



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

**MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2016**

~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

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

Board Members Absent: Deanna Harris

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Jayn Mayton, Rick Miller, Ellen Owens, Carol Palantekin, Johanna Pickett, Bryan Reardon, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: ~none~

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton (<i>arrived 10:04</i>)	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Present		

Mr. Allenstein welcomed George B. Snyder, new EMFTS Board member appointed on July 8, 2016.

Open Forum ~ None

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 June 15, 2016 and the certificates of approval and certification totals from June 16, 2016 to August 16, 2016.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board meeting minutes from June 15, 2016 and the June 15, 2016, Certificates of Approval and Certification Totals for the period of June 16, 2016 to August 16, 2016. Ms. Rose – First. Mr. Wappner– Second. None opposed. No abstain. Motion approved.

Report and Recommendation ~none~

EMS Summary Suspension Request

Mr. Allenstein, Vice Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:04 a.m. on August 17, 2016 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

Roll Call

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

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

- EMS Case Number 2016-91-BE100, Melissa K. Thomas, EMS Certificate Number 124134.

All Board members received the sworn affidavit from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits. The affidavit and exhibits contain the evidence upon which the case was deliberated upon. 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.

Mr. Allenstein recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case.

AAG Barrera explained that a summary suspension accelerates the routine process of issuing a suspension. If the Board finds clear and convincing evidence of the offense the suspension goes into place immediately. The individual may request a hearing within 30 days and if they request a hearing the suspension stays in effect until the Board makes its' final decision.

Melissa K. Thomas, EMS Case No. 2016-91-BE100, is currently certified as an EMT. In February of this year, the Division received a complaint indicating Ms. Thomas had been convicted of two felonies in Georgia related to cruelty to children. As in the affidavit a certified judgment entry from the Superior Court of Fulton County in Georgia is dated August 5, 2015. The first conviction is for one count of Cruelty to Children for willfully depriving sustenance and the second conviction is for one count of Cruelty to Children for malicious, excessive pain.

According to a certified copy of the police report Ms. Thomas admitted her child to a hospital for "failure to thrive." During the course of treatment the members of the hospital became suspicious and ultimately videotaped her while in the room with her child. Based upon this video which was reviewed by law enforcement Ms. Thomas was observed forcing her child to gag by sticking her fingers down her throat, pouring an unknown substance down her throat while the child was sleeping and telling the child not to eat the food when offered.

Ms. Thomas failed to notify the Division with notification of her conviction. The recommendation is to summarily suspend Ms. Thomas' certificate to practice. She may request a hearing to dispute the charges against her.

Having heard AAG Barrera's synopses and recommended disciplinary action for the case, Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to keep confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).

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

Roll Call

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

The Board returned from private session at 10:14 am.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-91-E100, Melissa K. Thomas, EMS Certificate Number 124134, the Board finds clear and convincing evidence that Ms. Thomas' continued practice as an emergency medical technician presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and she has been convicted of a felony. Specifically, on August 15, 2015, Ms. Thomas was convicted of one count of Cruelty to

Children, for willfully depriving sustenance, a felony, in violation of Official Code of Georgia Annotated 16-5-70 (a); and one count of Cruelty to Children, for malicious excessive pain, in violation of Official Code of Georgia Annotated 16-5-70(b), in the Superior Court of Fulton County, State of Georgia, Case No. 14SC131395. Ms. Thomas is in violation of Ohio Administrative code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Additionally, Ms. Thomas failed to report and provide documentation of her conviction(s), in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections, 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Therefore, the Board hereby Orders Ms. Thomas' EMS certificate to practice, at any level, be **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.**

Goldman Proceedings

Mr. Allenstein, Vice Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:16 a.m. on August 17, 2016 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

Roll Call

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

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

- EMS Case Number 2013-698-BE300, David C. Butler, EMS Certificate Number 149
- EMS Case Number 2015-103-E100, Kevin M. Rohr, EMS Certificate Number 142424
- EMS Case Number 2015-136-BE100, Jeffrey T. Young, EMS Certificate Number 22068
- EMS Case Number 2015-500-E100, Timothy M. Metcalf, EMS Certificate Number 170177
- EMS Case Number 2015-681-BE100, Shane M. Cochrane, EMS Certificate Number 3936

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

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

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceedings in the Board packet. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review

the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

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

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

- **EMS Case Number 2013-698-BE300, David C. Butler, EMS Certificate Number 149.** This matter is a continuing education case. Mr. Butler previously entered into a consent agreement with the Board to address a deficiency in continuing education hours. This agreement required proof of the continuing education at the time of renewal. The renewal date has since passed and he has not shown proof of continuing education hours as required. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Butler's certificate to practice.
- **EMS Case Number 2015-103-#100, Kevin M. Rohr, EMS Certificate Number 142424.** Mr. Rohr is certified as a paramedic and a continuing education instructor. In March of 2015, the Pharmacy Board notified the Division that Mr. Rohr was involved in an investigation involving the theft of morphine from a private ambulance service. During a criminal investigation, he admitted to stealing two 4 ml morphine syringes in February 2015. He was ultimately convicted of theft, a fourth degree felony, in the Loraine County Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Rohr did not notify the Division within 14-days of his conviction and did not submit copies of the court, police records or a background check. The recommendation is to revoke his certifications to practice.
- **EMS Case Number 2015-136-BE100, Jeffrey T. Young, EMS Certificate Number 22068** Mr. Young is certified as a paramedic. In March 2015 the Division received an article from a Columbus area news outlet regarding Mr. Young who had been arrested for robbing area pharmacies. On October 8, 2015 Mr. Young was convicted of two counts of felony Robbery, both second degree felonies. According to police reports, Mr. Young displayed a handgun along with a note demanding Xanax® and oxycodone. During the investigation Mr. Young admitted to being involved in the 3 robberies. The Division was not notified of the conviction by Mr. Young and he did not submit court or police documents or a background check as required. The recommendation is to permanently revoke Mr. Young's certificate to practice.
- **EMS Case Number 2015-500-E100, Timothy M. Metcalf, EMS Certificate Number 170177.** Mr. Metcalf is currently certified as an EMT. In August 2015, the Stow Police Department was dispatched to Mr. Metcalf's home where he was unresponsive. Police found two syringes, a metal spoon and dried cotton stuck to it, and a folded paper bundle with powder in it. Later it was confirmed to be fentanyl. Ultimately, Mr. Metcalf was charged with and plead guilty to Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a fifth degree felony. The recommendation is to revoke his certification.
- **EMS Case Number 2015-681-BE100, Shane M. Cochrane, EMS Certificate Number 3936.** Mr. Cochrane is a certified paramedic. In July 2016 Mr. Cochrane applied for renewal of his certification, however, in October 2015 Mr. Cochrane was convicted of Petty Theft, a first degree misdemeanor. According to police reports, Mr. Cochrane was employed as the Treasurer of the Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Services, and while employed, stole \$4,750.91. Mr. Cochrane did not disclose his conviction on his renewal application. The recommendation is to revoke his certification.

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

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

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

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

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

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. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

The Board returned from private session at 10:35 a.m.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-698-BE300, David C. Butler, EMS Certificate Number 149, the Board finds that Mr. Butler failed to comply with the terms of his Consent Agreement. Accordingly, Mr. Butler violated Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(6). Therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Butler's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-103-E100, Kevin M. Rohr, EMS Certificate Number 142424, the Board finds that Mr. Rohr pled guilty to, and was granted intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony of the fourth degree, Theft of Drugs. Additionally, the Board finds that Mr. Rohr failed to report his conviction(s) and supply documentation, as required. Mr. Rohr 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. Rohr's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-136-BE100, Jeffrey T. Young, EMS Certificate Number 22068, the Board finds that Mr. Young was convicted of three (3) felonies of the second degree, Robbery, with specification, Robbery, without specification, and Robbery. Additionally, the Board finds that Mr. Young failed to report his conviction(s) and supply documentation, as required. Mr. Young 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 permanently revoke Mr. Young's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Snyder– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-500-E100, Timothy M. Metcalf, EMS Certificate Number 170177, the Board finds that Mr. Metcalf pled guilty to, and was granted intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony of the fifth degree, Aggravated Possession of Drugs. Additionally, the Board finds that Mr. Metcalf failed to report his conviction(s) and supply documentation, as required. Mr. Metcalf 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. Metcalf's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-681-BE100, Shane M. Cochrane, EMS Certificate Number 3936, the Board finds that Mr. Cochrane was convicted of a first degree misdemeanor, Petty Theft. The Board concludes that this misdemeanor involves moral turpitude. Additionally, the Board finds that Mr. Cochrane failed to report his conviction(s) and supply documentation, as required. Accordingly, Mr. Cochrane violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-9-01(M). Therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Cochrane's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Beavers and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Investigations

ACTION: Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B) at 10:37 a.m. Dr. Schwartz– First. Mr. Tallman– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

The Board returned from private session at 10:57 a.m.

ACTION: Motion to close the following education cases. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-69-E500 *Send Warning Letter
 2016-204-E500

2016-362-E500 *Send Warning Letter
 2016-364-E500 *Send Warning Letter

ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Motion approved.

2016-167-E400

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

2015-623-E300
 2015-640-E300
 2016-20-BE100
 2016-94-BE100

2016-146-BE100
 2016-223-E300
 2016-258-E100
 2016-262-E300

2016-295-E300
 2016-320-E300
 2016-340-E100
 2016-344-BE100

2016-353-E300
 2016-356-E100
 2016-387-E300

ACTION: Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreements. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Appelhans– Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-366-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. Simon – First. Mr. Appelhans - Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-532-E400 *Refer to local Medical Director
 2015-602-E400 *Refer to local Medical Director
 2016-128-E300 *Rescind NOH - Accept Surrender
 2016-220-E400
 2016-268-E300

2016-307-BE100
 2016-308-E500
 2016-358-E500
 2016-385-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases; the Board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-264-E300
 2016-324-E300
 2016-326-E300

2016-327-E300
 2016-355-E300
 2016-368-E300

2016-372-E300
 2016-373-E300

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

2013-226-BE100	2014-40-E300	2016-236-E500
2013-687-E300	2014-53-E300	

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

2015-331-BE100	2016-91-BE100	2016-202-E300
2015-628-E100	2016-124-E300	2016-241-E100
2015-679-BE300	2016-160-E300	2016-280-E300
2015-708-E500 *Permission to negotiate consent	2016-163-E300	2016-298-E300
2016-84-E300	2016-164-E300	2016-367-E500 *Permission to negotiate consent
	2016-193-E300	

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

Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-185-E100	2016-289-E300	2016-332-E100	2016-370-BE100
2015-527-E100	2016-290-E300	2016-335-E100	2016-386-E300
2016-82-E300	2016-291-E300	2016-338-E100	2016-389-E100
2016-138-BE100	2016-317-E300	2016-343-BE100	2016-393-E500
2016-276-BE100	2016-328-BE100	2016-345-BE100	2016-397-BE100
2016-282-E100	2016-331-BE100	2016-349-BE100	2016-415-BE100
			2016-416-E100

REPORTS:

Chair Report, Thomas Allenstein

EMS Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Michael Wise reported on the formal opinion from the Attorney General’s office by the Fairfield County Prosecutor. The Attorney General adopted the primary position of the memo of the EMFTS Board. Non-emergency services are within the scope of practice. The context does not matter if it is an emergency or non-emergency. If the service is within the Ohio EMS scope of practice then the certified EMS providers can provide that service. Immunity applies in non-emergency situations. The Attorney General did not address what non-emergency services are; it was determined to be the decision of the EMFTS Board.

In previous meetings there was a discussion regarding the Attorney General's public record request for EMSIRS search for naloxone and incident addresses. The Division of EMS has provided this data to the Attorney General's office since December 2014. In this case two public record exceptions that may apply are medical records or, as within the EMSIRS statute, that the Division cannot disclose a record that would identify or tend to identify the patient or the EMS provider. Mr. Wise reported on the Supreme Court cases involving public records and it was found that an address is not an identifier. A discussion ensued regarding concern with providing an incident address of where naloxone has been administered. It is the recommendation of the EMS legal department that giving the address of the location where naloxone was administered is a public record.

A question was posed at the past Board meeting if an email list can be created. The individual would need to consent to be part of the listserv. Director House reported that to change this in the current EMS system would require a great deal of work and cannot be done in the near future.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

RPAB Regions 7 and 8 are still in need of RPAB membership. The next RPAB Chairs meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

The nerve agent and organophosphate section of the State of Ohio WMD Guidelines and Procedures Manual, with the authorization of the EMFTS Board chairperson, was emergently revised. The CDC unexpectedly replaced the Mark 1® kits with ATNAA® (Antidote Treatment-Nerve Agent, Auto-injector), which is the military version of Duodote®, in the EMS CHEMPACKs only. An urgent update of the nerve agent and organophosphate guidelines followed by a review by the EMFTS Board chair, was completed to include the ATNAA® on July 5, 2016 in advance of the Republican National Convention. This revised document needs to be formally approved by the EMFTS Board.

ACTION: Motion to approve the State of Ohio WMD Guidelines and Procedures Manual. Mark Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Recent incidences that have been brought to our attention regarding a need for compliance with the Ohio EMS scope of practice:

- Administration of immunizations in clinics/mobile integrated healthcare scenarios
 - According to EMS rules, the administration of immunizations to patients is only authorized when the Governor declares a state of emergency that affects public health.
 - EMS providers can only accept orders that originate from a physician who meets the qualifications to serve as a medical director of an EMS agency. Orders cannot be accepted that primarily originate from a physician who does not meet these qualifications or from an allied healthcare professional (e.g. an EMS provider). For compliance with federal laws, a medical director with a valid DEA license is required to serve as a signatory or the authority for the purchase, possession, distribution, and administration of scheduled medications by EMS providers.
- JEMS article on protocol for field amputations
 - Columbus Fire's protocol to dispatch a specialized team is within the Ohio EMS scope of practice as EMS providers are not tasked to perform amputations.
 - In rural communities, e.g. Fairfield County, the article states that a protocol was generated that directed EMS providers to perform field amputations in certain scenarios; however, this is not within the Ohio EMS scope of practice.

- Ultrasound protocol at a fire department announced on a local TV news broadcast:
 - The use of ultrasound is not currently within the Ohio EMS scope of practice.

The following interventions were completed regarding the above incidences:

- Letters sent to the EMS medical directors of the respective EMS agencies involved
- Entries posted in the Ask the State Medical Director section of the DEMS website
- Memo from the State Medical Director distributed to Ohio EMS
- All parties involved were informed of the avenue to obtain a waiver from the EMFTS Board to conduct research that exceeds the Ohio EMS scope of practice.

The EMFTS Board may consider addressing the following topics in the future:

- Definition of “assist”
- EMS access to medications
 - Naloxone
 - Epinephrine auto-injectors

Dr. Cunningham stated that the State Medical Board has created an avenue to acquire a physician wallet card for those involved with the Republican National Convention. The State Medical Board has looked at our proposal and the plan is to provide an option to print a physician wallet card in 2017. A suggestion was made for stakeholders to contact the State Medical Board regarding the physician wallet card.

Dr. Cunningham and Director Melvin House presented at the Ohio Association of EMS on August 11, 2016. They provided updates from the Division of EMS and the EMFTS Board, Ohio EMS scope of practice and was followed by an open-ended question and answer session.

The National EMS Advisory Council is meeting September 7-8, 2016. Dr. Cunningham urged the board members to respond to the FICEMS regarding the proposed immediate amendment to the National EMS Scope of Practice model to allow naloxone administration by all EMS providers. A recommendation was made to update and revise the EMS Agenda for the Future, EMS Education Agenda, and the National EMS Scope of Practice Model. The Mobile Integrated Healthcare has an advisory and will be important for funding. Data and Technology regarding the Integration of Data Systems for EMS will be discussed.

Dr. Cunningham has been selected by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Center for Homeland Defense and Security to provide a presentation on September 13, 2016 regarding the role of EMS, emergency medicine and public health in homeland security.

Director Melvin House and Dr. Cunningham will be attending the NASEMSO annual meeting on September 19-22, 2016.

Dr. Cunningham was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

Assistant Attorney General, Rico Barrera

Mr. Barerra reported that there is no active litigation at this time and he continues to work with Mike Wise and the Division of EMS.

EMS Legislative Liaison, Dan Fitzpatrick

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that the General Assembly has not returned for any sessions. They will return for the lame duck session. His office will be working with the issue of the national

emergency services information system in getting Ohio being able to share recipient data. The updated list was sent to the Board members regarding the bills and the actions.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House

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

- Governor appointed George B. Snyder for Seat #7
- Seat 10: EMS Provider - VACANT
- Vacant Expired seats (November 12, 2015)
 - Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2)
 - EMS Provider (Seat #14)

Staff Vacancies

- *Program Administrator 2 – Fire/Education Section.* Job offer tendered and background checks are being processed.
- *Program Administrator 3 – Education and Testing Section Chief.* Job offer tendered; John Molnar starts September 6th.
- *Administrative Professional 2 – Education.* Jayn Mayton started August 8th.
- *Management Analyst 1 – Trauma & Research.* Position reclassification requested. Posting is underway.

EMS Grant Program, Johanna Pickett

Ms. Pickett reported that all of the grant awards have been issued. Site visits have been scheduled for the following EMS supplemental award grantees:

- **Monday August 22nd**
 - 9:30 am Bethesda Fire Department
 - 12:00 PM Mineral/Sandy Ambulance District
 - 2:00 pm Maple Heights Fire Department
- **Thursday, August 25th**
 - 9:30 am Clark Township Life Squad
 - 11:30 am Quincy Miami Township EMS
- **Monday, August 29th**
 - 10:00 am Junction City VFD
 - 11:00 am Buckeye Lake FD
 - 12:30 pm Franklin Township

Director House invited EMFTS Board members to attend the presentation if in their area.

Ms. Pickett requested a motion for approval to rescind the award to Brickner Ambulance Service due to the company going out of business.

ACTION: Motion for approval to rescind the award to Brickner Ambulance Service due to the company going out of business. Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The Grants Administration is requesting Board approval to restrict agencies to the purchase of one I-Pad per ambulance and not to authorize their purchase for other vehicles. During the site visits, it was discovered that agencies are purchasing I-Pads for fire vehicles that may or may not be used during EMS runs. A discussion ensued regarding the use of I-pads and it was decided that a group interested in this subject could meet with EMS legal counsel and discuss this topic further.

Executive Director House reported that the database project for certification renewals rolled out on May 24, 2016. Since that time, the Division has learned that about 65% of those who renew do so on a mobile device; therefore, the system has been modified for use with mobile devices.

The DEMS database projects that are in process includes the EMS Course Administration, the Education Phase 1 Module and the Grants Administration Module. The CE Tracking System will end on December 31, 2016.

On November 12, 2016 Seat #1, Seat #5, Seat #6, Seat #10, Seat #11, and Seat #15 on the EMFTS Board will expire. The letters will be sent to the nominating organizations for their nominations for these seats.

At the October EMFTS Board meeting nominations for Board chair and vice chair will be requested. Voting will occur at the December Board meeting.

EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze

Ms. Booze explained that some of the reports have changed with the new system. Previously the Board was given reports for partial months, however, in the future the reports will be full months.

Jean Booze reported that from June 7, 2016 to July 31, 2016, there were 92 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions.

ACTION: Motion to ratify EMS extension requests from June 7, 2016 to July 31, 2016.

Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tallman– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Booze reported that there are two extensions exceeding 90 days which require Board approval. One extension is requested for 150 days and the other extension for 120 days due to taking refresher courses that will not end during the 90 day extension.

ACTION: Motion to approve two EMS extension requests that exceed 90 days.

Dr. Tallman– First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported that new certifications from June 1, 2016 to June 7, 2016 were ratified at the June Board meeting, therefore, some of them may be included in the current June report. The new EMS certifications for June 2016 is 1,515 and 1,348 for July 2016. The total for June and July are 2,863 new EMS certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the new EMS certifications for June and July 2016. Ms. Beavers– First.

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

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemption requests. There are three dual certified military requests; 2016-8-1, 2016-8-3, and 2016-8-4. Two EMT certifications 2016-8-1 and 2016-8-3 are both on active military duty and they have not had previous exemptions. A career veteran,

2016-8-4, is requesting an exemption for his paramedic certification for the first renewal cycle that was missed June 23, 2006 and June 23, 2009. As a veteran he is eligible for automatic renewal under House Bill 98 that requires the Division to automatically renew; however, it does not relieve him from the continuing education requirements for the subsequent renewal period.

He has 258 hours of continuing education to complete over an extended period of time under House Bill 98. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the three CE exemptions.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military CE exemption requests for 2016-8-1, 2016-8-3, and 2016-8-4. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Booze explained the new certification reports that will be in the Board packet in the future.

EMS Education, Linda Mirarchi

Ms. Mirarchi reported that there are several requests from the EMS training programs.

Newton Township Fire Department Training Division is requesting an Initial Certificate of Accreditation to add the Advanced EMT training course. The staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the addition of the Advanced EMT training course at Newton Township Fire Department Training Division with an expiration date of July 12, 2019.
Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

At the June EMFTS Board meeting the Board approved Jackson County EMS; however, the date was not correct. Staff requests approval of Jackson County EMS with a December 17, 2017 expiration date.

ACTION: Motion to approve the corrected date for Jackson County EMS with a December 17, 2017 expiration date. Mr. Snyder– First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Auburn Career Center requests the three year Accreditation Renewal for all four levels. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve Auburn Career Center for a three year Accreditation Renewal with an expiration date of August 31, 2019. Mr. Dutton– First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Buckeye Career Center requests the three year Accreditation Renewal for two levels. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve Buckeye Career Center for a three year Accreditation Renewal with an expiration date of November 1, 2017. Mr. Wappner– First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

EHOVE Adult Career Center requests the three year Accreditation Renewal for four levels. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve EHOVE Adult Career Center for a three year Accreditation Renewal with an expiration date of July 31, 2019. Ms. Kearns– First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Hocking College requests the three year Accreditation Renewal for four levels. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve Hocking College for a three year Accreditation Renewal with an expiration date of May 31, 2019. Mr. Wappner– First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Newton Township Fire Department Training Division requests the three year Accreditation Renewal for four levels. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve Newton Township Fire Department Training Division for a three year Accreditation Renewal with an expiration date of July 12, 2019. Ms. Kearns– First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Wayne County Schools Career Center requests the three year Accreditation Renewal for four levels. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve Wayne County Schools Career Center for a three year Accreditation Renewal with an expiration date of June 30, 2019. Ms. Kearns– First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Mirarchi read into the record that the University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash has supplied a written notice that they intend to close its EMS associate degree and certificate programs as of June 30, 2017.

Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of June, July, August and September 2016. 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, August, and September 2016; pending a satisfactory inspection. Dr. Schwartz – First. Ms. Rose– Second. None opposed. Ms. Kearns (Gold Cross Ambulance dba American Medical Response, Elite EMS, Inc., Lane Life Corp), Ms. Calcidise (Med-Trans, Inc. and First Care Ohio, LLC), Ms. Simon (Promedica Transportation, Inc.) and Mr. Snyder (Lane Life Corp)- Abstained. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (7 ambulettes). Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new service applications for 7 ambulettes; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Tallman - Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation headquarters location applications (3 ambulette and 2 ambulance) and satellite location applications (4 ambulettes and 5 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new headquarters location applications (3 ambulette and 2 ambulance) and new satellite location applications (4 ambulettes and 5 ambulances); pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Calcidise – Second. Mr. Allenstein (MedCare Ambulance) None abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

EMS-Children Committee, Joe Stack

The EMS-C committee met August 19, 2016 regarding EMSC Performance Measures. The Health Resources and Services Administration has published a preliminary set of Performance Measures for the EMS for Children Partnership Grant to take effect starting in 2017. Measures concerning medical direction and continuing education have been removed, and the measure concerning pediatric pre-hospital equipment has been changed to emphasize skill development in the use of pediatric equipment. Additional measures include submission of state data to NEMSIS, and the designation of a pediatric care coordinator for EMS agencies. Measures will most likely be finalized in fall 2016.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on May 6 and July 27, 2016. The May meeting included a table-top exercise on reuniting unaccompanied minors and their families; the July meeting included an assessment of existing gaps for family reunification based on the exercise. The Coalition is continuing work on increasing pediatric capacity and reunification of minors.

The “Concepts in Process Improvement” Workshop was held at the Ohio EMS Conference in Columbus on May 17; fourteen EMTs and other medical practitioners attended.

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

At the EMS-C meeting there were guests; Dr. Manish I. Shah, MD, MS, Program Director of the EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center and Yolanda Baker, Regional Grant Manager. They helped to identify gaps and opportunities for improvements which we will use in the strategic plan. Many projects are planned and will be brought before the Board.

EMS System Development Committee

Ellen Owens reported that the committee met, however, they did not have a quorum. Rob Jackson, the 911 Administrator, gave a presentation to the committee. It is anticipated that there will be additional legislation in the next couple of years. Rob Jackson has agreed to present at the EMFTS Board retreat in February 2017.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Geoff Dutton

The Active Shooter Response Committee met for the first time. The objective is to bring in many different organizations with law enforcement and EMS to create a collaborative plan to share with communities. The next meeting will be September 29, 2016.

EMS Rural Committee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers reported that they discussed the Rural Flex Program and decided to work on different issues and goals.

An item discussed previously were ways to get live intubations. Ms. Simon shared a template that allows high risk-low volume skills to be done in the hospital that Mr. Erskine will disseminate.

Ms. Beavers requested to add Joel Dickenson to the EMS Rural Committee.

ACTION: Motion to add Joel Dickenson to the EMS Rural Committee. Ms. Beavers - First. Dr. Tallman- Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2016.

EMS Education, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers reported that most people are not comfortable with the Administrative Code and does not understand as it relates to the EMS Instructor course. Ms. Mirarchi will send information regarding this issue.

Ms. Beavers asked that Mr. George Snyder be added as the Chair to the EMS Education Committee.

ACTION: Motion to add George Snyder as Chair to the EMS Education Committee. Ms. Beavers - First. Mr. Dutton- Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that MOC did not meet due to conflicts.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2016.

Medical Transportation, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein reported that the ambulette rules are moving forward. Questions were brought forth regarding the education for drivers for ambulances and ambulettes and what meets the standard for adequate training. A checklist will be provided to the ambulance and ambulette companies.

As the rule is written, it is a challenge to define the number of people involved in a response due to the rule being vague. It was decided that the intent is there and if there are any issues then it will be brought before the EMFTS Board.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

Critical Care Committee, Julie Rose

The committee met on August 16, 2016. A conference call was held with private service providers from Eagle County Colorado and West Virginia to determine what their outcomes have been regarding certification. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

Time Critical Committee, Geoff Dutton

The committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

EMS Star of Life Awards, Dr. Thomas Tallman

The committee has not met; however, work will begin on the 2017 EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony in the near future. If anyone has any comments to help make the awards ceremony better to please submit those suggestions to Ms. Koker.

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the committee met on July 13, 2016. Northside Medical Center in Youngstown, a level III trauma center, is closing as a trauma center. There are 11 Level I, 16 Level II, and 21 Level III trauma centers in Ohio. The impact to the community should be minimal due to the location of St. Elizabeth Hospital within one mile.

The registry conversion is being worked on diligently to solve the issues. Per the Ohio Revised Code every hospital in the state supplies data to the trauma registry. In 2015, 168 hospitals submitted data and in 2016 there were only 82 hospitals that submitted data. There is a glitch that is occurring at the regional level. The regional registries are important; however, many of the hospitals are not getting any data sent to the state. It is a high priority to resolve this issue. A conference call has been scheduled to bring the vendors together to fix the problem.

A reassessment of the Model Trauma Plan showed great improvements in many areas. The goal groups will review the results and create new tasks to make even more improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director House explained that a small group will create an audit policy to move forward with auditing EMS providers who requested an extension. It has been found that those requesting an extension have not completed their continuing education hours.

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to approve the audit policy to audit those EMS providers who request an extension.

ACTION: Motion to approve the audit policy to audit those EMS providers who request an extension. Mr. Snyder - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS ~none~

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis - First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

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