

**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 20, 2016**

**~ FINAL~**

**Board Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Steven Jones, Susan Kearns, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Diane Simon, Dr. Thomas Tallman, Thomas Wappner and Dudley Wright.

**Board Members Absent:** Beth Calcidise

**DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:** Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Ellen Owens, Johanna Pickett, Rachel Randall, and Michael Wise.

**Assistant Attorney General:** Rico Barrera

**Public Present:** Barry Seth; LaGrange Fire & Rescue, Joshua Tilton; CFD, and Amanda Thomas; Promedica.

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**EMFTS Board Meeting**

**Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting began at 10:06 a.m.

**Roll Call**

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| Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)         | Present | Ms. Susan Kearns      | Present |
| Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair)   | Present | Mr. Mark Resanovich   | Present |
| Mr. Kent Appelhans                | Present | Ms. Julie Rose        | Present |
| Ms. Karen Beavers                 | Present | Dr. Hamilton Schwartz | Present |
| Ms. Beth Calcidise                | Absent  | Ms. Diane Simon       | Present |
| Mr. James Davis (arrived 10:15am) | Absent  | Dr. Thomas Tallman    | Present |
| Mr. Geoff Dutton                  | Present | Mr. Thomas Wappner    | Present |
| Mr. Steven Jones                  | Present | Mr. Dudley Wright II  | 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 February 16-17, 2016 retreat minutes and the February 18, EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and Certificates of Approval for the period February 16, 2016 to April 19, 2016.

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. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Allenstein – 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 No. 2015-346-E100, Amanda J. Lee, EMS Applicant No. 2014785

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. Additionally, Mr. Barrera addressed the issue of untimely filed objections to the Report and Recommendation.

Mr. Barrera stated that Ms. Lee submitted an initial application for an EMT Basic. She identified that in 2010 she was convicted of two felonies; forgery, a fifth-degree felony and identity fraud, a third-degree felony. After submitting her initial application a conviction from 2004 for deception to obtain a dangerous drug was discovered. The EMFTS Board proposed to deny Ms. Lee's application in accordance with OAC 4765-10-03 (B) (2) (A). A notice of opportunity for a hearing was issued to Ms. Lee and a hearing was requested. The hearing was held in January 2015 and the hearing examiner noted that Ms. Lee has attempted to better herself through continuing education. Ultimately, the hearing examiner's recommendation was to deny Ms. Lee's application for a certificate to practice as an EMT. After the Report and Recommendation was issued Ms. Lee filed objections, however, the objections were filed outside of the 10 day deadline. The objections were provided to the Board members for their review. AAG Barrera's recommendation is to deny Ms. Lee's application for a certificate to practice as an EMT.

Having heard AAG Barrera's synopsis and recommendations for the case, 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).*** Ms. Rose– First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **Roll Call**

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| Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)       | Present | Ms. Susan Kearns      | Present |
| Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair) | Present | Mr. Mark Resanovich   | Present |
| Mr. Kent Appelhans              | Present | Ms. Julie Rose        | Present |
| Ms. Karen Beavers               | Present | Dr. Hamilton Schwartz | Present |
| Ms. Beth Calcidise              | Absent  | Ms. Diane Simon       | Present |
| Mr. James Davis                 | Absent  | Dr. Thomas Tallman    | Present |
| Mr. Geoff Dutton                | Present | Mr. Thomas Wappner    | Present |
| Mr. Steven Jones                | Present | Mr. Dudley Wright II  | Present |

The Board returned from private session 10:13 a.m.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-346-E100, Amanda J. Lee, EMS Applicant Number 204785, the Board confirms and approves the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to deny Ms. Lee's application for a certificate to practice as an EMT. The Respondent was convicted of Forgery, a fifth-degree felony and Identity Fraud, a third-degree felony. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.***

### **Goldman Proceedings**

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:17 a.m. on April 20, 2016 at the Ohio Department of Occupational Safety and Health, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### **Roll Call**

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|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)       | Present | Ms. Susan Kearns      | Present |
| Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair) | Present | Mr. Mark Resanovich   | Present |
| Mr. Kent Appelhans              | Present | Ms. Julie Rose        | Present |
| Ms. Karen Beavers               | Present | Dr. Hamilton Schwartz | Present |
| Ms. Beth Calcidise              | Absent  | Ms. Diane Simon       | Present |
| Mr. James Davis                 | Present | Dr. Thomas Tallman    | Present |
| Mr. Geoff Dutton                | Present | Mr. Thomas Wappner    | Present |
| Mr. Steven Jones                | Present | Mr. Dudley Wright II  | Present |

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

- EMS Case 2014-311-E300, Janice Monroe, EMS Certificate No. 28127
- EMS Case No. 2015-198-E300, Jeff R. Shernit, EMS Certification No. 105747
- EMS Case No. 2015-235-E300, Kristin J. Leasure, EMS Certification No. 103843
- EMS Case No. 2015-279-E300, Emily A. Hauser, EMS Certification No. 136784

The proceeding was an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondent 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, this 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 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 case and the recommendation for disciplinary action.

As each Board member received the affidavits of the case to review prior to the meeting, AAG Barrera briefly presented a summary of the cases where no hearing was requested.

- EMS Case 2014-311-E300, Janice Monroe, EMS Certificate No. 28127. Ms. Monroe is certified as an EMT and a CE Instructor. In 2014 she entered into a Consent Agenda regarding insufficient continuing education hours. The terms of the consent agenda included completion of 14 additional CE hours and a \$250 fine. She did not complete the additional hours and has not paid the fine. The recommendation is to revoke Ms. Monroe's certificate to practice and continuing education instruction certificate.
- EMS Case No. 2015-198-E300, Jeff R. Shernit, EMS Certification No. 105747. Mr. Schernit is certified as an EMT and applied for renewal in January 2015. Upon renewal he indicated he had completed all of his continuing education hours. A random audit was conducted and was found to be short on continuing education hours. The recommendation to revoke Mr. Shernit's certificate to practice.
- EMS Case No. 2015-235-E300, Kristin J. Leasure, EMS Certification No. 103843. Ms. Leasure is certified as an EMT and applied for renewal January 2015. Upon renewal she indicated completion of continuing education hours. The EMS Division staff were able to verify some hours, however, certain documents were not signed by a certified program director. Ms. Leasure has not responded to the Division's attempts to contact her. The recommendation is to revoke her certificate to practice.
- EMS Case No. 2015-279-E300, Emily A. Hauser, EMS Certification No. 136784. Ms. Hauser is certified as an EMT and applied for renewal January 2015. A random audit was conducted. The Division contacted Ms. Hauser in July 2015 and she suggested she would provide documentation. The Division has not received such documentation. The recommendation is to revoke Ms. Hauser'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 case into evidence.*** Mr. Wappner – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:25 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.

***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. Mr. Wright – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

### **Roll Call**

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|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)       | Present | Ms. Susan Kearns      | Present |
| Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair) | Present | Mr. Mark Resanovich   | Present |
| Mr. Kent Appelhans              | Present | Ms. Julie Rose        | Present |
| Ms. Karen Beavers               | Present | Dr. Hamilton Schwartz | Present |
| Ms. Beth Calcidise              | Absent  | Ms. Diane Simon       | Present |
| Mr. James Davis                 | Present | Dr. Thomas Tallman    | Present |
| Mr. Geoff Dutton                | Present | Mr. Thomas Wappner    | Present |
| Mr. Steven Jones                | Present | Mr. Dudley Wright II  | Present |

The Board returned from private session at 10:27 a.m.

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-311-E300, Janice L. Monroe, EMS Certification Number 28127, the Board finds that Ms. Monroe failed to comply with the terms of the consent agreement. Accordingly, Ms. Monroe violated Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(6); therefore the Board moves to revoke Ms. Monroe's certificate to practice and continuing education instructor certificate.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-198-E300, Jeff R. Shernit, EMS Certification Number 105747, the Board finds that Mr. Shernit 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. Shernit's certificate to practice.*** Ms. Simon – First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-235-E300, Kristin J. Leasure, EMS Certification Number 103843, the Board finds that Ms. Leasure 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. Leasure's certificate to practice.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-279-E300, Emily A. Hauser, EMS Certification Number 136784, the Board finds that Ms. Hauser 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 4765-17-02; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Hauser's certificate to practice.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein 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 10:37 a.m.*** Ms. Wright– First. Mr. Wappner– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**Roll Call**

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| Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)       | Present | Ms. Susan Kearns      | Present |
| Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair) | Present | Mr. Mark Resanovich   | Present |
| Mr. Kent Appelhans              | Present | Ms. Julie Rose        | Present |
| Ms. Karen Beavers               | Present | Dr. Hamilton Schwartz | Present |
| Ms. Beth Calcidise              | Absent  | Ms. Diane Simon       | Present |
| Mr. James Davis                 | Present | Dr. Thomas Tallman    | Present |
| Mr. Geoff Dutton                | Present | Mr. Thomas Wappner    | Present |
| Mr. Steven Jones                | Present | Mr. Dudley Wright II  | Present |

The Board returned from private session at 10:55 a.m.

***ACTION: Motion to Close the following Education cases for non-violation of ORC and/or OAC.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Davis and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-655-E500

***ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright– Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-441-E400 \*Refer to local medical director

***ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases.*** Ms. Simon – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-584-E500 \*Rescind NOH

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

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| 2014-97-E100   | 2015-711-E300 | 2016-50-E300 | 2016-106-E300 |
| 2015-666-BE100 | 2016-32-E300  | 2016-64-E300 | 2016-107-E100 |
| 2015-685-E300  | 2016-34-E300  | 2016-66-E100 | 2016-137-E100 |
| 2015-695-E300  | 2016-40-E300  | 2016-83-E300 |               |

***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. Jones– Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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| 2015-488-E300 *Rescind NOH | 2015-678-E400 *Defer local medical director |
| 2015-503-E100              | 2015-690-E300                               |
| 2015-542-E100              | 2016-57-E100                                |
|                            | 2016-119-E100                               |

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

2015-697-E100

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

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| 2009-429-101                         | 2013-670-E300  |
| 2013-163-BE100                       | 2015-405-BE100 |
| 2013-198-E300 *Issue CE site renewal | 2015-479-BE100 |
| 2013-448-E300                        | 2015-499-BE100 |

**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. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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| 2015-430-E300 *Rescind NOH | 2016-100-BE300 |
| 2016-63-E300               | 2016-102-E300  |
| 2016-95-E300               | 2016-111-E300  |
| 2016-96-E300               | 2016-112-E300  |

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

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| 2013-450-BE100 | 2015-545-E300  | 2016-27-E100 *Permission to negotiate a consent |
| 2013-698-BE300 | 2015-681-BE100 | 2016-65-E300                                    |
| 2015-136-BE100 |                | 2016-178-ET500                                  |

**ACTION: Motion for the recommendation to the Board to rescind Notices of Opportunity for Hearing for the following cases; and continue with consent agreement.** Ms. Simon– First. Ms. Kearns – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-413-BE500

**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. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich- Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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| 2015-362-E300  | 2016-77-E300   | 2016-127-E100  | 2016-150-BE100 |
| 2015-363-E300  | 2016-92-BE100  | 2016-133-BE100 | 2016-154-E500  |
| 2015-445-BE100 | 2016-98-BE100  | 2016-136-BE100 | 2016-156-BE100 |
| 2015-446-BE100 | 2016-103-BE100 | 2016-140-E100  | 2016-157-BE100 |
| 2015-447-BE100 | 2016-104-BE100 | 2016-141-E100  | 2016-166-BE100 |
| 2015-657-BE100 | 2016-108-E100  | 2016-142-BE100 | 2016-175-BE100 |
| 2015-710-E100  | 2016-114-E100  | 2016-144-E100  | 2016-186-BE100 |
| 2016-48-E100   | 2016-115-BE100 | 2016-145-E100  | 2016-188-E100  |
| 2016-67-E100   | 2016-116-BE100 | 2016-148-E100  | 2016-195-E300  |
| 2016-75-BE100  | 2016-117-BE100 | 2016-149-BE100 |                |

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chair Report, Deanna Harris**

Ms. Harris informed the board members there would be a regular EMFTS Board meeting on May 18, 2016. Individual board member photos for the EMS Website will be taken beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the group photo will be taken at 9:30 a.m.

The EMS Star of Life Awards will be held on May 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Harris recognized the work of the EMS staff with the EMS Star of Life Awards.

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

Dr. Cunningham reported that the RPAB membership needs to continue in RPAB Regions 7 and 8. The RPAB Chair meeting will be held on May 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The agenda will be focused primarily on the revision of the State of Ohio EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual.

An update was given by Dr. Cunningham regarding CLIA and point-of-care testing. Dr. Cunningham stated that their guidance is being created for EMS. Their policies and procedures do not incorporate a public comment period. An informational webinar and/or a presentation is planned at the NASEMSO annual meeting in September 2015.

Dr. Stephen Redd from the CDC informed Dr. Cunningham that the replacement of the Duodote® in CHEMPACK will not occur before the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Ohio EMS Conference sponsored by Ohio Health will be held on May 16-17, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Cunningham was asked to participate on the EMS medical director's panel.

In preparation for the Republican National Convention Dr. Cunningham was invited to an ESF-8 emergency preparedness planning workshop that was held on April 13, 2016 that was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Ohio Department of Health and the City of Cleveland.

The EMS community has been invited to participate in public comment regarding the EMS Compass project for the improvement project measures. The public comment period is open until May 6, 2016 for performance measures for stroke, hypoglycemia, and seizures.

NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines has revised the resuscitation chapter and are seeking input for additional guidelines. The public comment period is open until May 15, 2016.

Dr. Cunningham reported she attended the National EMS Advisory Council in Washington, DC. They are planning a revision on the EMS Agenda for the Future document. NHTSA is seeking public comment until June 30, 2016 via their website at [NHTSA.EMS@dot.gov](mailto:NHTSA.EMS@dot.gov). During the meeting discussions regarding the revision of other documents including the National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the EMS Education Agenda for the Future; A Systems Approach. A proposal has been proposed to revise trauma documents including Trauma Agenda for the Future and the Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation.

A presentation was made on the Code Green Campaign, a national campaign that is addressing suicide rates of EMS providers that now exceeds the rates of line-of-duty deaths. NIOSH does not collect data on private EMS. Scholarships are being created for psychiatric counseling for those providers whose insurance will not cover psychiatrists with expertise in post-traumatic stress disorders.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy is addressing the opiate crisis and looking for best practice ideas. Dr. Cunningham has been invited to be a part of the group. Dr. Cunningham would like to highlight the fact that many Ohio agencies are unable to obtain naloxone due to the cost. Deaths have gone up significantly due to illegal opiates being laced with fentanyl. Nationally and in Ohio there is a need for more funding for rehabilitation.

### **Assistant Attorney General, Rico Barrera**

AAG Barrera reported an update on the one active administrative appeal in the case involving William Eberly. The EMFTS Board's order was confirmed by the court and both of his certificates remain revoked. He has not appealed the order from the Court of Common Pleas.

A discussion ensued regarding the procedure for being notified of an appeal and the timeline to hold an emergency EMFTS Board meeting. The EMFTS Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Director will be notified of an appeal to decide if an emergency meeting is needed.

### **EMS Legal Counsel, Michael Wise**

Michael Wise stated that a formal opinion has been requested of the Attorney General's Office from a Fairfield County prosecutor regarding the termination of what services an EMT can perform in non-emergency situations. A formal opinion is different from receiving sound advice. Formal opinions have the force and effect of law; therefore, we are bound by those decisions. A recently enacted statute 4765.361 specifically addresses performance of services in a non-emergency situation. There will be a chance to provide input on the decision making process. EMS Legal and the EMFTS Board shall provide a document as to their opinion. Specifically scope of practice, immunity and the definition of what is a non-emergency situation are the main issues.

**ACTION ITEM:** Place ORC 4765.361 on the agenda for the next EMFTS Board meeting under old business.

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

Mr. Lapso reported on HB 407 regarding body cameras. The concerns of the EMFTS Board and the Division of EMS were discussed with Executive Director Moore of Criminal Justice Services. Director Moore will help in the facilitation of those concerns with the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

HB 488 and SB 292; permit EMS providers among other healthcare providers to provide volunteer services to indigent and uninsured patients in exchange for continuing education credits. Several Board members were not in agreement with this proposal. Both bills have only recently been introduced. The Board members were urged to contact their nominating associations with concerns of these bills.

HB 503 and SB 303; both of which have been introduced by JCARR, are directed at agency rule-making reform with legislative review. JCARR has authority in validating rules if the rule is considered an unfair financial burden on the regulated industry, i.e. if the rule is not easily

comprehended or understood, or if the rule is considered unnecessary under ORC Section 121.75(B).

SB 13 has passed and is awaiting the governor's approval.

### **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 expired 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
  - Seat #8 and Seat #17 were appointed
  
- 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.") The expiration was on January 11, 2016.
  
- Staff Vacancies
  - Program Administrator 2 – Schuyler Schmidt accepted a promotion at Ohio Medicaid. The position has been reclassified as Epidemiologist Investigator 3. Position has been filled and is a promotion for Ryan Frick.
  - Researcher 2 – Vacancy created by promotion of Ryan Frick. Consideration is being given to filling this position with a Statistician 2. Ann Nwosu, a student at OSU, is currently serving in an intern position and a recommendation has been made to hire her to fill the position.
  - *Program Administrator 2 – Fire/Education Section.* Dan Swords, Fire Education Coordinator has accepted a position at the Ohio Fire Academy and his last day with EMS was March 18, 2016. The position was posted on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - *Program Administrator 3* – John Sands, Education and Testing Section Chief, submitted his resignation on March 18<sup>th</sup>. His last day with the Division of EMS was Friday, April 1, 2016. The position was posted on April 14, 2016 and the closing date was April 20, 2016.
  - *Administrative Professional 2 – Medical Transportation Section.* Cynthia Gossard accepted a position at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and her last day with EMS was March 18, 2016. The offer for this position was accepted by Ms. Linda Smith, a current ODPS employee working as an AP2 for the BMV. Ms. Smith started on Monday, April 18, 2016.

- EMS Grant Program
  - 2016-17
    - Applications received = 700
    - Supplemental Funding applications received = 116
  - Recent Site Visits
    - Bristolville Fire Department - Trumbull County
    - Milton Township Volunteer Fire Department - Mahoning County
    - Eastlake Fire Department – Lake County
    - Village of Lakemore Fire Department – Summit County
    - Mineral-Sandy Ambulance District – Tuscarawas County
- DEMS Database Project
  - Fire Testing – Complete
  - Certifications Renewal – Roll-out May 24, 2016
  - Education
  - Grants
- Website Update – Roll-out May 24, 2016
- EMS Star of Life Awards Ceremony– May 18, 1:00 PM; ODOT Auditorium
- The ceremony will be live streaming on the EMS Website and will be available to anyone who would like to post on their website for future viewing.

Ms. Cooper reported that the EMFTS Board passed a motion at the retreat to final file rules OAC 4765-8 and OAC 4765-9 after the public hearing. The grants rules in OAC 4765-5 rules were included in the board packet for your review and comments.

- Financial Disclosure
  - All EMFTS Board members from 2015 are required to file a financial disclosure by May 16, 2016.

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

Jean Booze reported that, from February 8, 2016 to April 10, 2016, there were 91 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 from February 8, 2016 to April 10, 2016.***

Ms. Rose – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported there is one 180 day extension request for an EMT, certification number 162888, who is out of the country due to missionary work. The EMFTS Board members were provided with a letter from this provider. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the extension.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the 180 day extension request for EMT, certification number 162888.*** Ms. Rose– First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that during February 8, 2016 to April 10, 2016, there were 2,453 new EMS certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications.

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***ACTION: Motion to ratify new certifications from February 8, 2016 to April 10, 2016.*** Ms. Kearns– First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported on the CE exemption requests. There are two dual certified requests for exemption; 2016-4-01 and 2016-4-04. Both exemption requests are due to active duty service during their certification cycles. All military documentation has been received. There is one medical exemption request; 2016-4-05 and all medical documentation has been 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 #2016-4-1 and 2016-4-4 and one medical exemption request of #2016-4-5.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Education – Tom Gwinn**

Mr. Gwinn stated that he distributed a list of the ten accreditation renewals that were not included in the consent agreement. Staff is requesting a motion to approve the renewal of ten accreditation programs.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal of accreditation to ten programs.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. Mr. Davis-(Columbus Division of Fire), Ms. Kearns –(Eastern Gateway Community College, Stark State College, Youngstown State University) - 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 March, April, May and June 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 March, April, May, and June 2016; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Wright– Second. None opposed. Mr. Appelhans (St. Vincent St Rita’s Life Flight) and Dr. Schwartz- Abstained. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (20 ambulettes and 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 applications (20 ambulettes and 3 ambulances); pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Dr. Schwartz - Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation headquarters location applications (1 ambulette) and satellite location applications (3 ambulettes and 6 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new headquarters location applications (1 ambulette) and new satellite location applications (3 ambulettes and 6 ambulances); pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Mr. Appelhans (Mercy St. Vincent Life Flight) - abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **EMR Waiver Request, Executive Director Melvin House**

Executive Director House stated that a request for an EMR waiver was received from Fire Chief Steve Carlo Capaldi, of the Steubenville Fire Department, Steubenville, Ohio for three firefighters.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the request for the EMR Waiver. It was ultimately decided that more information is needed to make an informed decision. Executive Director House will invite Fire Chief Capaldi to an EMFTS Board member to discuss further.

### **Grants, Johanna Burgess-Pickett**

Ms. Pickett presented the information from a distributor for a portable sterilization system that was distributed to the Board members. A distributor of the system requested that their product be added to the Priority 1 grants equipment list.

The Resource committee reviewed this previously and decided not to add it to the Priority 1 grants. The EMFTS Board cannot recommend a specific brand. It was decided that EMS Staff will research the systems on the market and discuss this issue at a future Board meeting.

Ms. Pickett reported that a request was made from the City of Kettering Fire Department to be reimbursed for their purchase of carbon monoxide monitoring equipment for assessment of ambient air through the grant funds received.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the addition of carbon monoxide monitoring system for ambient use to the Priority 1 grant equipment list.*** Mr. Davis – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

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Ms. Harris reported that she would like to open up a discussion to allocate funds for agencies to purchase software for electronic data reporting. The funds are available on the grant list, however, there is a limit of \$1500. The members discussed increasing the amount of funds awarded for this purpose.

### **EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz**

Dr. Schwartz reported on the EMSC Performance Measures. 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 most likely be finalized in the fall 2016.

The EMS for Children Committee held the Ohio EMS Medical Directors' Conference on April 13, 2016, focusing on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors. A total of 17 EMS medical directors and EMS coordinators attended the conference and worked on pediatric protocol issues including seizures, pain management, patient immobilization, and respiratory distress.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition will next meet on May 6, 2016. The Coalition is continuing its work on increasing pediatric capacity and reunification of minors.

The next scheduled “Concepts in Process Improvement” Workshop will be at the Ohio Association of EMS Spring Conference in Marietta on April 30, 2016. A workshop will also be offered at the Ohio EMS Conference in Columbus on May 17, 2016. Several other locations are currently under consideration.

Dr. Julie Leonard and the staff at the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children’s Hospital (NCH) are updating the “EMTs and Injury Prevention” manual, converting it to a series of video modules which will be available through the Ohio EMS for Children website and NCH’s website. Other injury prevention institutions have been invited to provide expertise to the modules.

**EMS System Development Committee, Deanna Harris**

Ms. Harris requested approval to add Vincent Gildone to the EMS System Development members:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the addition of Vincent Gildone to the EMS System Development Committee.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Tallman - Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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The EMS System Development Committee is requesting approval on submitting the data collected from one month to EMSIRS the 15<sup>th</sup> of the next immediately following month. Ohio is one of the few states that currently have quarterly reporting. It is important to have current data for surveillance reports as requested by the Attorney General’s office. A discussion ensued as to how the naloxone data is used and what data is reported in a public records request.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to change how frequently data is reported by EMS agencies.

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***ACTION: Motion for EMS agencies to report data to EMSIRS on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the next immediately following month beginning January 1, 2017.*** Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Dutton- Second. Mr. Resanovich- opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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The EMFTS Board members received a document packet regarding dispatch. The dispatch rules OAC 5507-1-09, for emergency medical dispatching, were brought forward by Ohio Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee within the Department of Administration Services. They did not have any public meetings and legal will follow up as to whether or not they have violated any sunshine laws.

**ACTION ITEM:** Executive Director Melvin House to invite Rob Jackson, the 911 Administrator to attend the EMS System Development Committee meeting on June 14, 2016.

**Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich stated that a drill for the deployment of CHEMPACK was completed on March 2, 2016 in the Cleveland area. Another drill will be completed by the Ohio Health Department to address the gaps identified during the first drill in preparation of the Republican National Convention.

The Homeland Security Subcommittee has finished updating the education program and has been given to Ohio Department of Health.

Executive Director House and Mark Resanovich reviewed the surplus emergency medical supplies at ODH and had those supplies transferred to the Alum Creek distribution center. ED House and Mr. Resanovich invited those who would like to help take inventory of the supplies on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

Mr. Resanovich, Mr. Dutton, Mr. House met with Director John Born regarding concerns regarding active shooter incidents and providing education to EMS providers facing those situations. It is suggested an ad hoc committee be formed by the EMFTS Board along with members of law enforcement, Ohio Homeland Security, Ohio Emergency Management, Ohio Division of EMS, Dr. Cunningham, State Medical Director, and other agencies. The goal is to provide education and guidance regarding active shooters.

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to add a Homeland Security Ad Hoc Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the addition of a Homeland Security Ad Hoc Committee.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Schwartz- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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### **Rural EMS Committee, Karen Beavers**

The Rural EMS Committee met on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the consensus was for the committee to decide what the problems are for rural EMS. The Southeastern Ohio Rural EMS group has formed a coalition who has offered to do a survey regarding the problems of rural EMS. After the results of the survey are received a strategic plan and goals will be developed.

Ms. Beavers requested approval of Chris Johnson, Dick Calebs, and Dan Heuchert to the Rural EMS Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve Chris Johnson, Dick Calebs and Dan Heuchert as members of the Rural EMS Committee.*** Mr. Allenstein - First. Mr. Dutton- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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The next committee meeting will be June 14, 2016 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 am.

### **Education Committee, Karen Beavers (Interim Chair)**

The Education Committee met on Wednesday, April 19, 2016.

The committee members discussed the concerns regarding the problems with students completing live intubations.

A workgroup to talk about implementing a statewide clinical preceptor orientation program to be hosted on the Ohio EMS Division Website in support of accreditation.

Ms. Beavers requested that Amy Bernato and Susan Kearns be added as new members to the Education Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve Amy Bernato and Susan Kearns as members of the Rural EMS Committee.*** Mr. Allenstein - First. Mr. Appelkans- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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### **Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton**

Mr. Dutton stated that the MOC did not meet due to not having a quorum. At the next meeting the committee will begin reviewing the OAC Chapter 8 rules.

### **Medical Transportation Committee (MTC), Kent Appelhans**

Mr. Appelhans stated the committee met and worked on the ambulance rules OAC 4765-2. Most of the changes are minor; however, the major concerns involve the yearly vehicle inspections. The committee members also worked on ambulette rules 4766-03.

Senate Bill 248 hearing was held April 20, 2016 which would provide an increase in Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance and ambulette services.

The ambulance rules need to be completed by the June EMFTS Board meeting.

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

Ms. Rose stated the Critical Care subcommittee met on April 19, 2016.

The subcommittee reviewed the language on the additional training needed on for certain higher patient acuity transports without using the Ohio EMS scope of practice matrix. The committee also reviewed a new 10-year study from the state of Maryland on medical helicopter's transports of patients.

The Critical Care Subcommittee will meet Tuesday, June 14, 2015, at the ODPS Conference Center.

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

Dr. Tallman thanked Executive Director House and the EMS Staff on the work done with the EMS Star of Life Awards. The selection committee met at ACEP and chose the winners. ACEP will provide pins for each of the winners. Many applications were received with many wonderful stories.

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

No report.

### **Trauma Committee, Tim Erskine**

Mr. Erskine introduced Diane Simon, the new chair of the Trauma Committee.

Activities are ongoing with rewriting the strategic plan for trauma. The American College of Surgeons is now mandating to verify trauma centers and that every trauma center participate in the Trauma Quality Improvement Program. Level 3 Trauma centers have many concerns. The topic of performance for trauma is now being addressed throughout all of the goal groups.

The transition to Digital Innovations from the EMS system is ongoing. The trauma registry is fully transitioned over to the Digital Innovation system and have migrated our historical data. For the EMS portion of the data systems, the web entry portion is up and available for our users and is being tested. The batch upload which affects most of the agencies is nearing completion for user acceptance testing. Several software developer companies will assist in the testing process to ensure that any errors occurring are actually with the data and not the system. This transition will begin in May 2016. The final module of the data systems; Trauma Rehabilitation Registry, is currently in testing.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

The fire service has some issues with some of the verbiage and language in the proposed trauma legislation. Also, there is a concern regarding the representation of fire service on the EMFTS Board.

If the Trauma bill passes, the EMFTS Board will no longer function as a lead trauma agency and the EMFTS Board will be limited to EMS provider certifications, accreditation of programs and medical transportation. The recommendation was that the EMFTS Board get the two seats back; therefore, creating a 21 seat board. The Ohio Department of Public Safety is neutral on the trauma bill.

The Fire Fighter & Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee which meets after the EMFTS board meeting has only 4 members. There is also a Fire Fighter & Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee that has only 4 members, which creates quorum issues.

A discussion ensued regarding the EMFTS Board seats. Many Board members expressed concerns regarding equal representation.

Mr. Resanovich made a motion to add the 21<sup>st</sup> seat to the fire service via the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters contingent on the passing of the trauma bill.

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***ACTION: Motion to add the 21<sup>st</sup> seat to the fire service via the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters contingent on the passing of the trauma bill.*** Mr. Resanovich - First. Mr. Tallman – Second. Motion tabled.

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## **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 2:45 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- EMFTS Board Meeting, May 18, 2016, at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.