



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

**MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2017**

~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Beth Calcidise, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Susan Kearns, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, George B. Snyder, and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent: James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Steven Jones, Mark Resanovich and Dr. Thomas Tallman

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Ellen Owens, Johanna Pickett, Bryan Reardon, Jack Smith, Joseph Stack, and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Trista M. Turley

Public Present: Micky Barrera, Kristen Barrera, Pam Bradshaw, Steven and Moriah Durant, Morgan Rice, Diane Simon and Matt Wells.

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Mr. Allenstein welcomed the two new Board members, Philip Koster and Herb de la Porte. An orientation for the new board members will be held July 18, 2017.

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 April 19, 2017, as well as the May and April certifications and Certificates of Approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the EMFTS Board meeting minutes from April 19, 2017, May and April certifications and Certificates of Approval. Mr. Wright – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Report and Recommendations ~ none

Mr. Allenstein introduced himself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on four report and recommendations:

- EMS Case Number 2015-59-BE100, Mark T. McGuire, EMS Certificate Number 55919
- EMS Case Number 2016-403-BE100, Mark T. McGuire, EMS Certificate Number 55919
- EMS Case Number 2016-404-BE300, Michael A. James, EMS Certificate Number 115916
- EMS Case Number 2016-440-E500, Micky R. Barrera, EMS Applicant Number 209027

The Respondents did not file objections to the Report and Recommendations in the aforementioned cases. Mr. Allenstein recognized Assistant Attorney General Trista Turley for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the cases and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

- **In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-59-BE100, Mark T. McGuire, EMS Certificate Number 55919.** Mr. McGuire has two cases. He is a certified paramedic. In 2015, the Board brought disciplinary action against Mr. McGuire in relation to his conviction on January 20, 2015 for misdemeanor assault in Avon Lake and second-degree misdemeanor obstructing official business during a domestic violence incident. Mr. McGuire entered into a consent agreement with the Board and he agreed to report any arrests to the Division of EMS within 10 days of an arrest, report any convictions within 10 days of final sentencing and obey all federal, state and local laws. On May 5, 2016, Mr. McGuire pled guilty to another misdemeanor assault for another incident of domestic violence involving the same victim. Mr. McGuire did not report the arrest and conviction until he submitted a renewal application on July 26, 2016. This new incident is what brought the second EMS Case Number 2016-403-BE100 (below).
- **In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-403-BE100, Mark T. McGuire, EMS Certificate Number 55919.** Mr. McGuire failed to notify the division of a conviction that violated his consent agreement and by committing a misdemeanor of moral turpitude in violation of OAC 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c). At the hearing Mr. McGuire did appear and testified that the incidents were not one-sided because the victim was calling and texting after the first incident as verified by law enforcement. He testified that the victim attacked and scratched him and that alcohol was involved and that he has been sober for a year. The hearing officer found that he violated the consent agreement, failed to report a conviction and was convicted of two misdemeanors of moral turpitude. The recommendation is to deny renewal; however, specify that this is not a permanent action.
- **In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-404-BE300, Michael A. James, EMS Certificate Number 115916.** Mr. James is a certified EMT basic. He renewed his certifications on April 28, 2016 and he attested that he satisfied all the requirements for

certification to practice and understood he must maintain records relating to the requirements for continuing education. On July 15, 2016, the Division of EMS received a

complaint from the chief of Payne Fire Department because Mr. James failed to provide any training records to the chief when requested. The Division of EMS sent Mr. James an audit form which he never completed nor did he submit any records for his continuing education. Mr. James appeared at the hearing and testified that he had completed the required continuing education for his EMT certificate through Partners Through Life in Toledo. He was unable to obtain copies of his certificates of course completion and asked that his testimony be sufficient proof. The hearing examiner found that Mr. James failed to meet the continuing education requirements for renewal of his EMT certificate and failed to accurately document all approved continuing education. The recommendation is to revoke his certification.

- **In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-440-E500, Micky R. Barrera, EMS Applicant Number 209027.** Ms. Barrera applied for initial certification as an EMT basic in the state of Ohio. On application, she disclosed that she had previously held a paramedic certificate in the state of Indiana, which was suspended in June 2004. The Division of EMS investigated and sought records from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security which provided a copy of Findings and Order of the Indiana State Emergency Management Agency from May 10, 2004 finding that Ms. Barrera committed six drug protocol violations while treating patients while employed as a paramedic. The medical director for Ms. Barrera’s employer investigated these incidents and found that they posed threats to patient safety; therefore, the state of Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission revoked her EMT and paramedic certifications for seven years. Ohio has the authority to discipline license under OAC-8-01(A)(12) which provides that an applicant for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician who has been certified in another state must not have been suspended or revoked by the licensing entity in that state.

Ms. Barrera was given an opportunity to address the Board. She presented letters from her employer recommending that she be certified. She completed Firefighter I and Firefighter II in the state of Ohio and she presented her evaluations from that training. She requested that the Board give her a chance to be an EMT.

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

Roll Call

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

The Board returned from private session at 10:23 am.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Numbers 2015-59-BE100 and 2016-403-BE100, Certificate Number 55919, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and modify the recommendation of the hearing examiner to refuse to renew and revoke Mr. McGuire’s certificate to practice at any level. The reason for the modification is to add the sanction of revocation as this sanction is warranted since Mr. McGuire has been convicted of two assaults, the second occurring while under a consent agreement with the Board.
Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None Opposed. Ms. Calcidise and Mr. de la Porte – abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-404-BE100, Michael A. James, Certificate Number 115916, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the hearing examiner to revoke Mr. James’ certificate to practice. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Ms. Calcidise - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-440-E500, Micky R. Barrera, Certificate Number 110628, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the hearing examiner to deny Ms. Barrera’s application to practice as an emergency medical technician. Ms. Harris - First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. de la Porte - Opposed. Ms. Calcidise– abstained. Motion approved.

Public Forum

Mr. Allenstein invited the guests to address the Board. Steven and Moriah Durant shared information regarding the accident that claimed the life of their daughter, Rosaria. Mr. and Mrs. Durant requested that the Board determine if the EMS providers administered care properly in regards to the accident.

Goldman Proceedings

Mr. Allenstein, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:53 a.m. on June 21, 2017 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

Roll Call

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

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

- EMS Case Number 2013-9-E100, Michael A. Ruzicho, EMS Certificate Number 155487
- EMS Case Number 2016-241-E100, Tammy L. Starcher, EMS Certificate Number 161267
- EMS Case Number 2016-434-E500, Admiral Medical Transportation, Service Code 25-853-5

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 2013-9-E100, Michael A. Ruzicho, EMS Certificate Number 155487.** Mr. Ruzicho is a certified EMT in North Olmsted. In 2013, Mr. Ruzicho applied for an EMT certification and admitted at the time he had past misdemeanor convictions for petty theft and disorderly conduct in four separate cases. Mr. Ruzicho entered into a consent agreement under which he was granted his certification on several conditions; one of which was the he submit to a BCI&I background check no later than April 18, 2016. He did not submit a background check by that date. On September 13, 2016, the Division of EMS sent him a notice that he needed to provide his background check or risk losing his certifications. He failed to submit a background check. The recommendation was to revoke Mr. Ruzicho's certificate to practice.
- **EMS Case Number 2016-241-E100, Tammy L. Starcher, EMS Certificate Number 161267.** Ms. Starcher is certified as an EMT with an expiration date of August 20, 2018. She was convicted of a misdemeanor for unauthorized use of property in Franklin County Municipal Court on January 12, 2016. According to the police report, Ms. Starcher took items from the victim's bag while the victim was being transported in a vehicle owned by her employer MedCare. She was properly issued a notice of opportunity for hearing; however she did not request a hearing. She was charged with a misdemeanor of moral turpitude and failed to inform the Division of EMS within 14 days of final sentencing for any criminal offense and failure to provide a certified judgment entry within sixty days. The recommendation was to submit to a criminal background check with her renewal application and disclose the conviction to her employer.

- **EMS Case Number 2016-434-E500, Admiral Medical Transportation, Service Code 25-853-5.** Admiral Medical Transportation is a licensed transportation provider. A routine audit of service filed revealed that Admiral Medical Transportation had three vehicle permitted for use, however, only one vehicle was listed on the insurance form. The Division of EMS sent a request on July 15, 2016 to the owner, requesting a current copy of the insurance certificate. The letter was unclaimed. The Division contacted the owner by phone and stated that he only insured one vehicle because he was not busy enough to use the other two. The owner deleted one vehicle permit and added a second vehicle on the insurance policy. The Division received confirmation from the insurance company; therefore, they were in compliance. There was not any evidence that all three permitted vehicles were insured and a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was sent charging the provider with failure to furnish evidence of liability insurance coverage on all permitted vehicles. No hearing was requested. A recommendation was a reprimand and a \$500.00 fine, payable within 90 days of journalization of the adjudication order.

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. Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 11:01 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. Snyder – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

The Board returned from private session at 11:12 a.m.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-9-E100, Michael A. Ruzicho, Certificate Number 155487, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Ruzicho violated Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(6), by failing to comply with the terms of a Board Consent Agreement, and that Mr. Ruzicho's certificate to practice in the State of Ohio at any level be revoked.. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-241-E100, Tammy L. Starcher, Certificate Number 161267, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Starcher violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-9-01(M) by being convicted of Unauthorized Use of Property, being a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, and failing to submit records related to the criminal case. Ms. Starcher's certificate shall be reprimanded and she must submit a criminal background check with her renewal application, and disclose the conviction to her employer. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. Mr. Koster - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-434-E500, Admiral Medical Transportation, Service Code 25-853-5, I move that Board find that Admiral Medical Transportation failed to maintain insurance on all permitted vehicles in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4766.06, and that Admiral Medical Transportation be issued a reprimand and a fine of \$500, payable within ninety days from the date the adjudication order is entered into the Journal. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None opposed. None 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). Mr. Snyder– First. Ms. Harris– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

ACTION: Motion that any stipulation of anger management be completed with a licensed professional approved by the board or it's designee in lieu of taking an online course for acceptance. Mr. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to accept EIP for the following Education cases: Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. Mr. Wright - Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2017-213-E500	2017-223-E300	2017-224-E300
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ACTION: Motion to Issue Cease & Desist Order for the following Medical Transportation case: Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2017-159-E500

ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements: Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-612-BE100	2017-21-E100	2017-158-E300	2017-198-E100
2016-685-E300	2017-119-E300	2017-162-BE100	2017-220-E100
2016-689-E300	2017-157-E300	2017-186-E300	

ACTION: Motion to close the following Medical Transportation cases: Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Ms. Rose and Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-366-E500 *Rescind NOH	2017-9-E500
2016-608-E500	

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. Harris – First. Ms. Kearns - Second. Mr. Wright– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-54-E100 *Accept Surrender / Rescind NOH	2017-1-E400 *Refer to local Medical Director
2016-652-E300 *Rescind NOH	2017-27-E500 *No Jurisdiction
2016-679-E300 *Rescind NOH	

ACTION: Motion to send a warning letter and close the case: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-669-E500 *Non Violation

ACTION: Motion to pull this case and review at the August EMFTS Board meeting: Ms. Harris – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. Mr. Snyder and Mr. de la Porte - opposed.

Roll call - yes(8) no(2) abstain(2) **Motion failed.

2017-129-E400 *Refer to local medical director

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. Harris – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. Mr. Wright– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-487-E300 *Rescind NOH/Goldman	2017-148-E300	2017-179-E300
2016-529-E300 *Rescind NOH	2017-150-E300	2017-180-E300
2016-676-E300 *Rescind NOH	2017-154-E300	2017-207-E300
2016-683-E300 *Rescind NOH	2017-155-E300	2017-229-E300
2016-699-E300 *Rescind NOH	2017-169-E300	

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

2013-558-E100	2014-583-E300
2014-131-E300	2016-441-E100
2014-360-E300	2016-668-BE100
2014-442-E300	

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

2014-97-E100	2016-458-E300	2017-73-E500
2015-640-E300	2016-546-E100	2017-90-E100
2015-661-E300	2017-48-E300	2017-122-E100
2016-71-BE300	2017-50-E300	2017-133-E500
2016-392-BE100	2017-60-E300	2017-176-E300

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

2015-640-E300	2016-546-E100	2017-90-E100
2015-661-E300	2017-48-E300	2017-122-E100
2016-71-BE300	2017-50-E300	2017-133-E500
2016-392-BE100	2017-60-E300	2017-176-E300

ACTION: Motion to issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing with permission to negotiate consent agreement with a \$500 fine for the following Medical Transportation cases: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. Mr. Wright– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2017-160-E500

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons; inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed “not involving moral turpitude”, continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.

Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. Mr. Wright– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2017-120-E300	2017-195-BE100	2017-204-E100	2017-221-E100
2017-121-E300	2017-196-E100	2017-205-E500	2017-222-E100
2017-182-E100	2017-197-E100	2017-210-BE100	2017-262-BE100
2017-193-E100	2017-202-BE100	2017-211-E100	2017-283-BE100
2017-194-BE100	2017-203-E100	2017-216-E100	2017-310-E100

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House

Executive Director House welcomed the two new Board members; Philip Koster and Herb de la Porte.

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

- Three seats remain vacant or expired:
 - Seat #2, Trauma Surgeon
 - Seat #5, Trauma Program Manager
 - Seat #10, EMS Provider

Executive Director House introduced the Division of EMS’s new chief of investigations, Joel Demory.

IT Project

DEMS staff continues to work with ODPS IT, ODPS Fiscal, and our software hosting vendor, Digital Innovations®, to resolve issues with the Emergency Medical Incident Reporting System. All 2016 historical (legacy) data has been converted from EMSIRS Version 2 to EMSIRS Version 3 by the Digital Innovation. The bridge software necessary to acquire 2016 and 2017 EMS incident data collected in EMSIRS Version 2 has been developed, tested and deployed. Notification of the availability of the bridge and a user guide has been sent to all EMS agencies with a request for submission of all 3rd and 4th quarter 2016 data by July 31, 2017. Reminders are sent weekly. Local EMS agencies are successfully submitting data through the bridge software.

Staff vacancies

- Data Manager
- Epidemiologist
- Investigator

Executive Director House reported that Mr. Rob Wagoner will begin as the new deputy director of the Division of EMS on July 24th. Mr. Wagoner has previously worked for the National Registry of EMTs. He will act as the liaison for the Trauma Committee and a new administrative assistant will support the committee.

If legislation passes EMS will have a seat on the 911 Steering Committee.

Guest Speaker, Brent Williams, FirstNet

Mr. Williams presented information regarding FirstNet; a federal government initiative to create the first ever nationwide mobile broadband communications network dedicated to public safety. The 9/11 terrorist attacks brought the many communications challenges that first-responders face during emergencies and disasters to the forefront. A better communication system was needed that would include voice, data, and photos.

Today public safety does not have priority on the broadband networks. FirstNet has contracted with the AT&T commercial network. The public safety definition was very broad in the law to include private ambulance companies. Also written in the law, AT&T is required to have service in rural areas. Each state has a decision as to if they want FirstNet or if they want to opt-out.

***Attachment #1 - "Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions" available upon request.*

EMS Legislative Liaison, Dan Fitzpatrick

House Bill 71; the EMS work hour bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick attended an interested parties meeting on May 17th and the intentions are only directed to private EMS providers. The industry was very well represented. Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that he will continue to monitor this bill.

House bill 79; the tactical EMS bill had a hearing June 20th and he will continue to monitor this bill.

House Bill 195; the ambulette bill which will exempt taxi cabs or ubers from ambulette regulations. The bill is scheduled for a House floor vote.

House Bill 197; the non-emergent insurance reimbursement. A board member asked if this will fund mobile integrated healthcare. Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that he will forward additional information when it becomes available.

Medical Transportation

Mr. Allenstein stated that the Board members received the checklist forms for Medical Transportation in their board packet and requested a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation checklist forms. Ms. Harris – First.
Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

A discussion ensued regarding quorum issues and the lack of committee member attendance. A quorum is very important so the committees can do business. The Sunshine Law prohibits members to attend via conference call or electronic meetings.

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder requested a motion to approve Richard Busch as a member to the Education Committee.

ACTION: Motion to approve Richard Busch as a committee member to the Education Committee. Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Rural Committee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers request a motion for approval to add Richard Busch and Michael Wood as a committee member of the Education Committee.

ACTION: Motion to approve Richard Busch and Michael Wood as a committee member to the Rural Committee. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Legislative Needs, Ellen Owens

The legislative needs that were previously discussed at the April board retreat were included in the board packet.

Ms. Owens presented the legislative needs spreadsheet and requested if there were any additions. It was imperative to request any legislative needs at that time to be moved forward because the proposals are due.

Board members requested that there be license plates or a tax exemption for volunteer EMS providers. The Board set it as a high priority.

Board members requested funding for mobile integrated healthcare. HB 197 appears to provide some funding.

Board members requested that the Sunshine laws be changed to allow conference calls or Skype-type technology for the committees, sub-committees or workgroups. Ms. Turley suggested that the language should be very specific. The Board set it as a high priority.

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to approve the legislative needs list with the additions.

ACTION: Motion to approve the legislative needs list with the additions. Ms. Calcidise – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze

Jean Booze reported that there were 53 EMS extension requests for April 2017 and 36 in May 2017 totaling 89 EMS standard 90-day extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the 90-day EMS extension requests from April 2017 and March 2017. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported that the new EMS certifications for April 2017 are 1,115 and 1,314 for May 2017. The total for April and May are 2,429 new EMS certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the new EMS certifications for April 2017 and May 2017. Mr. Appelhans – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported a voluntary surrender request from an EMT 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 EMT's certification. Ms. Rose – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemption requests. There is one EMS certified military exemption; 2017-6-4. They were released from active duty to the reserves. The request will cover their first certification cycle and then they will be eligible for House Bill 98 renewal for the second certification cycle. There is one medical exemption request; 2017-6-3. All documentation was received for these requests. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military and medical CE exemption requests for 2017-6-4 and 2017-6-3. Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Kearns– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Education, John Molnar

Mr. Molnar requested a motion for approval of the two initial approvals. The Certificates of Approvals were provided in the board packet. .

ACTION: Motion to approve the Certificates of Approvals. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Mr. Molnar requested a motion for approval of the 22 renewals as listed on the Certificates of Approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Certificates of Approvals. Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Ms. Rose (Community Care Ambulance) and Mr. Appelhans (Hanco EMS) - abstained. Motion approved.

Mr. Molnar requested a motion for approval of two initial accreditations for New Waterford EMS Training Center and Frazeyburg Fire Department Training Center.

ACTION: Motion to approve New Waterford EMS Training Center and Frazeyburg Fire Department Training Center for initial accreditation. Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. None opposed. Ms. Kearns (New Waterford EMS) - abstained. Motion approved.

Mr. Molnar requested a motion for approval of three accreditation renewals for Athens County EMR Training Program, Central Ohio EMS Training, and Howland Fire and EMS Training Center.

ACTION: Motion to approve Athens County EMR Training Program, Central Ohio EMS Training, and Howland Fire and EMS Training Center for accreditation renewal. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Calcidise– Second. None opposed. Ms. Kearns and Mr. Snyder (Howland Fire and EMS) - abstained. Motion approved.

Mr. Molnar requested a motion for approval of Vantage Career Center for accreditation renewal.

ACTION: Motion to approve Vantage Career Center for accreditation renewal. Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Calcidise – 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 April, May, June and July 2017. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewals with expiration dates of April, May, June, and July 2017; pending a satisfactory inspection. Dr. Schwartz – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. Ms. Rose (Community Care Ambulance), Mr. Snyder (Lane Life), Mr. Koster (Medcare Ambulance), and Ms. Calcidise (Careflight) - 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 6 ambulettes and 2 ambulances; pending a satisfactory inspection. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of new medical transportation headquarters (2 ambulettes) and new satellite locations (2 ambulette and 3 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new headquarters (2 ambulettes) and new satellite locations (2 ambulettes and 3 ambulances); pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. de la Porte– First. Ms. Kearns – Second. Ms. Harris (Mercy Life Flight) - abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Grants, Johanna Pickett

Ms. Pickett reported that there were 654 priority one grant applications submitted and 652 were approved. The total grant amount was \$2,223,442.00 and she requested a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Priority One grants for a total amount of \$2,223,442.00. Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Harris - Second. None opposed. Mr. Appelhans (??), Mr. Snyder (Bazetta Fire, Bloomfield Twp Fire, Braceville Twp Fire, Bristolville Fire, Bookfield Twp Fire, Burghill-Vernon Fire, Champion Twp Fire), Mr. Wright (Monroe Twp Fire), Ms. Kearns (Rural Metro-Youngstown), Mr. de la Porte (Life Care Ambulance), Ms. Harris (Lagrange Twp Fire) - abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Pickett reported that there were 110 total economic hardship and board priority grant applications. Fifteen were chosen for a total of \$351,903.00 and she requested a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the 110 economic hardship and board priority grants totally \$351,903.00. Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Rose - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Pickett requested a motion to approve Priority 2 – 5 grants in the amount of \$167,974.00.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Priority 2 – 5 grants in the amount of \$167,974.00. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Calcidise- Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Pickett reported that there were four Requests for Proposals and two were selected. Research grants were awarded to Wright State, \$75,000 and the University of Dayton in the amount of \$38,589.00 for a total of \$113,589.00.

ACTION: Motion to approve the research grants that were awarded to Wright State University, \$75,000 and to the University of Dayton, \$38,589.00 for a total of \$113,589.00. Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Harris - Second. None opposed. Ms. Calcidise - abstained. Motion approved.

Rob Jackson, Ohio 911

Mr. Jackson stated that it was appropriate that he was here on the same day as FirstNet because they are only a part of the story and the other part is Next Generation 911 and the two programs will interconnect.

Next Generation 911 is an Internet Protocol (IP)-based system that allows digital information (e.g., voice, photos, videos, text messages) to flow seamlessly from the public, through the 911 network. AT&T was awarded the contract that will connect law enforcement, firefighters and EMS providers through the Next Generation 911.

The Department of Administration Services oversees the office of 911 because the breadth of this initiative is statewide. The Steering Committee and sub-committees are represented throughout the state and will include the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS.

REPORTS:

Chair Report ~none~

Mr. Allenstein was not present to give a report.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham introduced Morgan Rice, a student at Miami University and a volunteer EMT on the Oxford Fire Department. Her goal is to become an emergency physician and EMS medical director.

The RPAB Chair meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The need for RPAB membership for regions 7 and 8 remain.

Dr. Cunningham proposed a revision of the rapid sequence intubation (RSI) position paper to require waveform capnography prior to January 1, 2021 when its mandatory use becomes effective for patients undergoing RSI, to, require services that perform RSI to have waveform capnography equipment and to emphasize the need for training and continuing education for this skill.

ACTION: Motion to approve the updated version of the RSI position paper regarding waveform capnography. Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Schwartz - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

During the last meeting the Board approved a waiver for a medical director. Dr. Cunningham later realized that many of the members were not on the Board during the development of the rules for medical director qualifications or during the provision of previous waivers from the Board. Therefore, she wrote an informational paper, which was included in the Board packet explaining the routes of eligibility for a physician to meet the requirements to serve as the medical director of an EMS agency. A discussion ensued regarding the eligibility of a medical director. Mr. Wright thanked Dr. Cunningham for clarifying the information.

The NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines, Version 2.0 will be open for public comment through June 26, 2017. The final documents are scheduled to be submitted to NHTSA by September 8, 2017.

The National EMS Advisory Council's (NEMSAC) meeting is scheduled for August 14-15, 2017. The advisory on mobile integrated healthcare will be presented and will be posted in the Federal Register for public comment in early August.

The Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (C-TECC) had their annual meeting on May 20th. There were many reports from international colleagues including the deputy chief who provided a presentation on the terrorist attack of March 22, 2017 at the Palace at Westminster and the Westminster Bridge. The final C-TECC guidelines for ALS and BLS providers were approved.

The Ohio Association of EMS conference will be held on June 29, 2017 in Columbus. Executive Director House and Dr. Cunningham will speak at the conference.

EMS Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise reported that there is statutory authority for the Board to charge fees for certificates of accreditation, certificates to teach, and certificates to practice; however, the rule would need to be changed. The fees would go to a fund for the Division of EMS.

A motion was requested for the filing of the Business Impact Analysis for Chapter 4765-10 (Complaints) of the Administrative Code with the Common Sense Initiative Office.

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Business Impact Analysis for Chapter 4765-10 (Complaints) of the Administrative Code with the Common Sense Initiative Office. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Beavers - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Assistant Attorney General, Trista M. Turley

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

Executive Director Report, Melvin House

Executive Director House reported that there were two options for the requirement for emergency medical response. Executive Director House suggested that a change be made to revise the legislative needs list to recommend a change to 128 with the rationale being to revise the ORC to ensure emergency medical dispatch is available regardless of the device used to contact 9-1-1. Currently it is wireless only.

ACTION: Motion to approve the revision of the legislative needs list to recommend a change to 128 to ensure emergency medical dispatch is available regardless of the device used. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Appelhans - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Board Committee Reports

EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

The EMS-C did not meet due to a lack of quorum.

Dr. Schwartz reported that there will be a series of conferences this fall and to be held in different locations of the state to give organizations the tools they need to be able to create their own Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators for EMS agencies. This aligns with the EMS-C national revised priorities.

The next EMS-C Committee will meet on August 15, 2017.

EMS System Development Committee, Ms. Harris

Ms. Harris reported that the committee did not meet due to not having a quorum.

The next EMS System Development Committee meeting will be August 15, 2017.

Homeland Security Sub-committee, Ms. Harris

Ms. Harris reported the committee did not meet due to not having a quorum.

The committee continues to work on CHEMPACK.

The next Homeland Security Sub-committee meeting will be held August 4, 2017.

Active Shooter Response Ad-Hoc Committee, John Molnar

Mr. Molnar reported that the committee continues to work on the awareness training to include a script for each slide.

The next Active Shooter Response Ad-hoc committee will meet June 15 and August 17, 2017.

EMS Rural Committee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers reported that the committee met and there was a quorum

The committee discussed the retention and recruitment for the strategic plan.

The next meeting will be August 15, 2017.

EMS Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee met and there was a quorum.

The committee discussed the strategic plan and possibly forming two workgroups. One workgroup is tasked to address the inability for the EMS students to obtain their skills in the clinical setting. Another workgroup is tasked to address distance learning; specifically EMS providers who attend training out of state and online programs.

The education committee further reviewed the letter from VFIS of Ohio requesting continuing education approval. The Education Committee's recommendation was that a letter by the Division of EMS be sent giving them the following options:

- VFIS may conduct courses utilizing current instructors; however, the certificates must be issued through the CAPCE accreditation as indicated in the Ohio Administrative Code.
- VFIS could issue continuing education using the Ohio location as the issuing entity if they applied to become an approved continuing education provider per OAC 4765-7-09. The instructors would need to be Ohio EMS Continuing Education Instructors, Ohio Assistant EMS Instructors or Ohio EMS Instructors.

Mr. Snyder questioned whether animals can be transported by an EMS agency. It was stated that there is not a rule and the EMFTS Board does not have any authority.

The next meeting will be held August 15, 2017.

Medical Oversight Committee

The committee did not have a meeting. The next meeting will be held August 15, 2017.

Medical Transportation Committee, Kent Appelhans

Mr. Appelhans reported that the Medical Transportation committee did have a quorum. The committee discussed the strategic plan and goals.

The next meeting will be held August 15, 2017.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose

Ms. Rose reported that the committee met and did not have a quorum.

The committee discussed the high priority items presented to the Board during the retreat.

The highest priority is to evaluate the need and the benefit of an endorsement or certification for critical care providers. The committee will review if other states have an endorsement or certification.

The next meeting will be held August 15, 2017.

Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton

No report was provided due to the absence of the committee chair.

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the committee had a presentation on free-standing emergency departments. On June 1st had the second meeting of the regional trauma systems held their second meeting to review their strengths and challenges from each region and will meet again on August 3, 2017. Ms. Simon thanked Natalie Haslage and Sue Morris for the new user friendly link to request data. In July the committee will be working on the Trauma rules.

Old Business

Intubations

Mr. Molnar reported that he researched standards required for intubations and how it would affect our national accreditation sites. The National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards stated only that intubations needed to be taught. CoAEMSP makes a statement that while live intubations would be ideal it does recognize that intubations with low or high fidelity manikins are sufficient.

The issue at hand is whether our rules should be changed so the students can meet the requirements. The recommendation is to send this issue back to the Education Committee to determine the competency levels to be achieved and at what fidelity level of simulation should be authorized.

Executive Director House reported that the list of strategic items will be available by the August meeting.

New Business ~ none

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm. Ms. Rose – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second.

NEXT MEETING: EMFTS Board meeting will be held on August 15, 2017 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Attachments are available upon request.

- Attachment #1 – (FirstNet) “Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions”