognitive impairments. It has long been apparent that this is a problem this is not limited to injured patients and is an EMS-wide topic, therefore, a Board-level concern. The Trauma Committee recommends to the Board that it take under consideration at its retreat the idea of creating a committee or subcommittee to address the issues facing people with functional needs. Ms. Harris stated that this issue would be added to the Retreat agenda.

The Trauma Committee is continuing to work on the redrafting of its strategic plan. The most noteworthy change in this version thus far is the decentralization of quality improvement. Each workgroup will be assigned a task of assessing and improving its focus area, such as pre-hospital care and trauma registry. Also, each workgroup will be responsible for setting the multi-year goals within their respective focus areas. Once the plan is finalized it will be brought to the Board for approval.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Executive Director Melvin House stated that the Board needs to approve rules from Chapters 4765-8 (Certificate to Teach or Practice/Continuing Education) and Chapter 4765-9 (Ethical Standards of Conduct) to be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service Commission, and the Secretary of State.

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**ACTION: Motion that the EMFTS Board approve rules from Chapters 4765-8 (Certificate to Teach or Practice/Continuing Education) and Chapter 4765-9 (Ethical Standards of Conduct) to be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service Commission, and the Secretary of State.**

Ms. Simon - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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### **Nominations**

Ms. Harris stated that the nominations for chair and vice chair are open. At the October meeting Geoff Dutton was nominated for vice chair. Dr. Schwartz nominated Thomas Allenstein for vice chair. Mr. Dutton withdrew his name for vice chair.

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**ACTION: Motion to close the nominations for vice chair.** Dr. Tallman - First. Mr. Davis – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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**ACTION: Motion for Thomas Allenstein to be vice chair of the 2016 EMFTS Board.**

Mr. Dutton - First. Mr. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein - Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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Ms. Harris was nominated for chair at the October meeting. Ms. Harris asked if there were any other nominations for chair.

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**ACTION: Motion to close the nominations for chair of the 2016 EMFTS Board.** Mr. Davis - First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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**ACTION: Motion for Deanna Harris to be the chair of the 2016 EMFTS Board.**

Mr. McNutt - First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. Ms. Harris- Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Ms. Beavers - First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

- EMFTS Board Retreat, February 16 and 17, 2016, at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
- EMFTS Board Meeting, February 18, 2016, at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147