



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

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

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

Board Members Absent: Kent Appelhans and Dr. Thomas Tallman

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

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

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

EMS Rules Hearing ~ None

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Open Forum ~ None

Consent Agenda

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

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

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

Report and Recommendation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call

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

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

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

Goldman Proceedings

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

Roll Call

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

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

- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-114-E100, Carrie A. Wise, EMS Certificate Number 139096
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-288-BE100, Todd A. Kirby, EMS Certificate Number 143717
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-366-BE100, Damien J. Csiszar, EMS Certificate Number 112285
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-454-BE100, Scott K. Riffle, EMS Certificate Number 126865
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-470-E300, Lawrence J. Hershey, EMS Certificate Number 6401
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-474-E300, Robert Jamison, EMS Certificate Number 157644
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-503-E300, Lovealee A. Blevins, EMS Certificate Number 115351
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-536-E300, James M. Schuster, EMS Certificate Number 158255
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-554-E300, Larry P. Coffee, EMS Certificate Number 24759
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-583-E300, Ted R. Coates, EMS Certificate Number 142554
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-602-E300, Eve D. Harper, EMS Certificate Number 103488

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

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

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

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

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

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

There were six Goldman cases where no hearing was requested:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-474-E300, Robert Jamison, EMS Certificate Number 157644, the Board finds that Mr. Jamison failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-8-06(B)(3); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Jamison's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-503-E300, Lovealee A. Blevins, EMS Certificate Number 115351, the Board finds that Ms. Blevins failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Blevins' certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-536-E300, James M. Schuster, EMS Certificate Number 158255, the Board finds that Mr. Schuster failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-8-06(B)(3); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Schuster's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-554-E300, Larry P. Coffee, EMS Certificate Number 24759, the Board finds that Mr. Coffee failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Coffee's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-583-E300, Ted R. Coates, EMS Certificate Number 142554, the Board finds that Mr. Coates failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-8-06(B)(3); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Coates' certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-602-E300, Eve D. Harper, EMS Certificate Number 103488, the Board finds that Ms. Harper failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements; therefore not meeting the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Ms. Harper's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Investigations

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

Roll Call

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

The Board returned from private session at 11:21 a.m.

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

2012-758-E300	2015-60-BE100	2015-272-E300	2015-323-E300
2014-426-BE100	2015-218-E300	2015-307-E300	2015-326-E300
2014-633-BE100	2015-209-E300	2015-318-E300	2015-327-E300

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

2014-643-ET400
2015-287-ET500 *no jurisdiction
2015-309-E500

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

2015-208-E300	2015-337-E300	2015-322-E300
2015-249-E300	2015-339-E300	2015-325-E300
2015-293-E300	2015-288-E300	
2015-294-F300	2015-320-E300	

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

2012-597-E300	2013-663-E300
2012-717-E300	2014-66-BE100
2012-933-E300	2014-517-E300

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

2014-311-E300	2015-105-BE100
2014-650-BE100	2015-235-E300
2015-96-BE100 & 2012-480-E300	2015-279-E300
2015-98-E500	

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons: inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed “not involving moral turpitude,” continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction: Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-212-E300	2015-310-E100	2015-376-E100	2015-404-E100
2015-245-E300	2015-312-E100	2015-377-E100	2015-410-BE100
2015-259-E300	2015-329-E100	2015-379-BE100	2015-412-E100
2015-274-E300	2015-330-E100	2015-372-E100	2015-420-E100
2015-273-E300	2015-335-BE100	2015-384-BE100	2015-423-E100
2015-304-E100	2015-343-E100	2015-387-E100	2015-427-BE100
2015-306-BE100	2015-347-E300	2015-402-E100	
2015-308-E300	2015-366-E100		

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

2012-461-E300	2014-582-E300
2012-754-E300	2015-16-E100 *Accept withdrawal
2013-700-BE300 2013-710-E300	2015-89-E500 *Accept withdrawal
2014-401-B100/2014-577-B100	2015-112-E400 *Defer to local MD
2014-462-E300	2015-163-E400
2014-483-E300	2015-183-E400 *Warning letter
2014-493-E300 *Rescind NOH	2015-286-E500

REPORTS:

Trauma Committee, Dr. Edward Michelson and Tim Erskine

Dr. Michelson stated the committee met in July, however, he was not present. Ms. Simon officiated in his absence. Ms. Simon stated that the primary discussion at the meeting were the results of the Model Trauma System plan. The Trauma Committee has created a subcommittee to gather the information and to examine what has changed. The result will either be tweaking the framework or it may result in creating a new plan. The subcommittee will meet the second week of September.

There was a presentation from the Stop the Bleeding Coalition, whose primary purpose is to place hemostatic gauze in every ambulance, ambulance, and law enforcement vehicle in the state. The decisions that need to be made is whether this is practical and if it is within the scope of practice. A board member has been assigned to explore this further to determine what the impact might be and the best place for it to be provided. The EMFTS Board tasked this committee to discuss the diminishing accredited burn centers in Ohio. It was determined there is not a rationale as to why the centers are diminishing, however, Dr. Sid Miller will review this matter and report his findings at the next meeting.

Dr. Cunningham stated the current scope of practice permits hemorrhage control. It is not mandated as to how it is done. Ms. Simon asked if there would be a problem in putting this into a police car. Dr. Cunningham stated that EMS does not have authority over law enforcement.

EMS Board Chair Report, Deanna Harris (Chair)

Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Harris will be speaking at a national conference; therefore, they will not be attending the October board meeting. Ms. Harris requested the Board members check their schedules and advise the Division of EMS as soon as possible if they are unable to attend the October board meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding a change to the October board meeting. As stated by Dr. Cunningham, Ethics Training will be held before the October board meeting. Those who cannot attend should take the online ethics training. Director House expressed the difficulty in changing the date and venue; therefore, it was decided by the Board that the October 21, 2015 meeting remain on the calendar.

Ms. Harris recognized Roberta (Bobbi) Gearhardt, an original EMS board member from 1992 - 1999, who passed away recently. Her service to the Board and community is appreciated.

A lengthy discussion transpired regarding whether the EMFTS Board can present recognition awards or recognize line of duty deaths. Anna Firestone stated two issues; statutory authority and ethics. Mr. Davis suggested the Ethics Commission be consulted. After continued discussion it was agreed upon by the Board that Ms. Harris provide potential guidelines in written form and meet with the legal department to make a formal request to the Ethics Commission regarding these issues.

Action Item: Deanna Harris to provide potential guidelines regarding awards and meet with the legal department to create a formal request.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

The transition of the RPAB to Ohio Homeland Security regions were completed on July 1, 2015.

Dr. Cunningham submitted the following RPAB applicants for EMFTS Board approval;

- Stephanie Casey, M.D., new appointment for RPAB Region 1
- William Hinckley, M.D., RPAB member of former Region 1 requesting appointment to the new RPAB Region 6.
- Hamilton Schwartz, M.D., RPAB member of former Region 1 requesting appointment to new RPAB Region 6.

ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed appointments to the Regional Physician Advisory Board. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstained.
Motion approved.

The current matrix allows for additional RPAB members in every region. Region 7 and Region 8 do not have any members. The Board members were asked to refer any physicians who may be interested in serving on the RPAB to Dr. Cunningham. A current roster will be distributed to all RPAB members to possibly recruit members.

The next RPAB Chair meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

The new RPAB Region 6 (former RPAB Region IV) has trauma triage protocols in the review process by the Trauma Committee prior to presentation to the EMFTS Board for approval. The new RPAB Region 1 (former RPAB Region IV) has not proceeded with the review process by the Trauma Committee of their regional trauma triage protocol and must transition to utilization of the State of Ohio trauma triage.

The CMS memo regarding point-of-care testing of blood glucose is in the process of being updated. The CMS committee that issued the original memo is asking for comments and suggestions on both topics. Please submit your comments regarding the testing of blood glucose and on the updated draft memo at LabExcellence@cms.hhs.gov.

Legislation became effective on July 16, 2015 that allows pharmacists to distribute naloxone without a prescription. (Ohio Revised Code 4729.44) There is also pending legislation for mandatory CPR/AED training for high school graduation.

Dr. Mary DiOrio, Ohio Department of Health's medical director and Dr. Cunningham had a discussion regarding the new legislation.

Potential avenues where EMS can assist the Ohio Department of Health:

- Use of naloxone administration training module for laypersons and primary care physicians.
- Creation of a naloxone administration algorithm similar to the American Heart Association's algorithm for cardiac arrest where rescuers would be directed to call 911 first, and then give naloxone.

Potential avenues where ODH can assist EMS:

- Provision of EVZIO® and intranasal naloxone to mitigate the escalating cost of this medication.
- Provision of digital capnometers and/or capnography for patient assessment and naloxone administration decision-making tool.

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) provided a webinar August 17, 2015 on opiate abuse in rural communities and the resultant rising incidence of HIV and hepatitis C. Dr. Cunningham participated as one of the invited presenters.

Ms. Harris introduced Assistant Attorney General, Rico Barrera. AAG Barrera stated the transition has been very easy and he has enjoyed working with the EMS staff, legal counsel and the EMFTS Board.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone

Ms. Firestone introduced Mr. Joe Kirk, the new Rules Coordinator. Mr. Kirk stated that he has been working on rules; Chapters 8 and 9. He previously worked for eight years at the Ohio State Board of Nursing with a great deal of experience with rules.

Ms. Firestone stated that the Ohio Administrative Code Rules, Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 and the Business Impact Analysis (BIA) were distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting for review. Chapter 8 is being filed as no change. Chapter 9 has two rule changes.

ACTION: Motion to file the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4765-8 and Chapter 4765-9 and the Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative Office subject to minor revisions. Ms. Resanovich – First. Dr. Steinberg – Second. None opposed. None abstained.
Motion approved.

EMS Legislative Liaison, Alex Lapso

Mr. Lapso stated the operating budget was passed in June. Bills have been introduced to both the House and the Senate concerning secondary locks in the event of school emergencies. Language has been added to the budget that closely resembles the Senate version which will essentially speed up and make certain it is not against the fire code.

HB 187 is the animal stabilization bill which would permit EMS Certificate holders to stabilize an injured animal in an emergency. <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-187> Sponsor Representative Timothy Ginter has presented changes regarding immunity and scope of practice clarifications.

SB 165, the MOLST Bill (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), have had two hearings. Hopefully this bill will move forward in the fall.
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-165>

Representative Marlene Anielski approached our office concerning suicide prevention for EMS officials. Mr. Lapso will keep the Board informed.

~Break~

Returned from break at 12:10 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Homeland Security Sub-committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to add Mr. Geoff Dutton to serve as the vice chair of the Homeland Security Sub-committee.

ACTION: Motion to add Mr. Geoff Dutton as vice chair of the Homeland Sub-Committee.

Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Dutton - abstained. Motion approved.

Resource Management Committee, Mark Resanovich

At the last meeting Priority 1 grant funding was approved. Since that time four additional grant requests have been received that are compliant:

- Westerville Fire
- Washington Township Fire
- New Concord Fire
- KLG Mobile Intensive

ACTION: Motion to approve the Priority 1 grants funding to Westerville Fire, Washington Township Fire, New Concord Fire and KLG Mobile Intensive. Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. Mr. Dutton - abstained. Motion approved.

The committee is in the process of reviewing the rules regarding the grants. The rules are to be completed by November 2016 and will be submitted by the first half of 2016.

The Priority 1 grants will have changes in the process of how the grants are awarded. The committee will have a process in place to present to the Board. An issue has been identified by the EMS legal department and the ethics commission. Only board members will have immunity in discussing priority 1 grants. Two options: 1) Board members who are committee members take on the responsibility of making the changes to the Priority 1 grant funding formula. 2) Put out a Request for Proposal to have an outside source, separate from the division of EMS, to review and develop the priority 1 grants formula.

After discussions with the committee members; the recommendation to the Board is to only have the Board members on the Resource Committee take on the responsibilities through a workgroup to review and develop the Priority 1 grants scoring system.

ACTION: Motion to permit the Board members on the Resource Management Committee to review and develop the Priority 1 grants formula. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Dutton - abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director and Staff Reports ~ Melvin House

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

- Seat 10: EMS Provider – remains vacant
- Expiring Seats (November 12, 2015)
 - Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2)
 - Volunteer Fire Chief (Seat #7)
 - EMS Instructor (Seat #8)
 - EMS Provider (Seat #12)
 - EMS Provider (Seat #14)
 - Mobile Intensive Care Unit Provider (Seat #17)
 - Air-Medical EMS Provider (Seat #18)

Nomination letters are being sent to the nominating organizations and will be given 30 days to submit their three nominations. All of the nominations will be sent to the Governor's office for appointment. Our goal is to have everyone seated by November 12, 2015.

Ellen Owens introduced Johanna Burgess-Pickett, the new grants administrator. Ms. Pickett comes from the State of Ohio Department of Mental Health Addiction Services and has eight years of experience in the grants program.

Jean Booze introduced Jan Deppner, the new Administrative Professional 2, in the certification/grants section. Ms. Deppner joins Emergency Medical Services from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The vacancy in certifications/grants section has been filled by Novica Olinger who will start on August 24, 2015. There is a vacancy in the research and data section and we are working with DAS on the classification for the replacement.

The IT project continues and the fire testing is complete. The section is currently working on the certifications rebuild; ultimately all applications will be electronic. First, IT is working on the renewal applications.

Dr. Steinberg recognized Dr. Norm McSwain, who passed away on July 28, 2015. Dr. Steinberg and Dr. McSwain were colleagues for 25 years. Dr. McSwain was a pioneer in trauma surgery and advocate for pre-hospital care.

Executive Director House recommended that the Board Retreat be held February 17, 2016 and the EMFTS Board meeting on February 18, 2016. The committee meetings can be held February 16, 2015. The Board agreed on the dates and the rooms will be reserved.

EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze

Jean Booze reported that, from June 10, 2015 to August 9, 2015, there were 118 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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

Jean Booze reported that during June 10, 2015 to August 9, 2015, there were 2,460 new EMS certifications and 2,410 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

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

Jean Booze presented a procedural change regarding continuing education exemptions to the Board for approval. The Board approves exemption requests, but sometimes the applicants do not comply with the request to either submit a renewal or reinstatement application. When the individual does not respond to the request, the staff comes to the Board to close the exemption. Currently there is no deadline for an application submission for an exemption. The EMS staff would like a motion to approve future exemptions based on application submission within 60 days after the Board meeting. To facilitate this, a certified letter will be sent to the individual in addition to calling and e-mailing the applicants and advising them that they have 60 days to submit the appropriate application. If they do not submit the application within the 60 days, another certified letter will be sent advising the individual that the deadline to submit the application has expired and the exemption approval is no longer valid. If the certificate has expired, reinstatement requirements will be sent. If the certificate has not expired, renewal requirements as well as the reinstatement requirements will be sent. Executive Director House and Jean Booze met with EMS legal counsel, Anna Firestone, to discuss the procedural change. Ms. Firestone suggested Director House and Ms. Booze follow up and incorporate the procedure into future rules. Ms. Rose suggested that it be specified as to 60 calendar days and provide a deadline date.

ACTION: Motion to approve exemptions based upon their appropriate application submission within 60 days of the EMFTS Board meeting. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions requests. There were two CE exemption requests; one military exemption is dual-certified and still on active duty (#2015-8-1). There is one EMS provider who is requesting a medical hardship exemption (#2015-08-3). All supporting documentation has been received for these two requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

ACTION: Motion to approve exemption requests based on the certificate holders submission of the appropriate application within 60 days of the EMFTS Board meeting, August 18, 2015, for #2015-8-01 and #2015-08-03. Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

At the June 17, 2015 EMFTS Board meeting two exemptions were approved, but the individuals have not responded to repeated requests to submit the appropriate applications. Both were EMS only with medical documentation; #2015-6-6 and #2015-6-8. To close these cases, the EMS staff would like to send a certified letter to respond within 60 days. If they do not respond, the staff will send another certified letter advising the exemptions have expired. Jean Booze requested a motion to close these two requests using the new 60-day procedure.

ACTION: Motion to close two exemptions; 2015-6-6 and 2015-6-8, implementing the new 60 day procedure. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Education – Linda Mirarchi

Ms. Mirarchi stated that Cedarville University have voluntarily surrendered their paramedic training certificate. To accurately reflect their approved operating status, the staff recommends issuing a revised certificate to operate as an EMT and Advanced EMT training program.

ACTION: Motion to issue a revised certificate to Cedarville University to operate the EMT and Advanced EMT Training Program. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Ohio University-Lancaster has received their letter of review from CoAEMSP. The staff recommends their certificate of accreditation be extended to August 16, 2017, the full five years.

ACTION: Motion to issue a Certificate of Accreditation to Ohio University-Lancaster with an expiration date of August 16, 2017. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The staff recommends an extension of 1 year and 1 month to Pike County Career Technology Center in order to align their fire charter expiration date with their EMT accreditation.

ACTION: Motion to issue an extension of 1 year and 1 month to Pike County Career Technology Center in order to align their fire charter expiration date with their EMT accreditation. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The staff recommends a 3-year Certificate of Accreditation to Southern Hills Career Center.

ACTION: Motion to issue a 3 year Certificate of Accreditation to Southern Hills Career Center. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The staff recommends to issue a 5-year Certificate of Accreditation to Southwest General Hospital. The accreditation is being recommended because they are in compliance with ORC 4765.17, OAC 4765-7-01, and all requirements in OAC rule 4765-7-02.

ACTION: Motion to issue a 5-year Certificate of Accreditation to Southwest General Hospital. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Mr. Jones - abstained. Motion approved.

CAAHEP Status

20 Accredited Programs

21 CoAEMSP Letter of Review

1 Request for Application Services

2 TBD

Ms. Mirarchi stated there will be 42 Paramedic programs in Ohio. CoAEMSP conducted 113 site visits and 11 of those site visits were in Ohio.

John Sands presented a renewal application for Farmersville Fire and EMS. Previously they had an active investigation case which has been cleared and the case was closed. The CE site 1029, Farmersville Fire and EMS; staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Renewal.

ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal application of Farmersville Fire and EMS. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers– 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 June, July and August 2015. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of June, July and August 2015; pending satisfactory inspection. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (9 ambulettes). Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new services; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Rose- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation headquarters (1 ambulette/1 ambulance), satellite location applications (5 ambulettes/7 ambulances) and air service (1 rotor-wing). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

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

EMFTS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

HB 64 was signed June 30, 2015 and goes into effect in 90 days. (Ohio Revised Code 4765.361) The information sheet was sent out by the Division of EMS. The document can be found on the EMS website.

The wording that was approved and passed does not provide for any rule-making authority for this Board. Ms. Harris inquired as to if the Board wanted to have a white paper written. Mobile Integrated healthcare is not mandatory, and the purpose of the white paper would only be to provide guidance for people who potentially want to look at a program. Executive Director House stated that the language and the law is not strictly related. Certificate holders are permitted to do what they do now within the scope of practice under non-emergency conditions. Although the language regarding the scope of practice is included, the issues and considerations surrounding mobile integrated healthcare are much bigger.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the issue. Dr. Cunningham stated the information sheet gives some guidelines. It was suggested that this is a local decision to be made by the community, medical directors, and fire and EMS services on how they will deliver EMS to their community. Anna Firestone stated that legal will have to review the new legislation again. It was decided Ms. Harris would provide various documents to the Board members to review and then an informed decision can be made regarding this issue.

Ms. Harris suggested the Ad Hoc Committee be on hiatus and if it is necessary the committee can always reconvene.

Action Item: Ms. Harris to e-mail documents to the EMFTS Board Secretary, Ms. Koker and she will forward to all the Board members and Anna Firestone. The Board members are not to respond with any comments, however, they can forward all feedback to Dr. Cunningham, State Medical Director.

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

The committee meeting was held August 15, 2015.

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

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

The 2014 "Equipment for Ground Ambulances" pre-hospital equipment list has been reviewed and recommended by the EMS for Children Committee, the Medical Oversight Committee, and the Medical Transportation Committee, to replace the 2009 "Equipment for Ambulances" list as the Board endorsed the list for Ohio EMS agencies. We would request that the motion from October 2014 be taken from the table and reconsidered at this time.

ACTION: Motion to take off the table and address the 2014 "Equipment for Ambulances" list.
Ms. Harris– First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

The Medical Transportation Committee, Medical Oversight Committee and the EMS-Children Committee have reviewed and adopted the 2014 "Equipment for Ground Ambulances".

ACTION: Motion to endorse the 2014 "Equipment for Ambulances" pre-hospital equipment list for Ohio EMS Agencies. Dr. Schwartz– First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

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

Joe Stack and Tim Erskine presented the "Concepts in Process Improvement" workshop for Sandusky County EMS that was provided July 9th through July 16th to EMS providers.

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

Terry Kirkham has resigned from the EMS for Children Committee, and Dr. Julie Leonard has applied for admission to the Committee and her application has been approved through the Division of EMS; request the Board's approval.

ACTION: Motion to add Dr. Julie Leonard to the EMS for Children Committee.
Dr. Schwartz– First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to accept the resignation of Terry Kirkham from the EMS for Children Committee and be removed from the committee roster. Dr. Schwartz– First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Ms. Harris requested that EMS for Children Committee appoint a vice chair at the next Board meeting.

EMS System Development, Deanna Harris

Based on the strategic plan, the committee would like to request that Tim Erskine create a data usage policy and a data validation policy and work in collaboration with the legal department.

The committee was identifying crash data and Ms. Harris requested that the Department of Public Safety staff write a rule into Chapter 8; prior to the initial EMS Certification, whether by reciprocity or initial certification, the individual must possess a NHTSA approved emergency vehicle operator certificate.

ACTION: Motion for the Department of Public Safety staff write a rule into Chapter 8 to specify the following: Prior to the initial EMS Certification, whether by reciprocity or initial certification, an individual must possess a NHTSA approved emergency vehicle operator certificate.

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

The Ohio Department of Public Safety is unable to fund the BCI background checks. The committee investigated this matter and the results have been reported to the Board; therefore, it will be removed from the strategic plan.

ACTION: Motion to add Jim Davis as vice chair of the EMS System Development committee.

Mr. Allenstein– First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Davis - abstain. Motion approved.

The EMS System Development committee is requesting that the Education Committee provide their thoughts and recommendations regarding distance learning and reciprocity.

EMS System Development committee will not meet in October. The next meeting will be in December.

Rural Committee, Deanna Harris

ACTION: Motion to add Karen Beavers as chair and Diane Simon as vice chair of the Rural committee.

Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Ms. Simon and Ms. Beavers - abstain. Motion approved.

One application for the Rural Committee has been received and vetted by the EMS Staff.

ACTION: Motion to add Tony Anteau to the Rural committee.

Ms. Allenstein – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Ms. Simon and Ms. Beavers - abstain. Motion approved.

Education, Pam Bradshaw

ACTION: Motion to add Karen Beavers as the vice chair of the Education committee.

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

The Education Committee will meet September 16, 2015.

Medical Oversight Committee (MOC), Geoff Dutton

The committee has not had a meeting. Mr. Dutton requested that another board member participate either as chair or vice chair of the MOC committee.

Dr. Cunningham presented the draft electronic transmission white paper which was included in the board packet for approval. Mr. Allenstein reported a typographical error to be corrected.

ACTION: Motion to approve the white paper; Electronic Technologies and the Impact on EMS.

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

Medical Transportation Committee (MTC), Tom Allenstein

The committee met on August 18, 2015. The committee began reviewing the ambulance and ambulette rules. Once the rules are completed they will be presented to the EMFTS Board for approval.

Mr. Allenstein reported there are new stickers for the vehicles. Executive Director House stated that the new process is much more efficient and commends Dave Fiffick and staff for a job well done.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose

The subcommittee had a meeting on, August 18, 2015. A vice chair needs to be identified for this subcommittee.

Ms. Rose reported that the committee adopted the definition of critically ill and injured. They will revisit the possibility and need of the AKA accreditation of critical care at the paramedic level.

Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton

The committee met August 18, 2015.

The 2015 Time Critical Diagnosis Stakeholders Conference will be held on September 25, 2015. The target audience are physicians and nurses. Guest speakers from Missouri and Utah, who have some level of time-critical diagnosis system development in their states will share their ideas and best avenues to improve patient outcomes and minimize deaths.

EMS Awards Ad-Hoc Committee, Deanna Harris

The Board cannot be the sponsor of or participate in selecting individuals for awards. Ms. Harris will speak with Dr. Tallman, the ACEP representative, regarding the EMS awards. It was suggested that nominating organizations nominate individuals for the awards.

OLD BUSINESS

~None~

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Harris addressed the following Action Items:

- *Trauma Committee* – the burn centers is in progress.

- *EMS Systems Development* - Dispatch is in progress. Reciprocity will be addressed at the December Committee meeting.
- *Medical Transportation* - Decommissioned ambulances and safety precautions have been completed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

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