



STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2015
~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

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

Board Members Absent: Thomas Allenstein and Deanna Harris

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Heather Frient, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Novica Olinger, Ellen Owens, Johanna Pickett, John Sands, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton, and Rachel Randall.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: Ted Coates (Massie Township Fire), and Taylor Neff (Massie Township Fire)

EMS Rules Hearing ~ None

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:29 a.m.

Roll Call

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Lists members and their attendance status.

Open Forum ~ None

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Baute requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the August 19, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period August 18, 2015 to October 20, 2015.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the August 19, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period August 18, 2015 to October 20, 2015.***

Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

## **Report and Recommendation**

Ms. Baute introduced herself as the vice chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on two report and recommendations in the matter of:

- *EMS Case Number 2015-104-E500/2012-161-E300, Joshua G. Limbacher, EMS Certificate Number 111267*
- *EMS Case Number 2014-440-E100, Jeremy D. Edmondson, EMS Certificate Number 165721.*

The respondents did not file objections to the report and recommendation. Ms. Baute recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the cases and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

AAG Rico Barrera stated the EMS Case Number 2015-104-E500, Joshua G. Limbacher, is a continuing education case. Mr. Limbacher failed to obtain the appropriate continuing education hours before renewing. In 2012 he previously had a case where he failed to obtain the correct number of continuing education hours and was placed into a Consent Agreement. When he renewed this year in 2015 he again failed to obtain the appropriate continuing education hours. On the renewal he checked the “no” box next to the section indicating he did not have the appropriate continuing education hours. He also filed a 90 day extension to submit evidence of his continuing education; however, upon the terms of his 2012 consent agreement he was not eligible for such an extension. Mr. Limbacher has not submitted any proof to date. The hearing examiner concluded that he violated the terms of the Consent Agreement, as well as Ohio Administrative Code 4765-15-03(A) (1) and 4765-15-04(A)(3). By failing to show any proof of meeting the continuing education requirements, the hearing officer’s recommendation is to revoke his certification and deny his application for renewal.

AAG Barrera stated a hearing was held for EMS Case Number 2014-440-E100, Jeremy D. Edmondson. At the hearing Mr. Edmondson was very forthright about his convictions and seemed genuinely remorseful. The proposal was to deny his initial application for certification for two reasons: 1) Mr. Edmondson was convicted of misdemeanors during an incident in 2009. It was alleged these were misdemeanor crimes of moral turpitude. 2) Mr. Edmondson did not disclose his convictions on his initial first responder application which was granted; although he disclosed his convictions on his subsequent EMT Basic application. Convictions at issue are: 1) Using a weapon while intoxicated (first degree misdemeanor), 2) obstructing official business (second degree misdemeanor) 3) discharging a firearm within city limits (third degree misdemeanor). These events occurred in July 2009 when Mr. Edmondson was 22 years old. The incident stemmed from a confrontation with his half-sister who showed up unannounced to a party, where alcohol was being consumed, at Mr. Edmondson’s home. She would not leave when asked. Mr. Edmondson retrieved a weapon and discharged a weapon upon the half-sister

while leaving. Mr. Edmondson applied for first responder certification in March 2014 and it was granted. When he applied for the EMT Basic in August 2014 he divulged his convictions. The Division proposed that his application be denied due to misrepresentation and a misdemeanor involving crimes of moral turpitude. The hearing examiner found that Mr. Edmondson misrepresented by failing to disclose his convictions in his first responder application. It seems illogical that Mr. Edmondson would intentionally fail to disclose the convictions in his initial application and then a few months later disclose convictions on the EMT Basic application. Although he was convicted of 3 misdemeanors, none of those involved moral turpitude. Specifically the hearing examiner noted that these are not crimes that manifest a lack of social consciousness and depravity of criminal intent of that specific conviction. The hearing examiner noted that Mr. Edmondson has been certified by the Nursing Board since 2009 as a State Tested Nursing Assistant and in 2012 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The Nursing Board found that these were not crimes of moral turpitude. Accordingly the hearing examiner recommended that the Board accept his EMT Basic application and that he be given the following: 1) A written reprimand and that he be placed on probation until his next renewal period. 2) At the time of his next renewal, Mr. Edmondson should submit an updated BCI&I Civilian Background Check prior to the issuance of a renewal.

AAG Barrera read a letter received from Mr. Edmondson explaining that he could not attend the board meeting because his work as a nurse would adversely affect patient care and put an undo strain on his co-workers. \*\*\* Attachment #1.

The Board questioned if he was pointing the firearm at his sister when he discharged it. AAG Barrera stated that at the time his sister took off in a car and Mr. Edmondson shot the gun in the air and then he shot the gun in the direction of the vehicle; however, it did not strike the vehicle.

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

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

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#### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	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	Present
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 10:52 a.m.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case 2015-104-E500/2012-161-E300, Joshua G. Limbacher, EMS Certificate Number 111267, the Board moves to confirm and approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to deny Mr. Limbacher's renewal application and revoke his certificate to practice.*** Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case 2014-440-E100, Jeremy D. Edmondson, EMS Certificate Number 165721, the Board moves to confirm and approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to grant Mr. Edmondson his certificate to practice. The Board issues a written reprimand and places Mr. Edmondson's certificate to practice on three years of probation. Mr. Edmondson shall provide an updated BCI&I background check with the next renewal.*** Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

### **Goldman Proceedings**

Ms. Baute, Vice Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceeding to order at 10:54 a.m. on October 21, 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)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	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	Present
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 four adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

EMS Case Number 2013-234-E400, William M. Zartman, EMS Certificate Number 116451  
EMS Case Number 2014-492-E300, William G. Burklow, EMS Certification Number 139515  
EMS Case Number 2014-498-E300, Jeremy M. Lee, EMS Certification Number 157876  
EMS Case Number 2014-529-E300, Edward J. Holland, EMS Certification Number 27054

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. Baute 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 where no hearing was requested.

The first one is a patient care matter and the other three are continuing education cases.

- William M. Zartman holds an EMT Advanced Certification. Before being terminated, based on this incident, he worked for the New London Fire Department. Mr. Zartman's crew responded to a call concerning an unresponsive male in July 2015. Upon arrival law enforcement was performing CPR. Mr. Zartman arrived on the scene with another EMT. The second EMT immediately provided service and Mr. Zartman refused. Mr. Zartman did not immediately respond and was argumentative with the family and the EMT counterpart and impeded treatment by pulling off the leads from the defibrillator. Mr. Zartman was adamant that the patient should be moved while his counterpart thought he should be intubated due to respiratory distress. After arguing Mr. Zartman left the scene and refused to grab a valve mask and an intubation kit despite the request from his counterpart and family. The incident was investigated by the New London Fire Department. As a result Mr. Zartman was terminated from his position. Copies of the witness statements and the investigation reports from the fire department are contained in the affidavit. Mr. Zartman was cited for failing to comply with minimal standards of care and failing to respect the needs of patients in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(5) to wit 4765-9-01(A)(B). The recommendation is the denial of Mr. Zartman's renewal application and revocation of his certification.  
\*\* It was noted that Mr. Zartman requested a hearing, however, it was not in a timely manner.
- William G. Burklow was audited and it was found Mr. Burklow was short of the required amount of continuing education hours; specifically hours related to Ohio Trauma Triage. The recommendation is the suspension of Mr. Burklow's certification until he provides the Division with documentation supporting the hours of education.
- Jeremy M. Lee and Edward J. Holland are both individuals who failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements and the recommendation is to revoke both of their certificates to practice.

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

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***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.*** Mr. Davis – First. Dr. Steinberg – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceeding closed at 11:02 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. Baute 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.

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***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. Wappner– First. Mr. Jones – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	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	Present
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 11:14 a.m.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-234-E400, William M. Zartman, EMS Certificate Number 116451, the Board finds that Mr. Zartman failed to comply with the minimal standards of care and failed to respect the needs of the patient in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(5) to wit 4765-9-01(A) and 4765-9-01(B); therefore the Board moves to deny Mr. Zartman's renewal application and revoke his certificate to practice.*** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Davis and Dr. Steinberg - opposed. Mr. Resanovich and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-492-E300, William G. Burklow, EMS Certificate Number 139515, the Board finds that Mr. Burklow was audited and found to be short the required continuing education hours to include the Ohio Trauma Triage. Accordingly, William G. Burklow violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1) to wit: 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3) and 4765-15-03; therefore the Board moves to suspend Mr. Burklow's certificate to practice until he provides the Division with documentation of completion of hours.***

Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-498-E300, Jeremy M. Lee, EMS Certification Number 157876, The Board finds that Mr. Lee 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. Lee's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.***

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-529-E300, Edward J. Holland, EMS Certification Number 27054, the Board finds that Mr. Holland 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. Holland's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.***

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### **EMS Summary Suspension Requests**

Ms. Baute, Vice Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 11:23 a.m. on October 21, 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)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	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	Present
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. The Board will review two cases to determine if there is clear and convincing evidence to warrant a summary suspension of each Respondent's certificate to practice, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4765.112. These proceedings were in the matter of:

- EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292
- EMS Case Number 2014-382-BE100, James J. Kuruc, EMS Certificate Number 158586

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for review. The affidavits and exhibits contain evidence upon which the Board will deliberate. 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.

Ms. Baute recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of each case.

AAG Barrera explained that a Summary Suspension is a specific type of suspension that can be imposed in very limited incidents for very specific conduct. The suspension is put into place before that person has an opportunity to request a hearing. If a summary suspension is imposed that person is notified and they have the opportunity to request a hearing. If a hearing is requested, it is required to be held within 45 days and then a decision must be rendered by both the hearing examiner and the Board within 45 days of the date of the hearing. It may be necessary to call a special meeting in some instances in order to ensure that the order is issued within the specific time frame required by the law. This is only done in very serious circumstances in order to protect the public.

The statute is Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112 and states *“the Board may suspend a person without a prior hearing if the Board determines by clear and convincing evidence that the continued practice by the certificate holder presents a danger of immediate or serious harm to the public and that the certificate holder has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving a crime of moral turpitude committed during the course of practice”*.

Joshua Bleigh is currently certified as an EMT. In June when he applied to renew his certificate he disclosed a 2014 felony conviction for *“Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor”*, a fourth-degree felony, Wayne County Court of Common Pleas, Case number 2013CR0242. The convictions stem from a consensual sexual relationship with a 15 year old. At the time of the conviction Mr. Bleigh was 20 years old.

James Kuruc is certified as a paramedic. Based on a newspaper article the Division became aware of Mr. Kuruc’s criminal indictment for two counts of *“Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor”*; a fourth-degree felony. In September 2015, the Medina Court of Common Pleas convicted Mr. Kuruc. He was designated as a Tier II sex offender and ordered not to have contact with anyone under the age of 18 years old unless an immediate family member. This conviction stems from a consensual sexual relationship with a 15 year old. At the time of the conviction Mr. Kuruc was 22 years old.

Ms. Baute 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.

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***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. Wappner – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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## **Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	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	Present
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 11:38 a.m.

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292, the Board finds clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Bleigh's continued practice as an emergency medical technician presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and he has been convicted of a felony. Specifically, on January 9, 2014, Mr. Bleigh was convicted of *Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor*, a fourth-degree felony, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.04, in the Court of common Pleas, Wayne County, Ohio, Case No. 13-CR-0242. Mr. Bleigh was designated by the court a sex offender and is registered as a Tier II Sex Offender. Mr. Bleigh is also in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Additionally, Mr. Bleigh failed to report and provide documentation of his conviction(s) in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Therefore, the Board hereby Orders Mr. Bleigh's EMT certificate to practice, at any level, be **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Resanovich and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.

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***ACTION:*** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-382-BE100, James J. Kuruc, EMS Certificate Number 158586, the Board finds clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Kuruc's continued practice as an emergency medical technician, at any level, presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and he has been convicted of a felony. Specifically, on September 25, 2015, Mr. Kuruc was convicted of two (2) counts of *Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor*, both fourth-degree felonies, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.04, in the Court of Common Pleas, General Division, Medina County, Ohio, Case No. 14CR0396. Mr. Kuruc was designated by the Court a sex offender and is registered as a Tier II Sex Offender. Mr. Kuruc is also in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Additionally, Mr. Kuruc failed to report his convictions(s) in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Therefore, the Board hereby Orders Mr. Kuruc's EMT certificate to practice, at any level, be **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None Opposed. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

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### **EMS Investigations**

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***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 11:43 a.m. Ms. Rose – First. Mr. Wappner – Second.

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**Roll Call**

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Absent	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	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	Present
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 12:18 a.m.

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

2014-606-E100	2015-276-E300	2015-405-BE100
2015-168-BE100	2015-305-BE100	2015-406-E300
2015-221-BE100	2015-351-BE100	2015-525-E100
	2015-373-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreements:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Dr. Steinberg, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2013-450-BE100
2014-367-E100
2015-54-E100 *Issue NOH with permission to negotiate a consent
2015-98-E500
2015-238-BE100 *Issue NOH with permission to negotiate a consent
2014-403-BE100 *Rescind and re-issue NOH, with approval to negotiate a consent agreement
2014-583-E300

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

2015-120-E400	2015-352-E500
2015-311-E400	2015-411-E400

**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. Davis – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-121-BE100	2015-361-E100
2014-616-BE100 *Rescind NOH	2015-365-E100 *No jurisdiction
2015-175-E300 *Rescind NOH/accept surrender	2015-353-E500 *Defer to medical director
2015-243-E500 *Accept withdrawal	2015-385-E100 *Accept the withdrawal
2015-217-E400	2015-415-E100
2015-258-E100	2015-453-E500
2015-332-E100	2015-414-E100
2015-334-E500	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-434-E300	2012-782-E300
2012-481-E100	2013-261-E100
2012-566-E300	2013-699-BE300
	2014-511-BE100*Rescind NOH

**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. Davis – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-75-F500	2015-338-E300	2015-435-E300
2015-290-E300	2015-344-E300	2015-463-E300
2015-291-E300	2015-396-E300	

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

2011-803-E100	2013-644-E300	2014-447-BE100
2012-664-E300	2013-695-E300	2014-617-E100
2012-942-E300	2013-696-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following education cases:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-99-E500 \*Issue warning letter

**ACTION: Motion to rescind the previously issued notice of opportunity for hearing and close the case:** Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Ms. Bradshaw and Mr. Resanovich - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-511-BE100

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

2014-382-BE100	2015-248-E300	2015-336-E300
2014-612-BE100	2015-269-E300	2015-346-E100
2015-196-E300	2015-289-E300	2015-370-E300
2015-198-E300	2015-292-E300	2015-434-E300

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

2015-260-E300	2014-441-BE100	2015-461-E100	2015-497-E100
2015-345-E300	2015-444-BE100	2015-462-E100	2015-498-BE100
2015-357-E100	2015-448-E500	2015-477-E300	2015-505-BE100
2015-413-E100	2015-452-E100	2015-478-E100	2015-509-E100
2015-416-BE100	2015-454-E100	2015-480-E100	2015-518-BE100
2015-422-E100	2015-455-E100	2015-481-E100	2015-519-E100
2015-433-E300	2015-456-E100	2015-484-E100	2015-526-E100
2015-437-E100	2015-457-E100	2015-492-E100	2015-546-E100
2015-438-E100	2015-459-E100	2015-493-BE100	2015-547-BE100
2015-439-BE100	2015-460-E100	2015-495-BE100	2015-548-E100

## **REPORTS:**

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

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

Dr. James Freyhof – RPAB Region 3

Dr. David Linstrom – RPAB Region 1

***ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed appointments, Dr. James Freyhof and Dr. David Linstrom, to the Regional Physician Advisory Board.*** Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Appelhans– Second. None opposed. Mr. McNutt and Ms. Simon - abstained. Motion approved.

The All Member RPAB meeting will be held on November 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with the RPAB Chair meeting immediately following. At the December EMFTS Board meeting the updates from the American Heart Association CPR/ECC guidelines, which were released in October 2015, to the State of Ohio EMS guidelines and procedures manuals will be reviewed. The RPAB oversees these documents which will be distributed to the Board members in December. A summary sheet will be provided as to what guidelines have been changed. All of the guideline documents will be updated in 2016.

Dr. Cunningham wrote a document, requested by Chair Harris, as a resource for Ohio EMS regarding Mobile Integrated Healthcare. The document was reviewed by legal counsel, Ms. Frient, and was included in the Board packet. Dr. Cunningham requested approval of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Guidance Resource for Ohio EMS.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Guidance Resource for Ohio EMS.*** Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Jones– Second. None opposed. Mr. McNutt and Ms. Simon - abstained. Motion approved.

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) fall meeting was held October 12<sup>th</sup> through October 16<sup>th</sup>, in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Mary Fallat, a pediatric trauma surgeon, presented a project titled *Compassionate Options for Pediatric EMS (COPE)*. It is a computerized application that is available for Android cell phones and will be available for iPhones in the near future.

The Medical Director's Council was tasked by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) to draft a document regarding appropriate care of spinal injuries of athletes. The document was finalized and approved by NASEMSO.

Dr. Cunningham will attend the following meetings:

- Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care meeting to be held on November 1, 2015 in Austin, Texas.
- The National EMS Advisory Council meeting will be held December 1-2, 2015, in Washington, D.C.
- The Federal Interagency Committee on EMS will be held December 2, 2015, in Washington, D.C.
- The National Association of EMS Physicians annual meeting to be held January 13-16, 2016 in San Diego, California. Dr. Cunningham has been invited to serve on a Mobile Integrated Health panel.

### **EMS Legal Counsel, AAG Rico Barrera and Heather Frient**

Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera reported that William Eberly has filed an appeal with the Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court. The EMFTS Board revoked his certificate to practice at the August Board meeting.

Legal counsel, Heather Frient, advised the Board that a candidate for the EMS Legal Counsel position has been chosen and is in the approval process.

Beverly Cooper reported that the rules approved by the Board at the August meeting, Chapter 4765-8 and Chapter 4765-9, were filed with the Common Sense Initiative. Once the recommendations are received a response is required. On the EMS website there is a section titled Small Business Regulatory Impact, which is where the rules process is tracked. In 2016 the Grant rules will be filed.

ED House reminded the Board of the importance to have a quorum at the December meeting in order to keep the rules process compliant with the legislative deadlines.

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

Executive Director House reported that Mr. Lapso was unable to attend; however, he provided his report. House Bill 163 from Representative Patmon to designate May 24<sup>th</sup> as First Responders' Appreciation Day has been passed by the House and has been referred to the Committee Senate State and Local Government.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-163>

House Bill 187, from Representative Ginter to allow emergency responders to stabilize injured animals has been forwarded to the House Health and Aging.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-187>

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

Seven EMFTS Board seats expire on November 12, 2015, which include:

- Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2)
- Volunteer Fire Chief (Seat #7)
- EMS Instructor (Seat #8)
- EMS Provider (Seat #12)
- EMS Provider (Seat #14)
- Mobile Intensive Care Unit Provider (Seat #17)
- Air-Medical EMS Provider (Seat #18)

Nominations have been received from the nominating organizations and were sent to the Governor's Office for appointment. Per ORC 4765.02, seats remain filled by incumbents for up to 60 days. ("A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.")

Jean Booze introduced Novica Olinger, who began work in the Certification and Grants Section on August 24, 2015. Ms. Olinger has worked in the Ohio Department of Public Safety for three years in the BMV division and has also worked for the Ohio Department of Corrections.

The Program Administrator 2 position still remains open; however, the position has been reclassified as an Epidemiologist. An Investigation Supervisor and Administrative Professional 2 has been hired and will begin on November 2, 2015.

The Medical Transportation Section is currently seeking part-time contractors to serve as medical transportation inspectors in the Columbus area.

The EMS Grant Section continues to conduct site visits at EMS organizations across the state of Ohio. The visits serve a dual purpose; grant monitoring and an opportunity to discuss EMS grantee needs.

The EMFTS Retreat is scheduled for February 17 and 18, 2016. EMFTS committee meetings will be held on February 16, 2016. All EMFTS committee members will be reappointed at the February Board meeting. Applications and resumes are due by December 16, 2015 for all members excluding the appointments made the last quarter of 2015.

Dr. Cunningham, Executive Director House and Joe Stack attended the NASEMSO annual meeting.

- The C.A.R.E.S. program will present a webinar for the Medical Oversight Committee in December. The program is a cardiac data collection for use in improving cardiac response.
- There were many discussions regarding medical transportation issues and ambulance standards.

Tim Erskine explained that the EMS Compass Project is a federally funded program being administered by NASEMSO to set the standards for performance and formulas for EMS performance measures. For more information visit [www.emscompass.org](http://www.emscompass.org).

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

Jean Booze reported that, from August 10, 2015 to October 8, 2015, there were 100 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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***ACTION: Motion to approve EMS extension requests.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Jean Booze reported that during August 10, 2015 to October 8, 2015, there were 2,434 new EMS certifications and 2,084 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

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

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Jean Booze stated that the EMFTS Board approved a new procedure to allow requests to have 60 days to complete the exemption process at the August Board meeting. Ms. Booze reported the new procedure worked very well.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions requests. There is one Hardship/Medical CE exemption request; (#2015-10-3). This certificate holder is the main caregiver for their spouse's medical condition. The individual had a 90 day extension in place and has completed all but a few hours. He submitted the exemption request after the 90 day extension expired; however, there were extenuating circumstances. All supporting documentation has been received for this request. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption request.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the exemption request based on the certificate holders submission of the appropriate application within 60 days of the EMFTS Board meeting, October 21, 2015, for #2015-10-3.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Education – Linda Mirarchi**

Ms. Mirarchi stated there are two agencies who have requested the Initial Certificate of Accreditation; Hocking County EMS with an expiration of October 21, 2018. The staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue an Initial Certificate of Accreditation to Hocking County EMS with an expiration of October 21, 2018.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Medina County Career Center requested the Initial Certificate of Accreditation with an expiration of October 21, 2018. The staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to issue an Initial Certificate of Accreditation to Medina County Career Center with an expiration date of October 21, 2018.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Akron General Medical Center has requested a renewal of accreditation to September 18, 2020 to align with the CAAHEP expiration date.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal of accreditation of Akron General Medical Center to September 18, 2020 to align with CAAHEP expiration date.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Belmont College has requested an extension of accreditation to October 31, 2018.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the extension of accreditation of Belmont College to October 31, 2018.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Butler Technology & Career Development Schools requested an extension to September 18, 2020 to align with the CAAHEP accreditation. Staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the extension of Butler Technology and Career Development Schools to September 18, 2020 to align with CAAHEP expiration date.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Cincinnati State Technical & Community College requested an extension to October 21, 2018. Staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the extension of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College to October 21, 2018.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Dayton Fire Department EMT Program requested renewal of accreditation.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal of accreditation to Dayton Fire Department EMT Program.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Newton Township Fire Department is asking for a change in their accreditation date from February 20, 2017 to July 12, 2016 in order to align with their fire charter. Staff recommends and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve Newton Township Fire Department to change accreditation date from February 20, 2017 to July 12, 2016 to align with their fire charter.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Life Fleet Ambulance Training Center is requesting an accreditation renewal. Staff recommends and requests a motion to approve the renewal.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the accreditation renewal of Life Fleet Ambulance Training Center.*** Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Summa St. Thomas Hospital requested an accreditation renewal to align with the CAAHEP accreditation date of July 31, 2020.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the accreditation renewal of Summa St. Thomas Hospital to July 31, 2020 to align with the CAAHEP accreditation.*** Ms. Bradshaw– First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Ms. Mirarchi stated for the record that the Dayton Area Red Cross has voluntarily surrendered their Certificate of Accreditation to offer EMR training.

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

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of August, September and October 2015. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of August, September and October 2015; pending satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wappner (700042) and Mr. Applehans (485115, 480049, 480129, & 025055) - Abstain. Motion approved.

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (8 ambulettes and 1 ambulance). Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

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

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Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation satellite location applications (4 ambulettes/3 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation satellite location applications; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Bradshaw– Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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### **Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee**

~No Report~

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

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 Preparedness program. A webinar will be held this Friday, October 23, for pediatric ED staff, and the webinar will be recorded for future access.

The EMS for Children Committee is planning a workshop in April 2016 to focus on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors, focusing on the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines and the exercises completed at the Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference held last month.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on October 14 at the Ohio Hospital Association. The meeting was attended by Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove of the EMS for Children Committee, and determined the following priorities for 2016: pediatric surge capacity, guidelines for pediatric pre-hospital decontamination, and reunification of unaccompanied minors. Quarterly meetings are to be scheduled by OHA, beginning in January or February.

Joe Stack and Tim Erskine presented the “Concepts in Process Improvement” workshop for the Southern Ohio EMS Alliance on October 6, 2015 to 18 EMS providers. The next scheduled workshop will be November 12, 2015 for the Ohio EMS Chiefs’ Association in Westerville. The Ohio Association of EMS has also invited Mr. Stack and Mr. Erskine to present at their Spring Conference in Marietta at the end of April.

The third annual Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference was held Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety; the conference topic was writing pediatric EMS protocols. Twenty-seven pediatric emergency medicine fellows attended and answered issues provided through “Ask EMS” questions. The information gained from this conference will help with the planning of the medical directors’ workshop for April 2016.

Deena Brecher has applied for admission to the Committee and her application has been approved through the Division of EMS; Dr. Schwartz requested the Board’s approval.

Dr. Schwartz requested a motion to add Deena Brecher as a member to the EMS-Children Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Ms. Deena Brecher as a member of the EMS-Children Committee.***  
***Mr. McNutt***– First. Mr. Resanovich– Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstained. Motion approved.

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Dr. Schwartz made a motion to add Ms. Karen Beavers to serve as the vice chair of the EMS-Children Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Ms. Karen Beavers as vice chair of the EMS-Children Committee.***  
Dr. Schwartz – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. Ms. Beavers - abstained. Motion approved.

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### **EMS System Development Committee**

~No Report~

### **Homeland Security Sub-committee, Mark Resanovich**

The sub-committee met on October 2, 2015.

The CHEMPACK updates have been completed and a meeting with Ohio Department of Health was held.

On October 23, 2015, Executive Director House and Mr. Resanovich will visit the warehouse at Rickenbacker to look at surplus EMS equipment that the Ohio Department of Health no longer wants. If there is any equipment that is viable, it can be used or gifted to those who are in need and will be retrieved.

The Hartford Consensus report on active shooter incidents has been received. The sub-committee reviewed the report and asked the Trauma Committee to also review the report and compare it to the document that has already been approved.

**Action Item:** Dr. Cunningham to draft a letter to Center for Disease Control (CDC) with concerns regarding DuoDote®.

The CDC is planning on either adding or replacing the Mark 1® kits with DuoDote®. DuoDote® is a combination auto-injector where atropine and 2-PAM are in the same vial. The problem is CHEMPACK assets will be used on children and the elderly, and there are significant side effects with repeated doses of 2-PAM in that population. The committee is asking the Board for a letter to the CDC to address our concerns.

Motion for Dr. Cunningham to prepare a draft letter to the Centers for Disease Control.

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***ACTION: Motion for Dr. Carol Cunningham to prepare a letter to be sent to the Centers for Disease Control.*** Mr. Resanovich– First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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The Homeland Security Sub-Committee will review the draft letter at the next committee meeting.

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

A meeting is in the process of being scheduled before the December Board meeting. Applications and resumes continue to be reviewed.

#### **Education Committee, Pam Bradshaw**

Ms. Bradshaw requested a motion to add Steven Harrison as a new member to the Education Committee.

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***ACTION: Motion to add Mr. Steven Harrison as a member of the Education Committee.*** Mr. Davis– First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstained. Motion approved.

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

The MOC met on October 20, 2015.

An inquiry was received from the Ohio Hospital Association regarding the white paper electronic transmission. They had questions whether it was a realistic expectation given that many providers use personal phones. The MOC concluded that the white paper is not binding and the recommendations cited in this Board position is based on best practices.

The MOC discussed the new American Heart Association Guidelines regarding emergency cardiac care. The waveform capnography training module was also discussed by the committee.

The committee is also reviewing the C.A.R.E.S. program which is a cardiac arrest registry of cardiac arrest treatments outside of the hospital. The general consensus is that this may be very promising and a useful tool for EMS. Data collection would be a new requirement for the hospitals. The Hospital Association has been contacted to begin discussions.

TASER® barb removal was discussed whether the scope of practice would need to be changed. The determination by the MOC is that the scope of practice will remain the same as an element of the psychomotor skill of soft tissue management.

Dr. Cunningham received a question through ASK EMS from a provider who attended a pediatric disaster with evacuation from the hospital. *If they were called on such a scene would a basic EMT or EMR be able to transport from the health care facility if they had a heplock in place?* The EMS Board drafted a position paper on the transport of patients with pre-existing medical devices. The paper was reaffirmed in 2013, however; the language relates only to the pre-hospital setting. Dr. Cunningham sent a revised draft position paper to the legal department for review. A discussion ensued regarding the subject of transporting patients with pre-existing medical devices.

Mr. Dutton requested a motion to remove Dr. Tallman from the Medical Oversight Committee and add Mr. Davis as Vice Chair.

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***ACTION: Motion to remove Dr. Tallman from the Medical Oversight Committee and add Mr. James Davis as Vice Chair.*** Mr. Dutton– First. Mr. Resanovich– Second. None opposed.  
Dr. Tallman and Mr. Davis - abstained. Motion approved.

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

The MTC met October 20, 2015, however; there was not a quorum.

The committee reviewed Rule 4766-02, Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Mr. Applehans stated he would table the addition of a new member until the next board meeting in order to review the number of current members and inactive members.

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

The Critical Care sub-committee met October 20, 2015, however, there was not a quorum.

### **Resource Management Committee – Mark Resanovich**

The Resource Management Committee met October 20, 2015.

The committee continues to move forward with grants, especially Priority 1.

The University of Cincinnati requested a six month extension on a research project that was awarded to them. This is the second extension requested, however; they would still be within the timeline.

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion for approval to grant a six month extension to the University of Cincinnati for the research project.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve a six month extension request to the University of Cincinnati for a research project grant.*** Mr. Resanovich– First. Mr. Dutton– Second. None opposed.  
Dr. Schwartz - abstained. Motion approved.

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A new grant application is being created. The Board previously approved a motion to remove all disposables on the application, however, these disposables are part of the equipment used in conjunction with the Board priorities. Mr. Resanovich requested approval of the following disposals to be included beginning with the 2016-2017 grant cycle for Priority 1.

- Disposable needles for I.O. Devices
- CPAP Equipment circuits
- Heart Monitor/Defib.quick combo pads
- CO2 Sensing equipment

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the following disposable equipment to be included on the Priority 1 grant application for the 2016-2017 grant cycle: disposable needles for I.O. devices, CPAP equipment circuits, heart monitor/defib quick combo pads, and CO2 sensing equipment.*** Mr. Davis– First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Manufacturers are upgrading their monitors from 2G to 3G. The question proposed is whether grant priority 1 funding can be used for those upgrades. It was determined they can use the priority 1 grant funding to upgrade the monitors.

The committee is awaiting guidance from the Ethics Commission regarding the rules.

Executive Director Melvin House presented the Priority 1 Grant Proposal Power Point.

The proposed Priority 1 Training and Equipment Grants would be divided into three parts:

Part 1 – Principal Fund

Part 2 – Supplemental Funding (Economic hardship and Board priorities)

Part 3 – Supplemental Funding only to primary EMS transport organizations.

Agencies can apply for one or more parts; principal plus one or both supplemental parts. The EMS agency must apply for principal funding to be eligible for supplemental funding. The agency can receive the principal funding plus one supplemental part. A \$30,000 cap will be applied to supplemental funding.

The electronic version that is currently used is very confusing, therefore; a Survey Monkey grant application will be created and will be available online.

*\*\*\*Attachment – Power Point – Proposed 2016-17 EMS Grant Program.*

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to approve the proposed 2016-17 Priority 1 Grant Program.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed 2016-2017 Priority 1 Grant Program.*** Mr. Dutton– First. Mr. Davis– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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

The 2015 Time Critical Diagnosis Stakeholders Conference was held on September 25, 2015 and was a great success. Many ideas were shared and discussed regarding the best avenues to improve patient outcomes and minimize deaths. The next step is to direct the different specialties to meet and then share their ideas.

Mr. Dutton thanked everyone who was involved in making the conference a successful event.

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

Dr. Tallman stated that ACEP is willing to support the EMS awards. It still remains open as to whether the Board can be the sponsor of or participate in selecting individuals for awards. Ms. Rose suggested that nominating organizations nominate individuals for the awards. Ms. Frient, EMS legal counsel will contact the Ethics Commission.

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

The Digital Innovation Trauma Registry is actively working; however, most hospitals in the state are on an extension for submission of data.

In May the Trauma Committee did a reassessment of the trauma system and the committee is working on re-writing their strategic plan. The Trauma Registry workgroup has been elevated to sub-committee status.

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma recently created the educational requirements for trauma registrars effective July 2015. All registrars must attend or have previously attended within 12 months of being hired, the American Trauma Society's Trauma Registrars course or the equivalent. The Alliance of Ohio Trauma Registrars have designed an equivalent course and presented the pilot program. Final recommendations are being given to the Trauma Committee whether this is an equivalent course. The EMFTS Board is recognized as the lead Trauma Agency in Ohio. Endorsement from this Board for that course will be necessary to satisfy the requirements of equivalency.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

~None~

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Baute requested Board nominations for the Board Chair. Mr. Davis nominated Deanna Harris.

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***ACTION: Motion to close the nominations.*** Mr. Davis - First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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Ms. Baute requested Board nomination for the Board Vice Chair. Ms. Rose nominated Geoff Dutton for Board Vice Chair.

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***ACTION: Motion to close the nominations.*** Mr. Resanovich - First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

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Executive Director House stated that Ms. Baute and Mr. McNutt will be retiring from the EMFTS Board. He thanked both of them for their service to the EMFTS Board and also for their work at the committee level.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Wednesday, December 16, 2015 *at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1106, Columbus, Ohio*