



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

**MEETING MINUTES  
April 19, 2017**

**~ FINAL~**

**Board Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio.

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Beth Calcidise, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Steven Jones, Susan Kearns, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, George B. Snyder, Dr. Thomas Tallman, and Dudley Wright.

**Board Members Absent:** Deanna Harris

**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, Bryan Reardon, Jack Smith, Joseph Stack, and Michael Wise.

**Assistant Attorney General:** Trista M. Turley

**Public Present:** James Burneka, Jr.

**EMS Rules Hearing**

Thomas Allenstein, chairperson of the Board called the public hearing to order of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services at 9:32 a.m. Let the record show that the hearing was held on April 19, 2017 at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Room B, Pickerington, Ohio 43147.

Mr. Allenstein recognized ODPS Associate Legal Counsel Michael Wise, who served as the hearing officer.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz (arrived 10:05)	Absent
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

Mr. Wise brought the hearing to order at 9:32 a.m. He acted 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 amendments, additions, or rescissions to Chapters 4766-01, 4766-3, 4766-4 of the Administrative 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 public hearing and all testimony will be recorded by stenographic means.

**The following rules are proposed for amendment:**

- 4766-3-01 Definitions.
- 4766-3-02 Application for initial or renewal licensure.
- 4766-3-03 Fees.
- 4766-3-04 Physical facilities.
- 4766-3-05 Transportation records.
- 4766-3-09 Maintenance documentation.
- 4766-3-12 Temporary and disaster operations.
- 4766-3-13 Driver training and qualifications.
- 4766-4-01 Definitions.
- 4766-4-02 Applications for initial or renewal licensure.
- 4766-4-03 Fees.
- 4766-4-04 Physical facilities.
- 4766-4-05 Transportation records.
- 4766-4-06 Communication requirements.
- 4766-4-07 Health and safety requirements.
- 4766-4-09 Maintenance documentation.
- 4766-4-11 Use of lights and other warning devices.
- 4766-4-12 Temporary and disaster operations.
- 4766-4-13 Staffing compliance.
- 4766-4-15 Changes to be reported to the Board.

**The following rule is proposed to be rescinded and a new rule adopted in its place:**

- 4766-1-01 Public Notice.
- 4766-3-08 Vehicle inspections.
- 4766-3-15 Changes to be reported to the board.
- 4766-3-16 Investigations of alleged violations.
- 4766-4-08 Vehicle inspections.
- 4766-4-16 Investigations of alleged offenses.

**The following rules are proposed to be rescinded:**

- 4766-3-10 Equipment requirements.
- 4766-4-10 Equipment requirements.

**The following rules are newly proposed:**

- 4766-3-07 Ambulette license plates.
- 4766-3-17 Disciplinary grounds.
- 4766-3-18 Incorporated by reference.
- 4766-4-17 Disciplinary grounds.
- 4766-4-18 Incorporated by reference.

Persons affected by the proposed rules may appear at the hearing and be heard in person, or by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, argument, or contention in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence to show that the proposed rules will be unreasonable or unlawful if enacted. Mr. Wise inquired if there was anyone there who wished to offer any testimony regarding the rules. There were no witnesses for testimony.

Requests for copies of the proposed rules and/or public comments may be submitted in person or by mail at the following address: Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Legal Services, Suite 531C, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, Telephone: (614) 466-5605. These rules may be accessed via the Department of Public Safety's website at [http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems\\_rules\\_notices.stm](http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules_notices.stm).

**EMFTS Board Meeting**

**Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting began at 10:03 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz (arrived 10:05)	Absent
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

**Open Forum**

Mr. James Burneka, Jr., a Dayton firefighter, has been involved with the fight against occupational firefighter cancer for more than a decade. Mr. Burneka would like to propose adding three videos to the Firefighter level 1 & 2 curriculum. *\*Attachment #1.*

Executive Director House explained that the fire rules are being rewritten and part of that update is to revise the recommended hours. Within the proposed guide and course objectives, the goal is to require one hour that will include cancer awareness. Firefighter I will be required to include an hour of cancer awareness when the rules become effective. The fire charters will determine how they meet those objectives.

## **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board meeting minutes from February 15, 2017, January and February certifications and Certificates of Approval.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the EMFTS Board meeting minutes from February 15, 2017, January and February certifications and Certificates of Approval.***

Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tallman– Second. None opposed. Ms. Beavers, Ms. Kearns, and Mr. Snyder - abstain. Motion approved.

## **EMS Summary Suspension Request**

Mr. Allenstein, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:12 a.m. on April 19, 2017 at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### **Roll Call**

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

It was noted for the record that a majority of the members of the Board were present. The Board reviewed one case to determine if there is clear and convincing evidence to warrant a summary suspension of each of the Respondent's certificate to practice, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4765.112. These proceedings were in the matter of:

- EMS Case Number 2016-271-E100, Timothy D. Ciboro, EMS Certificate Number 83419

The Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for review prior to the meeting. The affidavits and exhibits contained the evidence upon which the Board deliberated. The Board was entrusted that they have had the opportunity to review the affidavits and accompanying exhibits.

Mr. Allenstein recognized Assistant Attorney General Trista Turley for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of each case.

- **EMS Case Number 2016-271-E100, Timothy D. Ciboro, EMS Certificate Number 83419.** Mr. Ciboro is certified as an EMT Basic with an expiration date of May 2, 2017. On January 27, 2017, Mr. Ciboro was convicted in Lucas County Court of Common Pleas on the following counts: five counts first-degree felony rape, two counts of second-degree felony child endangerment, one count of third-degree felony child endangerment and two counts first-degree felony kidnapping. Mr. Ciboro was sentenced to life in prison. The case received significant media attention. Mr. Ciboro and his son abused three children in their

household which included keeping one teenage girl shackled in the basement. She and another girl was raped. The Division of EMS believes that any continued practice would present danger of immediate and serious harm to the public; therefore, the recommendation in this matter is for a summary suspension.

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).

***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. Kearns– First. Mr. Tallman – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

**Roll Call**

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

**ACTION**

***In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-271-E100, Timothy D. Ciboro, Certificate Number 83419, the Board shall issue an Order to summarily suspend Mr. Ciboro's certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician at any level. There is clear and convincing evidence that Respondent's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and that the certificate holder has been convicted of multiple felonies, which include three counts of Rape, three counts of Endangering Children and two counts of Kidnapping. The Board Order shall include a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112 and Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a).*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None Opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

**Report and Recommendations ~ none**

**Goldman Proceedings**

Mr. Allenstein, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:20 a.m. on April 19, 2017 at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

**Roll Call**

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

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

- EMS Case Number 2015-583-BE100, Daniel J. Ignatious, EMS Certificate Number 114727
- EMS Case Number 2015-628-E100, Bradley J. Stewart, EMS Certificate Number 120561
- EMS Case Number 2016-91-BE100, Melissa K. Thomas, EMS Certificate Number 124134
- EMS Case Number 2016-190-E100, Mya D. Stump, EMS Certificate Number 151802

The proceedings were 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, these 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.

Mr. Allenstein recognized Assistant Attorney General Trista M. Turley for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and the recommendation for disciplinary action.

- **EMS Case Number 2015-583-BE100, Daniel J. Ignatious, EMS Certificate Number 114727.** Mr. Ignatious was certified as a paramedic and EMS instructor until November 2015. He worked for the Cadiz Fire Department, Harrison Fire, and New Athens EMS and was also the director of EMT/EMS Services for Harrison Community Hospital. The Ohio Board of Pharmacy conducted an investigation into the theft of drugs from Harrison Community Hospital and it came to light when some paramedics in Harrison raised concerns after noticing missing or unsealed narcotics in their drug bags. Those paramedics checked their run reports and saw that the reports included administration of drugs that the paramedics had not administered at the scene. The Ohio Pharmacy Board interviewed Mr. Ignatious and others in the course of the investigation and he ultimately admitted that he stole drugs from Harrison EMS stocks for his own personal use and that he altered run reports to conceal the theft. He stole Demerol, Versed, Valium and morphine.

He was also suspected of taking drugs from the Cadiz and New Athens fire departments; however, he did not admit to taking those drugs. Mr. Ignatious was prosecuted and pled guilty to tampering with evidence, theft of drugs, and attempted theft of drugs. He was sentenced to community control for one year and community service. He did not report these convictions to the Division of EMS as required and he was issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on February 1, 2017. Mr. Ignatious did not request a hearing in a timely manner. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Ignatious's certification.

- **EMS Case Number 2015-628-E100, Bradley J. Stewart, EMS Certificate Number 120561.** Mr. Stewart is currently certified as an EMT and is valid through October 30, 2018. When Mr. Stewart renewed this certificate on October 30, 2015 he indicated on his application that he had some sort of conviction; however, he did not indicate any specific convictions. He did not provide a certified judgement entry or any other documentation to explain the circumstances of his case. The Division of EMS sent a letter to Mr. Stewart via certified mail requesting a criminal history form, a certified copy of the judgment entry and a certified police report no later than January 4, 2016. The Division never heard from Mr. Stewart and they issued a Notice of Hearing. He did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to suspend Mr. Stewart's certification unless and until he provides all required documentation and demonstrates that he meets all of the certification requirements.
- **EMS Case Number 2016-91-BE100, Melissa K. Thomas, EMS Certificate Number 124134.** Ms. Thomas is certified as an EMT-Basic with an expiration date of November 8, 2017. On January 29, 2016, the Division of EMS received a written complaint alleging Ms. Thomas was convicted of two felonies in Fulton County, Georgia involving child cruelty against her own children. The complaint appears to be anonymous although a judgment entry was attached from Fulton County Superior Court. The Division of EMS obtained certified judgement entries and she was convicted of Cruelty to Children in the first-degree for willfully depriving sustenance and Cruelty to Children in the first-degree for maliciously causing excessive pain. These convictions stemmed from Ms. Thomas's treatment of her own daughter, at the age of five years old, who was admitted to a hospital in Georgia for poor weight gain. Ms. Thomas never reported her arrest or conviction to the Division of EMS. The EMFTS Board summarily suspended her certification on September 7, 2016. Ms. Thomas was sent the summary suspension notice and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to her last known address which was returned. The Division of EMS published a notice in the local newspaper, the Newark-Granville Sentinel for three consecutive weeks. She did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Ms. Thomas's certification.
- **EMS Case Number 2016-190-E100, Mya D. Stump, EMS Certificate Number 151802.** Ms. Stump is certified as an advanced EMT with an expiration date of March 30, 2019. On March 29, 2016, the Division of EMS received a complaint from the Union City Fire Department that Ms. Stump had been arrested for stealing fentanyl from the fire department. On March 16, 2016, Union City police began investigating and on March 21, 2016, Ms. Stump admitted in an interview with police that she had taken the fentanyl and revealed she had an opiate addiction. She was arrested and pled guilty to a fourth-degree felony for Theft of Drugs. She was ordered into intervention in lieu of conviction. The Division was never informed of her arrest or sentencing. The recommendation is to revoke Ms. Stump's certification.

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

Having heard AAG Turley's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case into evidence.*** Mr. Jones – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:29 a.m.

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

Mr. Allenstein 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).*** Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

**Roll Call**

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

The Board returned from private session at 10:40 a.m.

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-583-BE100, Daniel J. Ignatious, Certificate Number 114727, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Ignatious violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-9-01(M) by being convicted of multiple felonies, which included Tampering with Evidence, Theft of Drugs, and Attempted Theft of Drugs, as well as failing to submit records related to the criminal case. Therefore, Mr. Ignatious's certificate to practice in the State of Ohio at any level shall be permanently revoked.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-628-E100, Bradley J. Stewart, Certificate Number 120561, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Stewart violated Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-8-02(F) by failing to submit to a criminal background check and failing to provide court and police documents related to a conviction he disclosed on his application, and that Mr. Stewart's certification be suspended indefinitely. Prior to reinstatement, Mr. Stewart shall provide all required documentation related to his conviction and demonstrate that he meets all certification requirements.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.



***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-91-BE100, Melissa K. Thomas, Certificate Number 124134, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Thomas violated Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112 and Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-9-01(M) by being convicted in the State of Georgia of two felony counts of Cruelty to Children, and failing to submit records related to the criminal case. Therefore, Ms. Thomas's certificate to practice in the State of Ohio at any level shall be permanently revoked.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-190-E100, Mya D. Stump, Certificate Number 151802, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Stump violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-9-01(M) by pleading guilty to, and receiving intervention in lieu of conviction for, Theft of Drugs, a felony of the fourth degree, and failing to submit records related to the criminal case. Therefore, Ms. Stump's certificate to practice in the State of Ohio at any level shall be permanently revoked.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

## **Opioid Epidemic**

Dr. Thomas Collins, the medical director of Cleveland EMS and Fire Medical Director presented information pertaining to the opioid epidemic. Dr. Collins introduced Sergeant Christina Schneider, the operations coordinator with Cleveland EMS and Fire. Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a community-based overdose education and naloxone distribution program that was created as a way to combat Ohio's opioid overdose epidemic. A bridge is created to keep people alive so that they may have the opportunity for better solutions regarding their addiction. Every ALS unit in Cleveland has the ability to provide a Project DAWN kit to citizens. There is also a fixed dispensing site at headquarters Monday through Friday.

There is clearly an epidemic regarding opioid deaths. Between 2015 and 2016 there were over 600 deaths from an opioid overdose in Cleveland. The Project DAWN program is credited in saving hundreds of lives.

Sergeant Schneider oversees the Project DAWN program and explained that it has been difficult to help providers to overcome their personal views regarding those who overdose. Opioid overdoses should be treated as any other life or death situation such as those who have a heart attack. It is important for providers to look at providing naloxone to those who overdose as a life-saving act. Through education the crews understand that addiction is a disease and that it could affect one of their own family members because addiction affects all walks of life. Project DAWN is only a link in a very long chain in helping those who have an addiction to live to seek out treatment.

## **EMS Legislative Liaison, Dan Fitzpatrick**

A legislative update was provided in the Board packet to all of the EMFTS Board members. HB 75 is a bill that is attempting to address the scenario where if someone comes from another state from the military, they can be given a temporary license to practice in Ohio within the Ohio EMS scope of practice. HB 79 is the tactical EMS bill that will authorize tactical EMS providers to carry firearms while on duty. HB 171 attempts to require an EMS provider to not work more than 12 consecutive hours and not to be permitted to work without a rest period of at least 10 consecutive hours.

HB 290 was passed and signed by Governor Kasich and became effective April 6, 2017. This original bill was not monitored by our legal staff because it did not have an effect on the Ohio Department of Public Safety; however, an amendment was added at the last minute that EMS providers can satisfy up to one-third of the licensee’s continuing education requirement by providing volunteer health care services to indigent and uninsured persons. The Division of EMS is working to create a form for verification on where the service was performed and the number of hours completed. A discussion ensued regarding the specifications of this new law. Executive Director House explained that the law is in effect; therefore, the Division needs to implement a procedure to monitor the continuing education hours.

**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).*** Dr. Tallman– First. Mr. Davis– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**Roll Call**

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

***ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to the following Medical Transportation cases:*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-642-E500	2017-127-E500	2017-128-E500
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***ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-452-E100	2017-54-E300	2017-65-E300
2016-668-BE100	2017-55-E300	2017-79-E100
2017-25-E300	2017-59-E300	
2017-51-E300	2017-63-E300	

***ACTION: Motion to accept and process the following application:*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2017-7-E500
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***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. Calcidise – First. Mr. Snyder - Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-617-E400 \*Refer to Local Medical Director  
2017-28-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. Calcidise – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-456-E300 *Rescind NOH	2017-102-E300
2016-531-E300 *Rescind NOH	2017-103-E300
2016-673-E300 *Rescind NOH	2017-104-E300
2017-42-E300	2017-109-E300
2017-47-E300	2017-110-E300
2017-101-E300	2017-111-BE300

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The individuals did not provide required documentation; therefore, their applications were rendered incomplete.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-709-E100

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements:*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Dr. Tallman - Second. Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2011-714-E100	2015-458-E100
2013-589-BE100	2016-542-E100
2014-171-E300	2016-603-BE100
2014-310-E300	2016-670-E100
2014-482-E300	

***ACTION: Motion to issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for each of the following cases:*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-554-BE100	2016-554-E300	2017-80-BE100
2016-295-E300	2016-639-E300	2017-116-E100
	2017-31-BE100	

***ACTION: Motion to rescind Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and continue with terms of the consent agreement.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Mr. Jones – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-382-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. Calcidise – First. Mr. Jones – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-606-BE100	2017-78-BE100	2017-97-E100
2017-8-E100	2017-81-BE100	2017-100-E500
2017-19-E100	2017-83-E100	2017-125-E100
2017-22-BE100	2017-84-E100	2017-130-E100
2017-68-BE100	2017-91-E100	2017-131-BE100
2017-69-BE100	2017-92-BE100	2017-132-E100
2017-72-E100	2017-93-E100	2017-141-E100
2017-74-E100	2017-94-BE100	2017-142-BE100
2017-75-E100	2017-95-E100	
2017-77-E100	2017-96-E100	

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chair Report, Tom Allenstein**

Mr. Allenstein recognized Dr. Cunningham who received an award at the NAEMSP annual meeting in becoming a fellow of the Academy of Emergency Medical Services. She is one of the first of 194 in the nation to receive this award.

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

The RPAB Chair meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The need for RPAB membership for regions 7 and 8 remain. The next RPAB Chair meeting will be held May 10, 2017. The RPAB continued to work on the revision of the State of Ohio EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual. The avenues for algorithm diagram development will need to be considered and secured.

The NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines, Version 2.0 will be open for public comment from April 28<sup>th</sup> through June 16, 2017. The final documents are scheduled to be submitted to NHTSA by September 8, 2017.

The State of Ohio Medical Board has not yet implemented a print option for the physician wallet card in their licensure application/renewal software. The EMS medical director certification may be a secondary option to fill the gap.

The National EMS Advisory Council's (NEMSAC) meeting that was originally scheduled for April 4-5, 2017 has now been rescheduled on August 14-15, 2017. The advisory on mobile integrated healthcare remains in draft status.

The DHS Science and Technology annual meeting is scheduled for the second week of May 2017 and the Center for Homeland Defense and Security APEX annual meeting was held on February 23-24, 2017. Cybersecurity and active shooter situations are high priority discussions.

Dr. Cunningham's speaking engagements include:

- USA Hockey High School National Championship on March 29, 2017
  - The USA Hockey is the first national sports organization to mandate standardized training in recognition, triage, and post-injury protection for traumatic brain injuries.
  - Presentation by Dr. Cunningham – “Bruises that Mask Badness”
    - Growth plates and Salter-Harris fractures
    - Blunt abdominal trauma
    - Spine and spinal cord injuries associated with axial loads
    - Pain management in the face of the national opioid crisis
- Aultman Hospital on May 30, 2017 for National EMS Week

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

Mr. Wise reported that a motion is requested for the Board to approve the final filing for Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4766-1, 4766-3 and 4766-4.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing for Ohio Administrative Code Chapters 4766-1 (Public Notices and Hearings), 4766-3 (Ambulettes), and 4766-4 (Mobile Intensive Care Units) following the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review hearing on May 8, 2017.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

### **Assistant Attorney General, Trista M. Turley**

Ms. Turley reported that there is not any active litigation at this time.

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

Executive Director House introduced the grants administrator Ms. Pickett to present the grants report. Ms. Pickett suggested that the Board revisit the length of time the researchers have to present their final research project. A discussion ensued regarding whether the institutions should be penalized if they do not complete the research project. It was decided that Mr. Wise would research this issue and report to the Board at a later date.

Ms. Pickett received a request from an agency that the Board take under consideration to allow purchase of disposal AutoPulse® Lifebands® that are not currently permitted for grant expenditures. A discussion ensued regarding this request.

***ACTION: Motion to approve disposable AutoPulse® Lifebands® to be added to the reimbursement grant expenditures list.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Executive Director House reported that we still have five seats vacant on the EMFTS Board.

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS) vacant seats:

- Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2 – ACS/OOA)
- Trauma Program Manager (Seat #5 – ONA/OSTNL/OENASC)
- EMS Provider (Seat #10 – OAPFF/NOFF)
- EMS Provider (Seat #14 - OAMTA)
- EMS Provider (Seat #15 – OAMTA)

EMFTS Board members question why these seats are still vacant. The organizations may write letters to the Boards and Commissions at the governor's office.

#### Staff Vacancy Status

- *Human Service Program Consultant – Trauma & Research.* Sue Morris has returned to the Division of EMS.
- *Program Administrator 3 – Trauma and Research.* Timothy Erskine has accepted a position with the Virginia Department of Health in Richmond, Virginia.
- *Epidemiology Investigator 3 – Trauma & Research.* Ryan Frick has accepted a position with Ohio Department of Health.
- *Program Administrator 2 – Data/Research.* Reclassifying position to attract a biostatistician.
- *Program Administrator 3 – Investigations –* Reclassifying to Investigations Supervisor 2; should be posted within next two weeks.
- *Investigations – Compliance and Enforcement.* Rachel Randall accepted a position with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.
- *Program Administrator 2 – Education.* Linda Mirarchi retired.
- *Program Administrator 2 – Education.* Tom Gwinn has accepted a position with Ohio State Highway Patrol.
- *Administrative Professional 4 – Certifications Section.* A new position has been created to meet the needs of expanding certifications for EMS and fire service providers.
- *Deputy Director –* A new position has been created to meet the needs of the Division of EMS.
- *Administrative Professional 4 – Support to Deputy Director (New Position)*

Each Board member is required to file a Financial Disclosure with the Ethics Commission and the deadline is May 9, 2017.

#### DEMS Database Projects

- EMS Course Administration/Education Phase 2 Module – Underway
- Grants Administration Module –Phase 2 – Underway
- Medical Transportation – Discovery phase
- Investigations – on hold pending the hiring of Chief of Investigations

DEMS staff continues to work with ODPS IT, ODPS Fiscal, and our software hosting vendor, Digital Innovation®, to resolve issues with the Emergency Medical Services Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS). Legacy data for 2016 and 2017 has been successfully uploaded to Digital Innovation. Bridge software has been developed to transfer third and fourth quarter EMS incident data from local EMS agencies to Digital Innovation® where it can be aggregated with legacy data, thereby allowing accurate report-writing for 2016 and 2017. Errors in inputted data from local EMS agencies are causing data to be rejected. Digital Innovation is working to resolve issues by acquiring and uploading third and fourth quarter 2016 data through the bridge. Ad hoc report capability is under development.

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

Jean Booze reported that there were 49 EMS extension requests for February 2017 and 58 in March 2017; totaling 107 EMS standard 90-day extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions.

***ACTION: Motion to ratify EMS extension requests from February 2017 and March 2017.***

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

Jean Booze reported that there was one EMS extension request exceeding 90 days. This person is requesting a 180 day extension because she is working on state licensure as a Physician Assistant and would like to complete that before finishing CE requirements for the paramedic certification. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the 180 day extensions.

***ACTION: Motion to approve one EMS extension request exceeding 90 days.***

Mr. Dutton– First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported that the new EMS certifications for February 2017 is 1,244 and 1,330 for March 2017. The total for August and September are 2,574 new EMS certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications.

***ACTION: Motion to ratify the new EMS certifications for February 2017 and March 2017.*** Ms.

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

Jean Booze reported a voluntary surrender request from a paramedic who no longer needs or wishes to maintain certification. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the voluntary surrender of the paramedic's certification.*** Ms.

Beavers– First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemption requests. There is one EMS certified military exemption; 2017-4-10. They are still on active duty. There is one dual certified military exemption request; 2017-4-2. They are requesting for one of the two certification cycles due to being on active duty service and is House Bill 98 eligible for the second cycle. All documentation was received for these requests. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the military CE exemption requests for 2017-4-10 and 2017-4-2.*** Ms.

Calcidise – First. Ms. Kearns– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on three medical exemption requests. 2017-4-5 and 2017-4-8 are for medical conditions with the certificate holders and medical documentation has been received for these requests. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical exemption requests for 2017-4-5 and 2017-4-2.*** Ms. Beavers– First. Ms. Kearns– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on a medical hardship exemption request for 2017-4-7 due to the person being the primary caregiver for a parent. The disability began on January 3, 2017; however, it was only a few days before the end of the certificate holder’s renewal cycle.

A discussion ensued regarding this medical hardship request. Ms. Booze reported that this person can apply for reinstatement.

***ACTION: Motion to deny the medical hardship exemption requests for 2017-4-7.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Kearns– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

### **EMS Education, John Molnar**

Mr. Molnar reported that there are two vacant staff positions; however, the new hires are in the background process.

Mr. Molnar is requesting approval to reduce the accreditation time on a voluntary basis to allow fire charter and EMS accreditation to occur at the same time.

***ACTION: Motion to approve to reduce the accreditation time on a voluntary basis to allow fire charters and EMS accreditations to occur at the same time.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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

Dave Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of February, March and April 2017. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewals with expiration dates of February, March, April and May 2017; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Davis – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. Mr. Jones and Ms. Kearns - abstained. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation new service applications. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new service applications for 8 ambulances; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Mr. Dutton - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.



Dave Fiffick presented the list of new medical transportation headquarters (5 ambulances) and new satellite locations (5 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new headquarters (5 ambulances) and new satellite locations (5 ambulances); pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Kearns– First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

## **Board Committee Reports**

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

#### **EMSC Performance Measures**

Dr. Schwartz reported that the National EMSC Data Analysis and Resource Center (NEDARC) has confirmed that Ohio EMS for Children will conduct a survey of Ohio EMS agencies from November 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018. This survey will feature initial data gathering for new EMSC performance measures, including the presence of a pre-hospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) and the extent of skills training and competency demonstration for pediatric care. More information will be brought to the EMFTS Board over the new few meetings.

The National Pediatric Readiness Project is currently open for qualifying improvement purposes for hospitals to assess their preparedness for pediatric emergency care. The survey is available at [www.pedsready.org](http://www.pedsready.org). The EMSC Program will conduct a survey of all hospitals in the nation in 2018.

Ohio EMS for Children is working on a workshop for EMS agencies on the duties of a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator. The workshop will focus on the information in the article “Resource Document: Coordination of Pediatric Emergency Care in EMS Systems,” that was published in Prehospital Emergency Care. Dr. Julie Leonard of the Ohio EMSC Committee is a co-author of this publication. The target date for the workshop is early October, and plans are to offer the workshop in multiple location in the state.

#### **Other Activities**

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on March 1, 2017. The Coalition is developing guidelines for dealing with unaccompanied minors during a disaster. The Coalition is continuing work on increasing pediatric capacity evacuation of a NICU is planned for this fall. The next Coalition meeting is June 8, 2017.

Dr. Julie Leonard and staff at the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children’s Hospital are updating the “EMTs and Injury Prevention” manual and converting it to a series of video modules which will be designed to be available appropriate for both EMS providers and law enforcement officials.

### **EMS System Development Committee, Mr. Davis**

Mr. Davis reported that the committee met; however, there was not a quorum.

The next EMS System Development Committee meeting will be June 20, 2017.

### **Active Shooter Response Ad-Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton**

Mr. Dutton reported that a workgroup consisting of members representing law enforcement, EMS, and fire to begin creating an awareness training module.

The Active Shooter Response Ad Hoc Committee meetings are scheduled for April 27, 2017 and May 18, 2017. The committee meets monthly.

The committee has discussed to do a regional roll-out of the awareness training. The law enforcement members are working with the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

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

Ms. Beavers reported that the committee met April 18, 2017.

Ms. Beavers requested that Vincent Gildone and Dr. Thomas Charlton be added to the EMS Rural Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to add the following members to the EMS Rural Committee: Vincent Gildone and Dr. Thomas Charlton.*** Ms. Beavers - First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The committee discussed their concerns regarding House Bill 290.

The next meeting will be June 20, 2017.

### **EMS Education Committee, George Snyder**

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee met; however, there was not a quorum. The next meeting will be held June 20, 2017.

The committee discussed the strategic plan. Executive Director House attended and discussed EVOC (emergency vehicle operations course) with the committee members. The committee also had a discussion regarding continuing education.

The next meeting will be held June 20, 2017.

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

Mr. Dutton reported that the Medical Oversight committee met April 18, 2017.

Mr. Dutton requested that Dr. Thomas Charlton be added as a member to the Medical Oversight Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve Dr. Thomas Charlton as a new member to the Medical Oversight Committee.*** Mr. Dutton - First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Dutton requested that Dr. Paul Zeeb be added as a member to the Medical Oversight Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve Dr. Paul Zeeb as a new member to the Medical Oversight Committee:*** Mr. Dutton - First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The committee discussed the strategic plan, continuing education issues, and physician wallet cards.

The next meeting will be held June 20, 2017.

#### **Medical Transportation, Tom Allenstein**

Mr. Allenstein reported that the Medical Transportation committee did have a quorum when they met April 18, 2017.

The committee discussed the strategic plan and rules.

#### **Critical Care Sub-committee, Julie Rose**

Ms. Rose reported that the committee had a quorum for the meeting held on April 18, 2017.

The committee discussed the strategic plan and the rules.

The next meeting will be held June 20, 2017.

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

The Time Critical Diagnosis Ad-hoc committee was on hiatus. There is an interest from the members in continuing this committee.

A workgroup will have a meeting from 10:00 to noon on June 19, 2017.

#### **EMS Star of Life Awards, Dr. Thomas Tallman**

The selection committee met and made the selection for the Ohio EMS Star of Life awards. There were many excellent applications to choose from; therefore, four additional awardees were selected. The ceremony will be after the EMFTS Board meeting on May 24, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the ODOT auditorium.

#### **Trauma Committee, Diane Simon**

Ms. Simon reported that the committee had a meeting March 8, 2017. The committee is working on a bibliography of when the database was used in research and cited. Regions are being developed for performance improvement plans. Ideally all regions should have a performance improvement plan in place by the end of 2017.

Ms. Simon reported that a Regional Trauma Registry Council is in the process of being created to have an advisory council I to the State Trauma Board. The council will not be under the Trauma Committee's oversight; however, the Trauma Committee will have a liaison partnership. The next meeting will be held April 21, 2017.

**Old Business ~ none**

**New Business ~ none**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** EMFTS Board Retreat meeting at 8:15 a.m. on April 20, 2017; at the BWC, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio.

***Attachments are available upon request.***

- Attachment #1 – Occupational Firefighter Cancer Awareness/Dayton Firefighters Local No. 136.