



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

RETREAT MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2016

~ DRAFT~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 (1:00 p.m.) at the Ohio Center for Occupational Health and Safety, 13434 Yarmouth Dr., Pickerington, Ohio

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Beth Calcidise, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Diane Simon, Thomas Wappner.

Board Members Absent: Steven Jones, Susan Kearns, Dr. Thomas Tallman, and Dudley Wright

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: Barry Seth; LaGrange Fire & Rescue, and Jay Clevenger, Ohio Fire Academy

Ms. Deanna Harris, Chair opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

New Board Members

Executive Director Melvin House welcomed everyone to the 2016 EMFTS Retreat. Director House introduced Beth Calcidise who represents the Mobile Intensive Care Unit/Provider as Seat #17 and was appointed December 28, 2015. Susan Kearns was appointed on February 12, 2016 for seat #8 that represents EMS Instructors.

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians ~ Jeremy Miller and Dawn Horton

Mr. Jeremy Miller and Ms. Dawn Horton from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians presented the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) and Paramedic Scenario Psychomotor Exam and Psychomotor Competency Portfolio Update.

Ms. Dawn Horton, Recertification Manager, presented a PowerPoint regarding the new recertification model titled “National Continued Competency Program” (NCCP). **Attachment #1.** The model is built on four principles of professional standing, practice performance, life-long learning and individual continuing education. The NCCP components include 50% National Core (NCCR), 25% Local (LCCR), and 25% Individual (ICCR). The National Registry will begin the transition beginning in 2016.

Members of the EMFTS Board inquired as to how the new model would affect the current three-year cycle of the EMS certifications. The NCCP is only for those who wish to have a National Registry card and does not affect Ohio certifications.

Mr. Jeremy Miller, Director of Certifications, presented the “Paramedic Scenario Psychomotor Exam and Psychomotor Competency Portfolio Update”. **Attachment #2.** A change is needed because most students can do the skills when they graduate, but moving to the next level of integration and coordinating management of the scene and the patient is missing. The Portfolio tracks a student’s progression through each of the phases of a student’s education. The National Registry has partnered with the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) to help coordinate Regional Scenario Development Workshops for educators throughout the year. These workshops will help educators better prepare their students to function as paramedics.

CARES – Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival

Lynn Chheang, Program Coordinator, and Allison Crouch, Director of Operations, presented the CARES program to the EMFTS Board members. The CARES CPR quality module is a supplemental module that collects detailed CPR quality data, including code summary information such as compression rate, depth and CPR fraction, or “hands on time.” It will integrate the code summary data into CARES allowing for greater access to data for CQI purposes. The goal is to improve professional EMS CPR quality.

Hospital participation is critical and it was suggested that the Ohio Hospital Association be included in this discussion regarding the CARES program. Other discussions included the fees associated with the program and the need for a full time State Coordinator.

Version 3 of EMSIRS will be collecting everything CARES requires, therefore, once the information is collected, the information could be sent to CARES. The CARES program gives the patient outcome but this would require hospital participation.

It was decided that the Board members think about the information provided and decide whether the Board should continue to pursue the CARES program.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Harris, Dr. Cunningham, Director House, Tim Erskine meet with the Ohio Hospital Association.

~Break~

Online Rescue Task Force ~ Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director, presented the Rescue Task Forces PowerPoint. **Attachment #3.** The primary goal of a rescue task force (RTF) is to deliver lifesaving treatment to victims of a mass casualty incident, regardless of etiology, as rapidly as possible. The RTF concept is not tactical EMS (TEMS). The RTF provides medical support to victims, partnership between EMS agencies and law enforcement agencies.

Active shooter incidents have been on the increase in our society. It was suggested that education and training be provided for free to EMS providers for these type of situations. These are not certification courses.

Mr. Resanovich will ask for Board approval at the EMFTS Board meeting on February 18, 2016, to partner with Ohio State University, Ohio Tactical Officers Association, and other rescue task forces in Ohio to develop an educational component for providers so they have a basic understanding of what the rescue task force concept is and how EMS can interact with law enforcement. Anyone who would like to be a partner is welcome.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Resanovich will ask for approval from the EMFTS Board at the Board meeting on February 18, 2016.

Ohio Guidelines Update ~ Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Carol Cunningham presented the State of Ohio EMS Guidelines. **Attachment #4.** The current guidelines and procedure manuals are built on an old software program, portions of content are outdated, and additional chapters are needed to address the expansion of current EMS practices. The NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines are evidence-based and consensus-based patient care guidelines, provides ongoing updates to maintain currency and is patient-centric.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Cunningham will ask for approval from the EMFTS Board at the Board meeting on February 18, 2016.

EMS Star of Life Awards ~ Deanna Harris

Director Mel House reported that the EMS Star of Life Awards Nomination packets have been distributed. The deadline for nominations is March 18, 2016. The Ohio Department of Public Safety audio visual communications will present a video at the awards ceremony on May 18, 2016 at the ODOT Auditorium.

ACTION ITEM: A motion will be requested at the Board meeting to add May 18, 2016 as an additional Board meeting to be conducted in the morning. The EMFTS Board members will attend the EMS Star of Life Awards in the afternoon.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

RECESS

EMFTS Retreat Meeting

- February 17, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Ohio Center for Occupation Health and Safety, 13430 Yarmouth Dr., Pickerington, Ohio

Attachments are available upon request:

- Attachment #1 – National Continued Competency Program
- Attachment #2 – Paramedic Scenario Psychomotor Exam and Psychomotor Competency Portfolio Update
- Attachment #3 – Rescue Task Force (PowerPoint)
- Attachment #4 – State of Ohio EMS Guidelines



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Board Members Absent: James Davis, Steven Jones, Dr. Thomas Tallman and Dudley Wright

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Linda Mirarchi, Ellen Owens, Johanna Pickett, Rachel Randall, Bryan Reardon, John Sands, and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: Barry Seth; LaGrange Fire & Rescue and Mike Jackson, Air Evac

Ms. Deanna Harris, Chair opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns (arrived 9:20)	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Mr. James Davis	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent

Moral Turpitude ~ Mike Wise

Mr. Michael Wise, EMS legal counsel, presented a PowerPoint presentation involving moral turpitude. **Attachment #1.** The definition for moral turpitude is *“the act of baseness, vileness, or the depravity in private and social duties that one owes to society, contrary to accepted and customary rule of right and duty between human beings.”*

A discussion ensued regarding the difficulty in finding moral turpitude when the person pleads down their case. It is difficult because if you cannot prove it, then you can't find moral turpitude. The findings of moral turpitude are decided upon case by case.

Appeals Process ~ Rico Barrera, Assistant Attorney General

Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera presented the appeals process. The appellant can appeal based on either the Board's order is not based upon reliable probative or substantial evidence or that the Board's order is not in accordance to law. Once an appeal is filed AAG Barrera will provide a legal analysis and present it to Michael Wise and Melvin House to review. If it is a case where the Board has lost, AAG Barrera will give his opinion of what the chances are of winning an appeal. The Board or the Executive Director can decide on whether to appeal. The Attorney General's office will then review and has the final say if an appeal is filed.

A discussion ensued regarding the timeline of filing an appeal and if an extension of time can be requested. The Board may need to convene for a special meeting to make a decision on whether an appeal will be filed.

ACTION ITEM: AAG Barrera to research as to whether an extension of time can be filed in the appeals process.

Intubation Requirement Modification (OAC 4765-17-04)

Executive Director House stated that this is a continuation of a discussion from the December 2015 EMFTS Board meeting. Discussions ensued whether the Board should change the rule that requires three live intubations within Ohio's EMS education curriculum. Some members had issues with someone never having performed a live intubation. It was suggested that the educational institutions help the students' find a solution to this situation.

A consensus of the Board was to have the Education Committee review this issue.

ACTION: On Thursday, February 18, 2016 a motion will be made for the Education Committee to further review the intubation requirement. Linda Mirarchi to connect with educational institutions regarding this issue. Ms. Harris will connect with the Ohio Department of Health.

New Board Member Introduction

Executive Director House welcomed Susan Kearns, a new board member appointed on February 12, 2016 for seat #8-EMS Instructor. Ms. Kearns is the EMS Program Director at Youngstown University.

~ Break ~

EMS Database Demonstration ~ Jean Booze

Executive Director House explained the issues regarding the old system. Ellen Owens, Jean Booze, and Mel House have spent many hours with IT to clean up and create the new system. The old system was unreliable and the data was incomplete.

Jean Booze, the EMS Certifications Coordinator, gave a demonstration on the new EMS database. Ms. Booze presented the new process of renewing a certification. The State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Public Safety uses *Identity Manager* to protect private information. The new system will not allow duplicate certifications and has many safeguards in the user verifying the correct information.

Applicants will no longer be receiving applications by mail. The EMS office has been busy contacting those who do not have an active e-mail address. The new online EMS database will go “live” in May 2016. A step by step guide will be provided online and an instruction sheet will be included with the renewal letters.

National Accreditation Update ~ Linda Mirarchi

Ms. Mirarchi referred the Board members to the handouts and the documents provided to them in the Board packet. As of January 2016 there were 39 Ohio accredited institutions, 23 CAAHEP accredited and 16 CoA letters of review.

Between 2008 and today, the first time pass rate has increased from 64% to 70% pass rate. Many changes have been made over the years to improve the teaching methods and curriculum. At this time the tests are competency-based and locating information and math are required. The schools are having problems with administrative overload with over 1000 pieces of paper per student.

Tri-Health/Bethesda North Hospital ~ Research Grant Report

Stephanie Lambers, Tom Deets, Christa Jones, and Ron Hinline presented the research grant report on fall prevention. **Attachment #2.**

Ron Hinline, People Working Cooperatively is a non-profit organization in 30 Ohio counties who work to keep low income elderly, disabled and veterans in their homes safely. The organization will do modifications or structural changes to their home.

Many senior citizens have falls, although many of them do not go to the hospital. A significant number of EMS runs are for seniors. The cost of falls are expensive and the average cost with hospital admission is \$10,000 and those admitted to an extended care facility can anticipate a cost of \$3000 to \$5000 per month.

Stepping On is an evidence based fall prevention model that originated in Australia. This includes fall prevention education, follow up home visits and phone calls and home modifications. In Australia they found a 31% reduction in falls. Nationally the Council on Aging recognized the top three return on investments that included *Stepping On*.

Although the study was not statistically significant it was directionally correct. Because of this study a bigger grant was received from Bethesda Inc. to do a study across their entire hospital.

The National Council on Aging released a study that the best and effective way for change regarding falls is to provide the education through emergency medical services.

Digital Innovations/EMSIRS Transition ~ Tim Erskine

The transition from the Trauma Registry to EMSIRS is progressing. Some entities are still having difficulties in getting their information to EMSIRS. The batch upload system for EMSIRS will be in place by April. The date to “go live” is anticipated for June 2016.

There is a legal issue regarding the releasing of data to NEMSIS. Michael Wise, Alex Lapso, and Melvin House will be amending the statute to permit the release of databases for research purposes in the future.

ACTION – Place the NEMSIS data transfer update as an agenda item on each of the Board meetings.

A question was posed regarding the possibility of compiling a list of medical directors. One way to obtain a portion of this list is through the new grants application. The applicants cannot go forward until they have the correct information regarding the medical director. Also, each year the agencies update their demographics and medical directors.

~Lunch Break~

Division of EMS Annual Report ~ Melvin House, Executive Director

Executive Director Mel House presented the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Service's annual report (**PowerPoint – Attachment #3**).

Completed Projects:

- Fire reciprocity process improvement
- Priority 1 Grant Program refinement, including establishment of needs-based economic hardship and board priority supplemental grants
- Conversion to Homeland Security Regions
- Staff reorganization and reclassification
- Established Process Improvement Program
 - Conducted six Concepts in Process Improvement Workshops with 121 attendees

Projects in Process:

- Certification process improvements and database rewrite
- Restoration of EMS Star of Life Awards Program
- Trauma Acute Care migration to Digital Innovation
- EMFTS strategic plan implementation
- Skills USA – Ohio Championships
- Ohio Administrative Code revisions:
 - Medical Transportation rules
 - Fire Training Rules
 - EMS Rules
- Records management review and improvement
- Fire and Instructor testing – test bank improvements
- Pro Board accreditation and delegation of authority
- Medical Directors Workshop scheduled for April 13, 2016 focusing on pediatric pre-hospital protocols

Future projects:

- Evaluate EMS Grant Program Improvements and revise the program as necessary
- Education process improvements and database rewrite
- Grants application system rewrite
- Medical Transportation database rewrite
- Investigations database rewrite
- Website redesign
- Trauma Rehab migration to Digital Innovation
- ORC 4765 and ORC 4766 – legislative review and recommendations

Strategic Plan Review and Discussion ~ Ellen Owens

EMFTS Board Strategic Plan – Key Focus Areas - (Attachment #5)

Priority Area #1 – Time Critical Diagnosis

- Many items are included in the Trauma Bill; therefore, what is or isn't included will drive these strategies.

Priority Area #2 – Dispatch

- A study was completed; follow up work needed

Priority Area #3 – Education

- 2.1.1. – Analyze certification exam results – *ongoing*
- 2.2.1 – Establish workgroup – has been completed and will come to the Board in April
- 2.2.3 - It was determined that funding was not needed - *completed*
- 2.3 – Update the statewide instructor course – *completed and online*

Priority Area #4 – Medical Direction

- 1.1 – Provide input to areas of medical director course - *ongoing*
- 1.2 – A medical director registration - Seeking a way to identify medical directors and those interested in being medical directors – *ongoing*
- 1.3 – RPAB Regions - *completed*

Priority Area #5 – Data

- 1.1 - Obtain data and ensure it is accurate – *ongoing*

Priority Area #6 – Health & Safety

- 1.1 – Emergency vehicle driver training – *completed*
 - *Motion to require emergency vehicle driving training was passed at the August 2015 EMFTS Board meeting*
- 1.3 – Background checks – *on hold pending funding*

Priority Area #7 – Disaster Preparedness

- 1.1 - Establish the role of the State Division of EMS in preparedness planning and disaster response – *completed*
- 2.1 – Improve state disaster planning to address the needs of children. – *completed*
- 3.1 – Develop guidance for Crisis Standards of Care – *completed*
- 4.1 – Develop comprehensive data base of EMS resources to be utilized during multiple casualty or mass casualty – *Completed (maintained by the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association and housed with the Columbus Fire Dispatch)*
- 5.1 – Active Shooters – *completed white paper*
- 6.1 – Violence in the workplace and assault on providers - *ongoing*

Priority Area #8 – Specialty Care

- 1.1.1 – Create a position paper that explains the process – *complete*
- 1.1.2 – Receive approval for endorsement concept by Education Committee and EMS Board – *completed*
- 1.1.3 – Identify and seek letter of support from key agencies – *completed*
- 1.1.4 – Review existing law on state endorsement – *Not permitted by current law.*
- 1.1.5 – Determine process needed for the Division to assure training programs meet necessary standards to offer the training - *ongoing*

Priority Area #10 – Medical Transportation

- 1.1 and 1.2– Rules for Ambulance, Ambulette, MoICU, and Air - *ongoing*

State Office of Rural Health Collaboration, Ohio Department of Health ~ Callen Vorpi

Ms. Callen Vorpi, Critical Access Hospital Flex/SHIP Program Coordinator presented:

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program - (Attachment #4)

Flex Program

- Funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health policy
- Supports improvements in the quality of health care provided in the rural communities served by the 33 critical access hospitals (CAHs) in Ohio and the emergency medical services (EMS) providers

Current Activities

- Ongoing financial, quality and operational improvement work in critical access hospitals(CAHs)
- Rural EMS needs assessment
 - 3 year, \$375,000 project
 - In-depth, community level rural EMS assessment of agencies who serve the 33 critical access hospitals
 - Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) component

Development of Rural EMS Network/Consortium and plans to create similar partnerships in other regions of rural Ohio.

This program aims to improve access to preventive and emergency health care services for rural populations. The program provides federal grant funding to achieve this goal. The Flex Program also puts significant effort into designating Critical Access Hospitals. EMS plays a role in achieving their goal.

~Break~

Trauma Committee ~ Functional Needs Subcommittee Discussion

Tim Erskine reported that the Trauma Committee has recommended to the Board that the subject of people with functional needs to be elevated to a Board committee or subcommittee. The workgroup was tasked with ensuring people with functional needs receive the same benefit from the trauma system as the general population. The disability community and EMS needs to be educated on what to expect.

This is important and there are several issues to consider. Should a new committee be formed; a chair and vice chair will be needed. Reimbursements would also need to be paid and a liaison and support person would need to be added. It was suggested that another committee take on the tasks. It was decided that the discussion will continue at the EMFTS Board meeting on February 18, 2016.

Review Committee Appointments and Meeting Schedules

The Chair and Vice Chair of each committee reviewed the list of all proposed committee members and made additions and deletions. A revised list of each of the proposed committee members will be provided at the EMFTS Board meeting on February 18, 2016 for approval.

OAC Chapter 8 Discussion

Executive Director House stated that Chapters 4765-8 and Chapter 4765-9 will be presented to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review unless there are changes. ED House inquired if the board would accept the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) plus Trauma Triage requirement for EMS renewals. The NCCP requires more continuing education hours, therefore, our current continuing education hours would not change. A discussion ensued and it was decided that the NCCP plus Trauma Triage is acceptable for renewals.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 4:42 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing on Chapters 4765-8 and 4765-9 will take place Thursday, February 18, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the entire EMFTS Board needs to be present.

MEETING:

The EMFTS Board meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 18, 2016 at the Ohio Center for Occupational Health and Safety, 14340 Yarmouth Dr. Pickerington, Ohio

Attachments are available upon request:

- Attachment 1 – Moral Turpitude (Attorney Mike Wise; PowerPoint)
- Attachment 2 – Fall Prevention Study, Research Grant Report
- Attachment 3 – Division of EMS 2015 Annual Report (Director Mel House; PowerPoint)
- Attachment 4 – Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program (Callen Vorpi)
- Attachment 5 – EMFTS Board Strategic Plan – Key Focus Areas