



**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2014
~ FINAL ~**

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Ernest Hatmaker, 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: Kent Appelhans

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Anna Firestone, Dave Fiffick, Ryan Frick, Sherry Harkness, Melvin House, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, Carol Palantekin, Robert Ruetenik, John Sands, Schuyler Schmidt, Melissa Vermillion, and Rachel Zwayer.

Assistant Attorney General: Brandon Duck

Public Present: Tony Anteau (Air Evac EMS), Joseph Hollinshead (Cleveland EMS), Mike Jackson (Air Evac EMS), Tim Pickering (Air Evac EMS), Greg Robbins,

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Open Forum ~ None

Consent Agenda

Mr. McNutt requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting, including the October 15, 2014 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications, and CE site requests for period October 15, 2014 – December 16, 2015. The following correction to the October minutes were noted and will be revised accordingly prior to posting as “final”. The Assistant Attorney General present for the October Board meeting was Summer Moses not Brandon Duck; and on page five, “Goldman” was misspelled as “Golden”.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items including the October 15, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes with the above corrections, the certifications, and CE site requests for period October 15, 2014 – December 14, 2014, excluding the initial accreditations. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Report and Recommendation ~ None

Goldman Proceedings

Mr. McNutt, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceeding to order at 10:07 a.m. on December 17, 2014 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

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

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present. There was one adjudication proceedings. The proceeding was in the matter of:

- *EMS Case Number 2013-235-BE100, Brandon E. Wolters, EMS Certificate Number 129772*

The proceeding shall be 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 received the sworn affidavit from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman Proceeding in the board packet. The affidavit contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits 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. McNutt recognized Assistant Attorney General, Brandon Duck 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 Duck briefly presented a summary of each case:

EMS Case Number 2013-235-BE100, Brandon E. Wolters, EMS Certificate Number 129772.

Mr. Wolters was convicted of *Theft in Office*, related to theft of seven radio units, which is a fifth-degree felony. In addition, Mr. Wolters failed to report the conviction to the Division as required. The recommendation is to deny his renewal applications and revoke his certificates.

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

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the board, the proceeding closed at 10:13 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. McNutt 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).

Roll Call

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

The Board returned from private session at 10:15 a.m.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-235-BE100, Brandon E. Wolters, EMS Certification Number 129772, the Board finds that Mr. Wolters was convicted of Theft in Office, a fifth-degree felony. Additionally, Mr. Wolters failed to report his conviction to the Division, as required. Mr. Wolters 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 deny Mr. Wolters' renewal applications and revoke Mr. Wolters' paramedic and EMS instructor certificates. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved

EMS Investigations, Melissa Vermillion and Staff

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 10:19 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt (Chair)	Present	Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present

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Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

The Board returned from private session at 10:47 a.m.

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

2013-664-E300	2014-138-E100	2014-311-E300	2014-516-BE100
2013-700-BE300	2014-145-E300	2014-334-E100	2014-599-E100
2014-58-E300	2014-231-E300	2014-482-E300	

ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2013-546-ET500	2014-574-ET500	2014-590-ET400
2014-551-ET500	2014-585-ET500	2014-608-ET500

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

2013-638-BE100	2014-445-E400	2014-549-E400	2014-586-BE500 *No jurisdiction
2014-2-E100	2014-456-E400 *Deferred to Medical Director	2014-553-BE100	2014-587-E400 *Referred to Medical Director
2014-387-E500	2014-458-E100	2014-558-E500	2014-596-E500
2014-397-BE100 *Rescind Consent Agreement	2014-537-E300 *Accept surrender	2014-559-E100	
2014-427-E400 *Referred to Medical Director		2014-575-BE100	

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

2014-4-E500*Rescind NOH	2014-477-E300	2014-494-E300
2014-371-E300	2014-479-E300	2014-504-E300
2014-451-E300	2014-488-E300	2014-535-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals did not supply required documentation; therefore, their applications were rendered incomplete: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-90-E100	2014-433-E500
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ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-43-E100	2013-217-E100	2013-266-BE100	2013-610-E100
2012-735-E300	2013-233-E400	2013-397-E400	

ACTION: Motion to rescind the previously issued Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and reissue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-413-BE500

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

2012-461-E300	2014-288-BE100	2014-472-E300	2014-503-E300
2013-690-E300	2014-440-E100	2014-473-E300	2014-531-E300
2014-366-BE100	2014-462-E300	2014-474-E300	2014-536-E300
2014-114-E100	2014-465-E300	2014-483-E100 *	2014-538-E300
2014-152-BE100	2014-466-E300	<i>*Correction: should be 2014-483-E300</i>	2014-539-E300
		2014-485-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. Harris – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Abstain – Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Bradshaw, and Mr. Resanovich. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-313-E100	2014-557-E300	2014-595-BE100	2014-634-BE100
2014-338-E100	2014-562-E100	2014-597-E500	2014-636-BE100
2014-339-BE100	2014-566-BE100	2014-600-BE100	2014-646-BE100
2014-357-E100	2014-567-F300	2014-603-E100	2014-647-E100
2014-362-E100	2014-591-E100	2014-604-BE100	2014-653-E100
2014-409-E500	2014-592-BE100	2014-607-BE100	2014-661-BE100
2014-526-E300	2014-594-BE100	2014-629-BE100	

REPORTS:

EMS Board Chair Report, Daryl McNutt (Chair)

Mr. McNutt thanked all the Board members for all their hard work with the committees.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

RPAB

- The RPAB All-Member and chair meetings were held on November 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- The chairs are working on realigning the RPAB regions to align with the Homeland Security regions in as seamlessly as possible. RPAB Region IV is currently operating under their regional trauma triage protocols as approved by the Board. Due to the realignment, a portion of RPAB Region III will merge with a portion of RPAB Region IV. A meeting is being arranged with the stakeholders in the upcoming newly aligned region to discuss whether they wish to continue to operate under RPAB Region IV’s regional trauma protocols, and if so, what will the protocol contain. Regardless if they decide to continue with what is currently in place or choose to modify the protocols, the potentially revised protocol will be presented to the Trauma Committee for review and then forwarded to the Board for final approval. If this process is not completed before the realignment, all parties must revert to the established Ohio trauma triage rules on July 1, 2015.
- The NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines were distributed to the RPAB chairs for feedback.
- Next meeting is scheduled March 11, 2015.

Dr. Cunningham presented applications for the appointment from Dr. Hamilton Schwartz (Region I); Dr. Craig Dues and Dr. Valerie Link (Region III); and Dr. Sheila Steer (Region VIII) for the Regional Physician Advisory Board membership for the EMFTS Board approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the RPAB appointment from Dr. Hamilton Schwartz (Region I); Dr. Craig Dues and Dr. Valerie Link (Region III); and Dr. Sheila Steer (Region VIII). Ms. Harris - First. Ms. Simon – Second. Dr. Schwartz – Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Executive Director House presented an application for the appointment from Dr. Carol Cunningham (Region IX) for the Regional Physician Advisory Board membership for the EMFTS Board approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the RPAB appointment from Dr. Carol Cunningham (Region IX).
Ms. Harris - First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None – Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham presented an application for the appointment from Dr. Andrew Hawk (Region II) for the Regional Physician Advisory Board membership for the EMFTS Board approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the RPAB appointment from Dr. Andrew Hawk (Region II). Ms. Harris - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None – Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Ebola

- Dr. Cunningham and Executive Director attended an executive leadership meeting at Governor's office regarding Ebola. Many initiatives, challenges, and lessons learned were discussed.
- There have been zero Ebola cases that originated in Ohio.
- CDC guidelines are being developed and released. There will be more to come with further discussions.
- Ongoing recommendations and initiatives will be shared as made available. All are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas to help with improvements.
- Many gaps have been identified as it pertains to response to infectious disease.

NEMSAC

- The NEMSAC meeting was held in Washington, DC on December 3-4, 2014.
- NASEMSO EMS Performance Measures Project was rolled out. It is a two-year project. Hospitals may eventually be reimbursed based on their performance. The goal of the Project is not to be prescriptive in telling agencies how they are performing. Instead, they plan to create tools that will enable EMS agencies and their data systems to identify areas for improvement in order to maximize reimbursements.
- The NHTSA EMS Education Agenda and priorities for the FICEMS Strategic Plan have been updated and approved.
- The Mobile Integrated Healthcare advisory may be approved in April. This document will be a useful tool for states to use while talking to their legislators.

NAEMSP

- Annual meeting is scheduled for January 22-24, 2015. Dr. Cunningham will be attending and will present an update at the February Board meeting.

Assistant Attorney General, Brandon Duck

AAG Duck presented a brief update on pending litigation to the Board and asked for a motion to adjourn and enter into executive session to discuss in more detail.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(3) with the AAG, invited guest Executive Director and ODPS Legal at 11:02 a.m. Ms. Harris – First. Dr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

The Board returned from executive session at 11:09 a.m.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone

The Board discussed the revision of OAC Chapter 4765-1-04, *Military Provision Related To Processing EMS Applications*, The rule was revised to ensure compliance with HB98 & HB488. The Board was provided and reviewed copies of those revisions prior to the meeting. Ms. Firestone requested a motion to file the rule with JCARR.

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4765-1-04 and all the related documentation with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review with allowance for minor revisions. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

EMS Legislative Liaison, Andy Spencer

ED House stated that Mr. Spencer was on an assignment and unable to attend. However, Mr. Spencer relayed that there was nothing of significant to report to the Board.

Executive Director and Staff Reports ~ Melvin House

EMFTS Seats:

- Seat #4 Hospital Administrator and seat #10 EMS Provider both remain vacant.
- The following Board seats which expired on November 12, 2014 have been filled by reappointment until November 12, 2017: Seat 3. ER Pediatrician – Dr. Hamilton Schwartz; Seat 9: EMS provider (EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic) – James Davis; Seat 13. EMS provider (EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic) – Karen Davis; Seat 16. Owner/Operator of Private Emergency Medical Service Organization – Kent Appelhans; and Seat 19. Owner/Operator Nonemergency Medical Service Organization-Ambulette – Julie Rose.

DEMS Staff Vacancies:

- Administrative Professional 2 – Fire/Education Section. Start date of January 5, 2014 ~ Susan Edwards
- Human Services Program Consultant – Trauma/Research Section. Application reviewed and test began on December 10, 2014.
- Grants Administrator – Grants & Certification Section. Currently reviewing applications and the posting will remain open until filled.
- Administrative Professional 2 – Certification Section. Position description under development.
- Administrative Professional 1 – Certification/Grants Section. Currently reviewing applications; skills assessment will be scheduled within the next week.
- Regional EMS Coordinator for Northwest Ohio – Education Section. The position is a part-time contract employee. Currently reviewing resumes.

IT Project:

- Web-based fire testing complete. System evaluation by program directors and proctors on December 18, 2014. Training webinars will be conducted in January.
- Certification rebuild underway.

Website Update:

- Project underway to create a link to the test site sent to DEMS. DEMS feedback provided; revisions underway.

Meetings/Conferences:

- Medical Transportation meet-and-greets continued. A total of 14 visits completed. On December 11, 2014. Executive Director House, Dave Fiffick, and Connie White visited Donald Martens and Sons Ambulance Services and Tri-County Ambulance.

EMS Star of Life Awards

- Due to budget constraints, the Ohio ACEP will not be hosting the EMS Star of Life Awards program. It was suggested that perhaps the Board, with the assistance of the Division of EMS, host their own awards program. If the Board wishes to do so, they must start the

conversation and determine how to move forward. It will be discussed in more detail during the Board's retreat in February 2015.

Reminder that the EMFTS Board retreat is Wednesday, February 18, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. (*Update: meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.*) and the meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Both will be at ODPS in Conference Room 134. All committee members must submit a new application if they wish to continue to serve on the committees, subcommittees, and ad hoc committees. The Committee chairs will be presenting a motion to the Board to approve the committee members for 2015.

Executive Director House thanked Daryl McNutt and Becky Baute for their service the past year as chair and vice chair. He also thanked all of the committees for the work that they have accomplished. Although there has been a lot of progress, there is still much more work to be done. DEMS staff continues to work hard to assist with achieving the Board's goals.

EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze

Jean Booze reported that, from October 9, 2014 through December 10, 2014, there were 118 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

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

Jean Booze reported that during October 9, 2014 through December 10, 2014, there were 2,364 new EMS certifications and 2908 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

ACTION: Motion to approve new certifications. Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Steinberg – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions requests; there were a total of four CE exemption requests all due to medical hardship: three were dual-certified (#2014-12-2, 2014-12-3, 2014-12-4) and one EMT only (#2014-12-1). There were no military exemption requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve three of the requests (#2014-12-1, 2014-12-3, and 2014-12-4). All supporting documentation has been received for these three requests. However, staff does not recommend approval of one request (#2014-12-2) and requests a motion to deny this exemption request. Although staff has requested supporting documentation, this applicant has not complied and no supporting documentation beyond the original diagnosis from 2010 has been received.

ACTION: Motion to approve exemption requests for #2014-12-1, #2014-12-3, and #2014-12-4 and deny the exemption requests for #2014-12-2. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Education, Linda Mirarchi

All requests were included in the consent agenda; no additional requests have been received.

Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of October, November, December 2014 and January 2015. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of October, November, December 2014 and January 2015. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (19 Ambulettes/3 Ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new service. Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation for new headquarters (3 Ambulettes) and satellite location applications (7 Ambulettes/5 Ambulances. Staff is requesting a motion and approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new headquarters and satellite location applications. Ms. Harris – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

EMFTS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc committee met on December 16, 2014.

The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association and the Fire Alliance updated the Committee on their proposed language to move forward with MIHC/Community Paramedicine. Their language includes "An Emergency Medical Technician Basic, EMT Intermediate (recommended to change to Advanced EMT), EMT Paramedic (change to Paramedic) may perform emergency medical services in non-emergent basis if the services are performed under the direction of a medical director or a cooperating physicians advisory board". Michelle Fitzgibbon and Chip Welch from the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association have made the recommendations. They anticipate that nothing will move forward legislatively until the spring 2015.

Due to this lag, the Committee will not meet until April 14, 2015. However, if there is still no movement by then, the April meeting may be cancelled.

The Board was advised that the Integrated Health Solutions (IHS) Leadership Conference scheduled on January 16, 2015, hosted by Gary Wingrove and Mary Ahlers (IHS) is a private event and by invitation only.

EMS-Children Committee (EMSC), Ellen Owens

The Committee did not meet since the October Board meeting.

The Committee requests a motion to appoint Kenneth Hoffman to the EMS-Children Committee.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Kenneth Hoffman as a member to the EMS-Children Committee: Ms. Harris – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

EMS System Development, Jim Davis

The EMS Systems Development Committee requests that the Board finalize the discussion regarding background checks for all certificate holders via a motion.

ACTION: Motion to approve and support a policy change to require criminal background checks for all certificate holders. Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Beavers – Second.

Discussion: This issue has been an item of discussion for some time. The requirement of criminal background checks will require a law change. However, this Board is one of the few boards that do not require a criminal background check. This motion will communicate to the Ohio Department of Public Safety that the Board not only supports but also approves the concept of requiring criminal background checks for all certificate holders. With this motion, the responsibility will be placed into the hands of the Ohio Department of Public Safety and allow the Division of EMS to move forward with pursuing the idea of criminal background checks.

None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

The Committee has been working to develop an active shooter position paper which includes EMS involvement in active shooter response. The draft position paper will be presented during the February 2015 Board retreat.

The Board requested clarification as to what position EMS would take with an active shooter incident. This position is not regarding tactical EMS, but EMS's role in evacuating civilians safely during such an event (i.e. rescue vs tactical). The position paper when complete will offer a clearer understanding.

The Committee is waiting for ODH response to their suggested revisions to the CHEMPACK annex. A meeting will be arranged to finalize those changes.

The Committee requests a motion to appoint Brian Byrd to the Homeland Security Subcommittee.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Brian Byrd as a member to the Homeland Security Subcommittee:
Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Education, Pam Bradshaw

The Education Committee met on November 19, 2014.

The mentorship section of the instructor's course has been correlated with the curriculum. The Board had previously approved the mentorship program; therefore this change does not require additional approval.

The Committee requests a motion to appoint Brian Anderson, Tristan Coomer, Tom Duffee, George Snyder, and Josh Tilton to the Education Committee.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Brian Anderson, Tristan Coomer, Tom Duffee, George Snyder, and Josh Tilton to the Education Committee.: Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Ms. Beavers provided an update from the last meeting.

The Committee discussed the segment of the draft EMFTS Board position paper that references mandatory capnography for prehospital intubations. The Committee was concerned that the current wording/language does not coincide with the national language and titles. The Committee will like to revise to make it more standard. The new language will be sent to the Education Committee for review and then to the MOC Committee.

Lisa Nickels from the James Rhodes Community College offered to develop a training video at no cost. Dr. Cunningham will be consulted and assist with its coordination. The draft video should be completed by the end of the year with revisions and edits to come after.

Regarding the strategic plan, the Committee was tasked in completing a prehospital needs assessment, however additional data is needed. DEMS staff (Sue Morris) will report attend and report at the March Committee meeting regarding the data that is currently available vs what the Committee would like to see available. This information will allow the Committee to develop the assessment.

Medical Oversight Committee (MOC), Geoff Dutton

MOC met on December 16, 2014.

The Committee requests a motion to appoint Eric Wiedlebacher to the MOC.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Eric Wiedlebacher to the Medical Oversight Committee.: Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

The Committee would like to extend their appreciation to the Education Committee with their assistance in refining the capnography language.

The Committee discussed the language of the original motion of August 2014 requiring the use of capnography within the five years. Their concern was regarding the language: waveform is capnography and digital is capnometry. In addition, the Committee would like to set a firm date in which waveform capnography is required for patients who require invasive airway management rather than using the language "in five years".

The Board discussed the Committee request/concern. After much discussion, the Board will recommend the immediate use of waveform capnography and/or digital capnometry with the requirement of waveform capnography for patients who require invasive airway management by January 2021. This will allow for a full five grant cycles prior to the requirement.

ORIGINAL MOTION (August 20, 2014): Motion that Ohio requires EMS providers to use digital or waveform capnography for patients requiring invasive airway adjuncts, with a mandatory requirement for its use in five years. Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Harris – Second. Dr. Steinberg – opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The Board agreed to amend the original motion to:

ACTION: REVISE ORIGINAL MOTION: Motion that EMFTS Board requires the use of diagnostic waveform capnography in the presence of airway management by January 1, 2021. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Dutton – Second.

Discussion: The Board discussed that with the amendment, that the motion is now requiring waveform capnography only and not waveform capnography **OR** digital capnometry. The Board was in agreement with only waveform capnography being sufficient to meet the requirement. The Board discussed the wording of "airway management" and not invasive airway adjuncts.

ADMEND ABOVE MOTION: Motion that EMFTS Board requires the use of diagnostic waveform capnography in the presence of invasive airway management by January 1, 2021. Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None – opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

MOC is currently reviewing the position paper on airway management. Dr. Cunningham will revise the airway management position paper to reflect the above motion. The position paper will include a statement that the immediate use of waveform capnography is highly recommended by the Board with an explanation that it will be a requirement by January 1, 2021. The position paper will be presented to the Board for review and approval at the February Board retreat.

Medical Transportation Committee (MTC) – Tom Allenstein

The Committee met on December 16, 2014.

The Committee discussed the current rules. One concern is the determination of vehicle road worthiness. Currently, inspectors are tasked with assessing areas of the vehicles where they have had little to no training. They believe they are not qualified to inspect the vehicles thoroughly in these areas. The Committee asks that perhaps the Ohio State Patrol could, once again, resume the inspection of medical transportation vehicles for road worthiness.

ACTION ITEM: Executive Director House to follow-up with OSP to check if they could complete the medical transportation vehicle road worthiness inspections instead of the Medical Transportation Inspectors.

The Committee continues to discuss vehicle standards, KKK-A-1822 Ambulance Purchasing Guide (Triple K standards) versus the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances. The Triple K standards will become obsolete by September/October 2015. However, the Triple K standards are currently in Ohio law. Therefore,

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the Committee must develop language which will follow the federal minimum standards with the ability to add to Ohio standards.

The Committee reviewed the 2014 "Equipment for Ground Ambulances" list. The Board discussed the list and one concern was that the lists overlap between adult and pediatrics. It is not easy to approve/adopt a single list. Rather than adopting the whole list, the Board and Committee would like to review further. As the issue was tabled in October, the Board agreed to continue to table the discussion to allow for further review.

The Committee continues to work on reviewing the strategic plan as it pertains to medical transportation. Workgroups to be developed to address the following:

- 1) Create effectiveness and enforceable rules.
- 2) Develop a plan to work with other committees in areas where there is overlap.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose:

The Subcommittee has not met since the last Board meeting.

The Subcommittee members have been working with outside associations to gain insight to the issue of critical interfacility transportation as reflected in the current scope of practice. They continue to explore ways to clarify the types of transportation that would require additional training and offer guidance and curriculum items to the medical directors responsible for providing that additional training. The information is being gathered and will be shared with the Education and Medical Oversight Committees.

A SharePoint has been developed in order to post documents regarding air services best practices.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2015.

Resource Management Committee, Mark Resanovich

The Committee met on December 16, 2014.

The Board was provided with copies and discussed the Training and Equipment Grant Application and the Training and Equipment List/Expenditures for Priority 1; the Research Grant Application and Agreement for Priority 2-5; and the Assistance to Paramedic Training Programs Grant Application and Agreement for Priority 6 for review and approval. Due to possible ethics concerns, the packets were returned to the DEMS at the end of the meeting.

The Committee agreed that training and durable medical equipment are a higher priority than disposable items. The Committee removed disposable items from the Priority 1 Equipment List. The Board reviewed and discussed the revised equipment list. The Board was somewhat concerned with the removal of disposable items in the wake of the Ebola outbreak. It was noted that there are other avenues for agencies to pursue to receive such items during an outbreak (i.e., the Ohio Emergency Management Agency). The Board discussed the possibility of providing an avenue for those agencies that can demonstrate a real need for the disposable items. The Board continued to discuss the concern. The Board agreed that due to the decrease in funding that changes have to be made, priorities set, and hard decisions made. This change is only the beginning. Some things cannot continue to be supported through grant funding. After much discussion, the Board agreed that priorities need to be established and grant awards need to be given for equipment/training where it is needed most and disposable items are not among those items.

The Board suggested and all agreed that under the "Diagnostics & Monitoring" section, where *CO₂ Detector* is listed, to add "*Waveform Capnography*". Other than that change, there were no other amendments.

ACTION: Motion to accept the revised Training and Equipment List/Expenditures as presented by the Resource Committee. Mr. Dutton – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to approve the grant applications for Priorities 1 through 6. The Board was provided with copies for review. The only change from 2014 was the addition to the statement regarding complying with the ethics laws.

ACTION: Motion to approve the EMS Grant applications for Priorities 1 through 6. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

The Committee hopes to arrange a meeting with Boards and Commissions to discuss the grant processes and ethics compliance.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2015.

Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton

The TCD Committee met on December 16, 2014.

The Committee has continued to reach out to include other stakeholders, particularly the medical community (hospitals and physicians). With the assistance of Dr. Steinberg and Noah Gross, Dr. Michel Torbey, the medical director for Ohio State University's Neurovascular Stroke Center will be in attendance at the next TCD meeting. Dr. Cunningham will provide a PowerPoint presentation which will be followed by committee discussion. This will allow for Dr. Torbey's feedback and gauge his interest and willingness to discuss TCD with his organizations.

In addition, Dr. Ernie Mazzaferri, who is the medical director of Ross Heart Hospital, has express interest in meeting with the TCD Committee and offer his feedback. Information will be provided to the Board once the meeting has been confirmed. All those interested in attending are welcome.

Trauma Committee, Dr. Steinberg/Tim Erskine

The Committee did not meet in November.

The Ohio EMS for Children Program, the Ohio Trauma Committee, and the National EMS for Children Data Analysis and Resource Center are collaborating to host two one-day workshops "Concepts in Process Improvement" at the Quest Business Center March 24-25, 2015. The workshop is free of charge and will be limited to 20 participants. The workshop is designed primarily for hospital EMS coordinators and EMS instructors. The workshop is designed to teach what process improvement truly is; how to start a process improvement activity, and how teach this information to other EMS providers. The participants must agree to offer a minimum of one session of this workshop to local EMS personnel within the next 12 months. Additional information will be shared when available.

Dr. Steinberg presented a brief trauma legislative update. The trauma legislation continues to move forward, and it is in its fourth revision. The legislative sponsor is organizing the possible last interested party meeting in January 2015.

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations in October for the EMFTS Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2015 were:

- Chairperson Nominations
 - Geoff Dutton (nominated by Mark Resanovich)
 - Deanna Harris (nominated by Pam Bradshaw)
- Vice Chairperson Nominations
 - Geoff Dutton (nominated by Diane Simon)
 - Deanna Harris (nominated by Mark Resanovich)

Geoff Dutton removed his name from the nominations as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Geoff Dutton then nominated Rebecca Baute as Vice Chairperson. And Dr. Hamilton Schwartz nominated Rebecca Baute for Chairperson. Rebecca Baute accepted the nomination as Vice-Chairman and declined the nomination for Chairman.

ACTION: Motion to accept Deanna Harris as Chairperson and Rebecca Baute as Vice-Chairman of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services for 2015. Dr. Steinberg – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Daryl McNutt thanked all the Board for their support during his time as the Chairman.

Ohio EMS “Star of Life” Awards – With the Ohio ACEP not hosting the Star of Life Awards in 2015, the Board discussed the possibility of creating their own “EMS Star of Life” awards to acknowledge those in EMS and Fire and all that it may entail. They discussed revising the Ohio ACEP criteria or developing their own by, perhaps hosting a simple awards ceremony at ODPS as was done in the past during EMS week. The possibilities included in the discussion were hosting a day-long event that would include continuing education credits, utilizing the Fire Academy, and partnering with other agencies. With the amount of work required within a short time frame, the Board discussed forming a workgroup to include Dr. Tallman, Ms. Harris, Ms. Beavers, Ms. Baute, and Mr. Dutton. However, with the restrictions inherent with the Open Meeting Law and the short time frame, the workgroup will not be formed at this time. Any additional ideas for the awards are to be sent to Deanna Harris and/or Mel House. Deanna Harris offered to look into the matter further and report back to the Board during the Board retreat in February.

Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association (OFCA) requested an amendment to OAC 4765-14-04 during the October meeting/public hearing. The Board discussed the request of the OFCA, as presented by Chief Robert Bates, to revise the current language in Rule 4765-14-04 which was not included in the rules being heard during the public hearing. However, with the issue being brought forward it needed to be addressed. Chief Bates was then contacted after the public hearing and asked if he or the OFCA had any issues with moving the current rules forward if the Board considered their suggested change to OAC 4765-14-04. Chief Bates agreed. The Board was provided with a copy of Chief’s Bates’ testimony which included the suggested change to revise the current language in Rule 4765-14-04 by adding the following “*The board shall retain the power to and be the only entity authorized to approve state and regional trauma triage protocols.*” The Board requested additional clarification from the OFCA. The Board requested that Chief Bates/OFCA provide additional information at the Board retreat in February for clarification.

The Board continued to table the request as additional information is needed. Chief Bates will be invited to attend the Board retreat in February to present the proposed amendments to Chapter 4765-14-04 suggested by the OFCA and to provide clarification to the intent of the changes.

ACTION: Motion to table changes to Chapter 4765-14-04 “Education of state and regional trauma triage protocols” until the February 2015 Board Retreat. Dr. Steinberg – First. Dr. Tallman - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

NEXT RETREAT & MEETING: (at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.)

RETREAT ~ Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

MEETING ~ Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.