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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
January 17th thru 19th, 2007**

Chaired by Carl Jordan

Board Meeting Date and Location: January 17th, thru 19th, 2007 at Deer Creek Resort
22300 State Park Road #20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Daryl McNutt, Mr. David Fiffick, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Mark Burgess, Mr. James Holcomb, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Mr. Michael Senter, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Mark Mankins, Dr. John Pakiela, Dr. Jonathan Groner, Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, , Dr. Thomas Collins, Mr. James Davis, Mr. John Kubincanek and Mr. William Vedra

Board Members Absent: Ms. Charlene Mancuso

Staff Members Present: Richard Rucker, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Heather Reed Frient, Karen Unver, Mike Glenn, Melissa Vermillion, Ellen Owens, Chuck Milam, John Kennington, Alan Boster, Doug Orahood, Tim Erskine, Diane Walton, Thomas Macklin, Carol MacDowell, Bob Ruetenik, Joe Stack, John Sands, Linda Mirarchi, Chuck Milam, and Jacqueline Tunson

Guest and Public Attendance: Greg Margolis

Mr. Jordan called the January 17th, 2007 meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Charlene Mancuso	
Mr. Michael Senter	Here
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Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here

Setting the Stage, Chairman Jordan

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance to the 2007 State EMS Board Retreat and set the stage for our mission in the future. Mr. Jordan said that we will create a strategic plan to guide the EMS Board during the next five to ten years. The reason we deem that to be necessary at this point is so that the Board, in and of itself, can be proactive as opposed to being reactive. The reason we are considering and adopting a strategic plan as a Board is to be able to be proactive in the future. (Read vision statement for EMS) The foundation for that will come from the EMS Agenda for the Future. Mr. Jordan stated that during the retreat, the Board is going to decide which aspects of the fourteen Attributes for EMS the Board will embrace. There are currently some things on the front burner in regards to education, certification and some things that have us moving in the appropriate direction. However, Mr. Jordan stated that he felt the driving force that will enable the Board to be a contributing member to the overall future of EMS will be our dedication to one or more of the fourteen attributes: 1) The integration of health services; 2) EMS research; 3) legislation and regulation; 4) system finance; 5) human resources; 6) medical direction; 7) educational system; 8) public education; 9) prevention; 10) public access; 11) communication system; 12) clinical care; 13) information systems; and 14) evaluations. The document serves as guidance for EMS providers, healthcare organizations, institutions, governmental agencies and policy makers. They must be committed to improving the health of the communities and to insure EMS efficiently contributes to that goal. Mr. Jordan stated that in order to guarantee that EMS continues to move forward we have to be considered a part of the overall healthcare system. We are the gateway to the healthcare system and that we need to take a proactive position in being able to state to the service providers that we will be responsible for insuring that they have the best services available and are capable of delivering those services to the communities we serve.

Mr. Jordan said that we need to address the construction of our committees. We've always put our committees together with the knowledge that the committees need to exist. One of the new things we will attempt to do this year will be to not just put committees together in an effort to have a committee, but put committees together that are structured to the best of our ability and with goals in mind. We will place individuals on committees with certain levels of expertise and who will ensure that the goals of the committee can be met. A lot of the things done in the past have been more from tradition than from necessity.

Annual Report /Accomplishments Executive Director, Richard Rucker

Mr. Rucker presented a PowerPoint presentation and talked about some of the goals and accomplishments of EMS for the year 2006.

Mr. Rucker shared with the Board that both Mike Glenn and John Sands were recipients of the 1st Quarter 2006 Ohio Department of Public Safety Excellence in Service Award.

Within his slide presentation, Mr. Rucker gave a funding update on the allocation of seat belt fine money and how EMS is doing with its budget. He discussed accounts receivables and expenditures. Mr. Rucker said we're hoping the abstract driver's license increase to fund the Division of EMS will be able to provide financial stability.

The grants division distributed 3.4 million dollars, which is less than in the past, but continues distribute a respectful amount of money to the agencies around the state. Improvements were made to the grant application system, making it a lot easier for agencies to file for their grants.

The office of research and analysis received over 1 million EMS responses and 35,000 trauma patients, which brings the total to over 4 million EMS records and 215,000 hospital records of trauma patients.

The analysis of EMS response to stroke patients was published in The Burden of Stroke in Ohio, a document created by a joint collaboration between the American Heart Association and the Ohio Department of Health. The findings of the analysis have resulted in grant awards to improve EMS care of stroke patients in underserved areas of the state and to research EMS best practices.

Mr. Rucker stated that the Trauma Committee has begun to analyze data from the EMS data center to assess the progress of the state trauma system. The committee is very close to making recommendations on adjustments to the EMS trauma triage criteria for geriatric patients.

Mr. Rucker said the Homeland Security Committee worked on the CHEMPACK project along with Dr. Cunningham. The functional CHEMPACK drill was the first successful use of the LERP (Law Enforcement Response Plan).

Mr. Resanovich said that the deployment protocol has been completed and that the education process is in place. The PowerPoint presentations with all the teaching points are finished and we are now putting together the video of the deployment drill. The goal is to be able to deliver a federal asset anywhere in the state of Ohio in sixty minutes.

The DMA forms were implemented into the application process in accordance with Senate Bill 9.

A business operation plan was developed for the implementation of electronic application processing for EMT renewal.

The Division worked with other state agency representatives to develop a statewide credentialing process in accordance with Federal Homeland Security requirements.

The EMS education section worked with EMS educators statewide to develop a new accreditation process to enhance EMS Education and help develop stronger training programs. The staff facilitated five regional meetings across the state for Program

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Coordinators of accredited programs to provide input on proposed accreditation applications.

National Registry/Computer Adaptive Testing Refresher and Update, Greg Margolis

Mr. Margolis provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation overview of the NREMT CAT testing project and the status to date.

Mr. Margolis said that beginning on January 1st, 2007, the National Registry is still able to provide schools with performance on each of their students and overall performance relative to the national averages. He stated that, over the next year or so, they are hoping to develop significantly more robust reporting that will be available to educational institutions and schools to help identify specific areas of deficiency overall and where they should focus their attention.

After being provided with an update, it was recommended that Mr. Margolis or another representative from the National Registry come back to the EMS Board in May or June 2007 for another update.

*******Lunch Break 12:15 p.m. – 1:07 p.m.*******

Burden of Stroke Project/Interim Report, Dr. Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham gave a brief presentation and updated the board on the Burden of Stroke Study that is being partnered with the CDC and ODH.

Dr. C. said that statistics show that stroke is the third leading cause of death in Ohio, and is the leading cause of serious, long-term disability, according to the American Heart Association.

There are fourteen stroke centers in Ohio, seven of which are in the Cleveland area.

Committee Structure/Expectations, Chairman Jordan

Mr. Jordan stated the ultimate goal is to provide committees with some direction and to revisit those committees after a period of time to find out where they are in reference to the goal the committee is trying to obtain. The Chair spoke of reaching outside the Board and acquiring expertise to bring others into our committees to be able to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves. He stated that the Board should be more willing to reach out and ask for assistance in particular areas where we don't have the expertise.

The Chairman opened it up for discussion / concerns in reference to committee structure. Mr. Jordan said he felt that committees should be established by effective leadership. Each committee chair will be held more accountable than in past practices.

The current committee chairs took some time to talk about what is going on in their respective committees an effort for the newer Board members to learn about each committee.

Mr. Vedra said that he felt the mission of the Board/Division should drive the strategy which should drive the committees.

*******Break 2:48 – 3:26 p.m.*******

Research Committee Proposal, Tim Erskine

Mr. Erskine made a presentation to the Board discussing the idea of reorganizing the TRAS and IRSAC committees. This effort, along with the creation of the Center of Excellence (COE) within the Grant Committee, will go a long way towards making better use of the data that is being collected. Reorganization of the TRAS and IRSAC will require changes to the Administrative Code. Creation of the Center of Excellence is being done by Board directive. Mike Glenn reported that the membership for the COE is nearly completed. Drs. Ashley, Wheeler and Hanover (RPAB members) will be joined by Kathy Haley and two epidemiologists from ODH. An EMS provider is needed to complete the team. Meetings could begin as early as next month.

Strategic Planning, Mike Glenn

Mr. Glenn raised a few areas of discussion for the Board regarding its steps over the next 5-10 years. The members discussed several topics, including the following:

- The Board appears to be more regulatory and disciplinary in nature
- The Board should be using data to lead the way in improving patient care
- The Board is reactive rather than proactive in improving EMS. We need to have an idea of what we want our grant money to do and be consistently proactive
- We should be out front leading EMS into better circumstances. We should be there to help EMS, not simply punish EMTs for issues like lack of CE
- We have a responsibility to develop a vision of what we can do to make the EMS system better
- All the Board's decisions need to be driven from the mission. We are not using our data the way we need to.
- All EMS committees and subcommittees should be using EMS data and public safety data, in general
- We must be proactive, we say we are, and we think we are, but really are not as proactive as we can be
- What are we doing about the decrease in funding for CE and initial training? ODPS needs to take a leadership role in providing CE (on-line, etc.)
- Rule making and disciplinary actions are what the stakeholders see as the focus of the Board
- We should find a way to spend less time on disciplinary activities. We need to have more time to focus on leadership issues
- We need a more efficient way to follow-up on "big ideas", and make sure that these are followed through to completion (i.e., timelines, deadlines, assign to

- responsible persons) The Board needs to avoid becoming too bogged down in the minutiae of day-to-day business.
- Have we made our own rules so tight/specific that it prevents the Board from being more flexible and proactive?
 - The Board needs to move outside our comfort zone and be more daring, moving beyond what we routinely and usually do.
 - Most rules over the past year or two have been refiled as “no change”...this trend leads to rules getting out of date and not matching reality. We need to focus on the periodic rule review process to continually improve EMS.
 - Why don't more providers attend Board meetings? There is not much new debate or discussion on issues of importance to the majority of providers... mainly focusing on regulation/discipline
 - Individual board members hear from providers about things that are important to them... funding for EMS, the rapid expansion of air medical services, on-line/distance education, airway complications...these are issues that the board should be discussing more often
 - Education is one of the critical components to addressing many of the issues facing providers and agencies.
 - Distance learning for EMS is desperately needed and is practically non-existent.
 - Many providers ask themselves...What does the Board do for me?
 - We need to approach the stakeholders and ask them what they want/expect the Board to do.
 - The Board should get into more discussions on critical clinical topics at meetings. These discussions will lead to better policy development
 - Tactical EMS is a need in Ohio that is going unaddressed by the Board
 - We need to ask the right questions from our data sources, from our stakeholders, in order to make good policy
 - What do we need to evaluate in Ohio (individual providers, agencies, educational institutions, etc.) to assess how well EMS is doing.

Summary of thoughts

1. The Board has a dual role, regulatory and advocacy... the perception of many stakeholders is that there is too much focus on regulation, and not enough on advocacy.
2. We need to make better use of our data
3. Education continues to be a high priority issue. Distance learning for EMS must develop
4. EMS stakeholders are looking to the Board and Division for leadership on EMS issues
5. Funding for EMS is a considerable problem that needs Board leadership.
6. The Board/Division mission/vision needs to be revisited and continually integrated into the decision making process.

Getting ideas on the table for addressing the issues noted above

Regarding # 1

- Set specific agenda times at each meeting on a specific topic with expectations of lots of discussion and action items, decisions being made.
- Perhaps do a road show to different parts of Ohio, maybe conduct a Board meeting, or just make it more of an informational town meeting
- Perhaps conduct all of the open/public items in the a.m., and all executive session business in the afternoon
- Reschedule the agenda focus of stakeholder topics in the morning, disciplinary/regulation in the afternoon
- Posting agendas, active distribution of agendas, more details on agenda so providers know what is being talked about. Get agendas out more ahead of time.
- Need to better market the Board, what the Board does and why.
- Need better public education, what board members, division staff and providers can tell the public and legislators about the Board.
- Need to re-define the mission/vision and get grassroots input
- Change the physical layout of the Board meeting room, make it less intimidating for providers and more conducive to discussions and debates
- Use Ask EMS to guide the Board on what kind of questions the Division addresses and develop an: Ask the Board for providers to use to ask about policy and EMS philosophy issues.

*******Dinner Break 5:30 – 7:15 p.m.*******

Medical Oversight, Mr. Resanovich and Dr. Cunningham

Medical oversight issues were discussed. Specifically, the research project recently completed in Ross County regarding EMT-Bs doing 12 leads EKG in the field and transmitting them to the hospital was reviewed. The current OAC doesn't allow for variations in the Scope of Practice (SOP) for EMS providers. Critical issues to address in this arena include appropriate revisions to OAC, a stronger database and communication process with EMS medical directors, inclusion of research into the initial training curriculums (i.e. how it impacts practice, how to read and evaluate research and studies, etc.)

*******The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.*******

Thursday, January 18th, 2007

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Daryl McNutt, Mr. David Fiffick, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Mark Burgess, Mr. James Holcomb, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Mr. Michael Senter, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Mark Mankins, Dr. John

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Pakiela, Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, , Dr. Thomas Collins, Ms. Charlene Mancuso, Mr. James Davis, Mr. John Kubincanek and Mr. William Vedra

Board Members Absent: Dr. Jonathan Groner

Staff Members Present: Richard Rucker, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Heather Reed Frient, Karen Unver, Mike Glenn, Melissa Vermillion, Ellen Owens, Chuck Milam, John Kennington, Alan Boster, Doug Orahood, Tim Erskine, Diane Walton, Thomas Gwinn, Aleta Dodson, Thomas Macklin, Carol MacDowell, Bob Ruetenik, Joe Stack, John Sands, Linda Mirarchi, Chuck Milam, and Jacqueline Tunson

Guest and Public Attendance: Bret Atkins, Mark Sanders, Kathy Haley, Dr. John Crow and Christy Beegley

Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Charlene Mancuso	Here
Mr. Michael Senter	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here

Ethics and Legal Updates, Ms. Heather Reed Frient

Ms. Reed Frient reviewed a series of legal and ethical issues of relevance to the EMS Board. Ms. Reed Frient clarified and explained any misunderstandings regarding quorums, and voting requirements for Board members. Board members are required to complete financial disclosure forms/statements. This is a new process for many Board members and will need to be reviewed.

Action Item: Executive Director Rucker told the Board that he would make disclosure statement forms available before April's Board meeting.

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Pandemic Planning Update, Bret Adkins

Mr. Adkins gave a PowerPoint (presentation) overview of the pandemic flu planning and the risks and complications of avian flu.

Mr. Adkins said there have been three pandemics in the 20th century and stated it is simply a matter of time before there will be another pandemic.

Mr. Adkins talked about what the differences are between the yearly and seasonal influenza and what you can do to keep you, your family, community, your co-workers and your community partners safe and how a pandemic can affect a community.

Mr. Adkins stated that pigs can carry the flu and there have been a couple of instances in the medical literature about cats carrying it in small cases. The avian flu derives from birds and the mortality rate is about 50%. Although work on a vaccine can start as soon as a pandemic virus is identified, it will take a few months before it is ready for mass distribution.

For additional information you may visit www.ohiopandemicflu.gov

*******Break 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.*******

Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, Mark Sanders

Mr. Sanders gave a little history of his background to the Board.

Mr. Sanders talked about the mission of the Division of EMS and stated that it is truly the mission of local jurisdictions providing services and ultimately the mission of each provider which are our members in some form or fashion in the OAPFF.

Mr. Sanders stated that the OAPFF is willing to assist the EMS Division and Board in their efforts of improving patient outcomes with better training and technology, through grants and research projects.

*******Break 10:49 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.*******

Trauma System Update, Kathy Haley and Dr. Crow

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Trauma committee spoke to the Board regarding the upcoming activities of the committee. The geriatric triage workgroup has made some preliminary recommendations to the Trauma Committee; these are undergoing additional statistical and clinical reviews. A final recommendation to the Board on changes to the trauma triage criteria should be coming in the first half of 2007. A workgroup is evaluating the transfer times from non-trauma centers to trauma centers. This issue is critical for system development, and is associated with the over/under triage discussions

and will take additional resources in the form of research support to fully address. The completion of the Model Trauma Systems Plan (MTSP) benchmarking tool will be important for any additional development of the system. Bringing in a national MTSP facilitator to assist is a key for success. The committee has drafted a series of “next steps” once the benchmarking tool is completed.

*******Break 11:55 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.*******

Disciplinary Philosophy/Discussion, Ms. Vermillion

Ms. Vermillion stated that the Case Review Team proposed some changes to the audit consent agreement. Historically back in 2001, the Board started with the current consent agreements for audit consents for individuals who were short on CE. The consent agreement included a written reprimand, a \$250 fine, time to complete hours deficient, and must provide proof of hours at next renewal, if the EMS provider was deficient in the number of CE hours completed, regardless of the number of hours the certificate holder is short on the audit. No fine is issued if the EMS provider is deficient in CE hours in required topic areas, such as pediatric and geriatric.

The Case Review Team proposal stemmed around replacing the fine with a suspension of the certificate to practice based on a percentage scale of the number of CE hours short and how the time to complete the hour’s deficient was calculated. Each case would still be looked at on a case by case basis.

Mr. Burgess said that, as a chief, removal of the fine as an option concerns him. If an EMS provider’s certificate is suspended for thirty day or three days, the ramifications can be more severe than a fine if the possession of an active certificate is a condition for employment. Mr. Burgess said he felt that you should reserve the suspensions of the cards for a more severe discipline because of the impact it has. The fine is to get their attention but it does impact the employment position as read.

Ms. Reed Frient asked the Board for their thoughts in regards to putting legislation together to allow issuing fines. Would they prefer the language to be more open ended, as it is with the fire law (i.e., “up to a \$1,000”), or does the Board want the language to be more specific?

Dr. Cunningham stated that whatever the Board decides should be consistent for everybody.

After much discussion, Mr. Rucker suggested that we work on a legislative change and work on some different options that we will take as a Board for disciplines.

The board agreed to table the discussion, however did agree to utilize a portion of the proposal to consist of the number of hours short and the time to complete.

Hours Short	Time to Complete
0-10 hours	30 days
11-20 hours	60 days
21-35 hours	90 days
More than 36 hours	120 days

*******Lunch 12:50 p.m. – 1:53 p.m.*******

Recruitment and Retention, Christy Beegley

Ms. Beegley presented a PowerPoint presentation of the recruitment and retention report to the Board. This is one of several projects that were funded by the ODH Health systems bioterrorism grants re: EMS surge capacity. The report is extremely detailed and contains a great deal of information, based upon Ohio data.

*******Break 3:10 p.m. – 3:19 p.m.*******

Barriers to EMS Training, Mike Glenn

Mr. Glenn presented the EMS Board with a copy of the Barriers to increasing EMS provider training. This report was funded by the ODH bioterrorism grant and is part of the larger initiative to assess/address surge capacity for EMS. This report has extensive data collected from central and southern Ohio.

Grants, Alan Boster

Mr. Boster and Mr. Burgess conducted a presentation and discussion with the Board regarding the grants program. There was discussion on how to make the grant awards more need-based. There is increasingly more data available to the committee and Board to help guide grant activities, and this should continue.

There was discussion about how to get the most “bang for the buck” regarding equipment purchases (eliminate items that are not cost effective for patient care, get certain items that are purchased in large numbers on a state term contract for better pricing. The prior discussions regarding required CE and how it is impacting many providers are important to consider. If more funding is needed for initial and continuing education, and there is a limit to the basic equipment that can be purchased, the Board might consider how to tailor the grant process to better support educational needs.

Mr. Burgess suggested advertising the Grants committee meetings more and encouraging the public to attend and provide the committee with their input regarding grant allocations.

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Disciplinary Philosophy/Discussion, Karen Unver

Ms. Unver led a discussion on the current Board practices regarding disciplinary actions taken against EMTs, specifically for lack of continuing education. The effect that this has on providers is different depending on their level of activity (career vs. volunteer).

The issue of the two hours of required continued education on trauma triage transportation protocols was discussed extensively. Specifically, this CE is sometimes not readily accessible. The Board voted to exempt all providers from this date forward until the triage module from the Trauma Education Project was revised and made into a self-administered CE program available on the Internet.

ACTION: Motion to exempt the two hour Ohio Trauma Triage transportation protocol CE for all providers from this date forward until the EMS Board has established a method of delivery for EMS providers and that form is to be decided by staff. Resanovich first. Kubincanek second. None opposed. Motion approved.

AMENDMENT: Motion to develop and place a web-based system approved by the Board through the Division of EMS, to cover two hours of CE for Trauma Triage transportation protocols to comply with the current rule for recertification's. Resanovich first. Burgess second. None opposed. Motion approved.

*****The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.*****

Friday, January 19th, 2007

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Daryl McNutt, Mr. David Fiffick, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Mark Burgess, Mr. James Holcomb, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Mr. Michael Senter, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Mark Mankins, Dr. John Pakiela, Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, , Dr. Thomas Collins, Ms. Charlene Mancuso, Mr. James Davis, Mr. John Kubincanek and Mr. William Vedra

Board Members Absent: Dr. Jonathan Groner

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Guest and Public Attendance:

Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt Here

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Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER, 2007 EMS BOARD MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to approve the December 20th, 2007 EMS Board minutes.
Collins first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

No comments brought forward.

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investigative disciplinary matters by roll call vote at 8:10 a.m. Burgess first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

*******Board returned from Executive Session at 8:49 a.m.*******

GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

Goldman Proceedings were called to order at 8:50 a.m.

Roll Call

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Mr. David Fiffick	Here
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A majority of the Board members were present. Three adjudication proceedings were held for EMS Case No. 2006-11-203, Barbara A. Weddington, EMS Certificate Number 101484, EMS Case Number 2006-135-304, Thomas P. Daugherty, EMS Certificate Number 118396 and EMS Case Number 2006-172-101 Christopher J. Dalton, EMS Identification Number 155333.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of proceedings in the aforementioned matter in the Board office.

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case into evidence. The social security number that is on the case will be redacted. Pakiela first. Burgess second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Since no further evidence was submitted to the Board, the Goldman Proceedings were closed at 8:53 a.m.

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session in order to deliberate and make final adjudication and disciplinary rulings in the matter EMS Case No. 2006-11-203, Barbara A. Weddington, EMS Certificate Number 101484, EMS Case Number 2006-135-304, Thomas P. Daugherty, EMS Certificate Number 118396 and EMS Case Number 2006-172-101 Christopher J. Dalton, EMS Identification Number 155333 of by roll call vote at 8:54 a.m. Fiffick first. Davis second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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*******Board returned from Executive Session at 9:00 a.m *******

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2006-11-203 Barbara A. Weddington, EMS Certificate Number 101484, the board finds that Ms. Weddington committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice in violation of violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(A), 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2)(b) and 4765-15-03, therefore the Board moves to revoke Ms. Weddington’s emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2006-135-304 Thomas P. Daugherty, EMS Certificate Number 118396, the board finds that Mr. Daugherty committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(A), 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2)(b) and 4765-15-03, therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Daugherty’s emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2006-172-101 Christopher J. Dalton, EMS Identification Number 155333, the board finds that Mr. Dalton was convicted of *Attempted Aggravated Possession of Drugs* a first degree misdemeanor, and *Disorderly Conduct*, a fourth Degree Misdemeanor, and concluded these misdemeanor convictions involves moral turpitude, which violates Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(C), therefore the Board moves to deny Mr. Dalton’s application for certification to practice as emergency medical technician. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2005-249-101	2006-465-304
2006-21-102	2006-471-304

2006-273-101	2006-480-101
2006-327-305	2006-489-304
2006-404-305	2006-493-304
2006-405-206	2006-494-304
2006-417-301	2006-495-304
2006-447-101	

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreements for the above listed cases. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb and Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

2001-092-304	2006-375-307 and 2006-376-307
2002-101-304	2006-422-602
2002-196-102	2006-438-101
2003-43-101	2006-441-602
2003-114-101	2006-442-602 and 2006-443-602
2003-138-101	2006-448-101
2003-455-304	2006-449-602
2003-487-304	2006-459-602
2003-321-101 and 2006-485-304	2006-478-101
2006-66-101	2006-492-101
2006-305-101	2006-499-402
2006-349-101	

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb and Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

2001-112-403	2006-79-101
2001-173-101	2006-121-101
2003-257-304	2006-236-101
2003-314-101	2006-268-101
2003-356-101	2006-372-305
2004-340-302	2006-420-101

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases. The individuals were audited and now meet the stipulations. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb and Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

2006-200-102	2006-514-304
2006-439-102	2006-515-101
2006-513-304	

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the above listed cases. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb and Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

2003-417-101	2006-481-602
2005-424-101	2006-482-101
2006-347-101	2006-484-602
2006-378-305	2006-504-101
2006-381-305	2006-506-101
2006-384-101	2006-507-602
2006-394-305	2006-508-101
2006-411-101	2006-509-602
2006-445-101	2006-512-101
2006-456-305	2006-528-101
2006-457-304	2006-529-602
2006-461-101	2006-531-101
2006-468-101	2006-538-101
2006-479-602	2007-5-101

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases for 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, local non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb and Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT, DR. CAROL CUNNINGHAM

Dr. Cunningham had one application for reappointment, Dr. Wayne Wheeler to RPAB Region V.

ACTION: Motion to reappoint Dr. Wayne Wheeler to RPAB Region V. Burgess first. Davis second. None opposed. Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham presented two applications for RPAB approval. Dr. John Schill to Region IV and Dr. Kim Bowen who is a former member of RPAB IX who would like to join the RPAB Region IX again.

ACTION: Motion to approve new membership for Dr. John Schill to Region IV and Dr. Kim Bowen who is a former member of RPAB IX and would like to join the RPAB Region IX again as members of the Regional Physician’s Advisory Board. Pakiela first. Burgess second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, KAREN UNVER

Ms. Unver stated that in Mr. Cantrell’s case, the Board had previously permanently revoked his EMT certificate to practice for having a conviction of Sexual Imposition. Mr. Cantrell had appealed this decision to the Common Pleas Court, which ruled that his conviction was not a crime of moral turpitude, thereby reversing the Board’s order. We appealed this ruling and recently received the decision from the 4th Appellate District, which reversed the Common Pleas Court’s ruling in favor of the Board’s original order.

The appellate court agreed that Mr. Cantrell's conviction was indeed a crime of moral turpitude.

EMS STAFF LEGAL COUNSEL, HEATHER REED FRIENT

Ms. Frient reported on the issue of the 80% rule (4765-7-07) that was heard at the Board's rules public hearing in December. At that time, the Board stated that additional language was needed about reviewing the new passing percentage requirement within 18 months and a recommendation within 24 months as to whether or not the passing percent should be changed. Ms. Reed Frient drafted the following proposed language: "Eighteen months after the effective date of this rule, the board shall review the passing percentage requirement established in paragraph (C)(3) of this rule to determine whether the requirement needs to be amended. No later than twenty-four months after the effective date of this rule, the board shall determine whether the above passing percentage requirement needs to be amended and if so, shall have draft rule language prepared for final approval."

ACTION: Motion to accept above 80% rule wording as stated. Davis first. Burgess second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Rucker stated that he received a call from Homeland Security asking the EMS Board to be the catalyst to place someone on a Strategic Planning Response Subcommittee.

The committee will meet three or four times a year.

Mr. Burgess volunteered to sit on the subcommittee.

Mr. Burgess stated that the grant application for priorities 3 and 4 was mailed in the Board packets discussed at the December meeting. Priority 2 was the RFP for the two hour delay in transfer from the hospital. Priority 4 was intended to cover the use and efficiency of equipment; however, the committee decided it needed more time to properly word the grant. Priority 3 and 4's application is the same as last year and the committee recommends that the Board approve it as presented.

ACTION: Motion to approve Priorities 3 and 4's application as presented in Board packet. Burgess first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

*******Break 9:40 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.*******

STAFF REPORTS

- **Recommendation of Continuing Education Site Approvals, Ellen Owens**

Initial Approvals

	Name	Personnel	Contingencies	County
1.	Lake Township Fire Department	Jonathan E. Larson, Program Coordinator David A. Miramontes, M.D. Medical Director	None	Wood
2.	Alliance Medical Transport Services	Ruda Jenkins, Program Coordinator Jonathon Van Zile, M.D., Medical Director	None	Hamilton
	Total:			

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed sites without contingencies. Burgess first. Holcomb second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Renewals

	Approval #	Exp Date	Name	Contingencies	County
1.	2182	2-18-2007	179 th AW Fire Dept/Medical Squad	None	Richland
2.	1009	4/-30-2007	Lima Allen County Paramedics, Inc	None	Allen
3.	2185	2-18-2007	PMP Joint Ambulance District	None	Hancock
4.	2175	12-31-2006	Sebring Fire Department	None	Mahoning
5	2179	01/31/07	Loveland Symmes Fire Department	None	Hamilton
6.	1008	05/31/07	Pike Township fire and Rescue	None	Clark
7.					
	Total:				

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed renewals without contingencies. Pomerantz first. Davis second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Reinstatement

Approval #	Exp Date	Name	Contingencies	County
2328	1-17-2007	Centers For EMS Education Research	None	Cuyahoga
Total:				

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed accreditation reinstatement with out contingencies. Burgess first. McNutt second. None opposed. Collins abstained. Motion approved.

Expired or Relinquished Programs: Occupational Safety Group, LLC, #2177 expired 12/31/2006, certified mail notice sent.

2007 Statistics: New Programs – 2
 # Certificate of Approvals due to renew in 2007: 234
 Renewals – 8
 # Certificate of Approvals left to renew in 2007: 225
 Reinstatements – 1

- **Accreditations, Ellen Owens**

Notification of Changes to Board

Accred #	Name	Level(s)	County	Change Request
218	Vanguard-Sentinel Career Centers	FR	Lorain	Increase FR course to 48 hrs. Additional 8 hrs to airway, cardiology & patient assessment labs.
		EMT-B		Increase EMT-B course to 140 hrs. Additional 10 hrs to airway, cardiology, pediatric patient assessment & patient assessment labs.

- **Extensions, John Kennington**

ACTION: Motion to ratify extensions that were processed for the period of December 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 as requested. Holcomb first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the requests for exemptions regarding continuing education for five individuals serving on active military duty. Burgess first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

- **Certifications, John Kennington**

ACTION: **ACTION:** Motion to ratify the 910 active EMS Certifications issued for the period of December 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Collins first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Education Consent Agreements by roll call vote at 10:46 a.m. Burgess first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt Here
 Mr. Carl Jordan Here

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Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Charlene Mancuso	Here
Mr. Michael Senter	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here

*******Board returned from Executive Session at 11:30 a.m *******

*******Lunch 11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.*******

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case No. 2006,-518-308, move to renew the EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Basic levels of accreditation. At the EMT-Paramedic levels, move to approve contingent upon submission of documentation to demonstrate compliance with OAC 4765-7-02(A)(17). This documentation must be received and approved by the Division of EMS within 30 days of receipt of certified mailing. Move to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing at the First Responder level. The Assistant Attorney General is authorized to negotiate a consent agreement in lieu of a Notice of Opportunity Hearing. Pomerantz first. Burgess second. None opposed. Holcomb, Fiffick, and Kubincanek abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case No. 2006-519-308, move to renew the EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic levels of accreditation. Move to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing at the First Responder and EMT-Intermediate levels of accreditation. The Assistant Attorney General is authorized to negotiate a consent agreement in lieu of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. The consent agreement shall require the program to submit a signed letter of support for the EMT-Intermediate program from the program medical director, submit a signed affiliation agreement allowing compliance with OAC 4765-16-01(B) and notify students enrolling in the EMT-Intermediate program of its probationary status. Pomerantz first. Collins second. None opposed. Holcomb and Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

Education, Ellen Owens

Ms. Owens provided an overview of the Vision for EMS Education in Ohio, taken from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration “Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach and a summary of education issues to be addressed in 2007.

Vision of EMS Education

- “EMS education in the year 2010 develops competence in the areas necessary for EMS providers to serve the health care needs of the population. Educational outcomes for EMS providers are congruent with the expectations of the health and public safety services that provide them. EMS education emphasizes the integration of EMS within the overall health care system. In addition to acute emergency care, all EMS educational programs teach illness and injury prevention, risk modification, the treatment of chronic conditions, as well as community and public health.”

Attributes of the EMS System of the Future

- The EMS system is guided by patient care needs and is educationally sound and politically feasible;
- The components of the EMS education system are clearly articulated, with a lucid definition of their interrelationships;
- The responsibility and time frames for updating each of the system components are clearly delineated;
- The method for providing input and participating in the outcomes of each component is clearly defined with an established role for providers, administrators, physicians, regulators, educators, and others;
- The ongoing system evolution is guided by scientific and educational research and the principals of quality improvement;
- Physicians are primarily responsible for determining the medical content; regulators the regulatory issues; and educators the educational issues;
- The EMS education system supports multiple instructional methodologies.

Where are we now?

- Education Sites
 - 476 CE Sites
 - 98 Accredited Sites
- Instructors
 - 1694 EMS Instructors
 - 2216 Special Topic Instructors

Some of the EMS Education Issues to be visited in 2007

- Accreditation Process Revision

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- Continuing Education Issues
- Alternative Instructional Methodologies
- Instructor Criteria
- Legislative changes
- Curriculum review and update
- Scope of Practice (Nat'l / Ohio updates)
- Improved communications
- Discipline Issues
- Barriers to EMS Training Report

Ms. Mirarchi provided an update on the Accreditation Process Revision project.

Ms. Frient reported that she and Ms. Unver had analyzed the issue of the previous day's motion regarding the exemption of the 2 hours of CE focusing on trauma triage transportation protocols. The issue brought to the Board's attention was the fact that some providers could not obtain this CE as it was not easily available. The Board had voted to exempt everyone from January 18, 2007, until the rule was changed to allow online CE for this topic. The Board had then asked the attorneys to review the rules to see whether a rule amendment would be necessary. Ms. Frient reported that a new amendment to R.C. 4765.16 (effective January 17, 2007) allows the Board to specify, in rule, the exceptions for when CE may be led by someone other than a certified instructor. Additionally, OAC 4765-19-01(A)(4) states that the Board can approve "other formats" in which CE may be earned. Therefore, the Board could state that such "other format" included a web-based course approved by the Board covering 2 hours of trauma triage protocols. When asked how long the exemption would last, the Board clarified that it would last until the staff reports back to the Board that the system/CE course is ready to go online.

Ms. Frient updated the Board on two law amendments that occurred during the lame-duck session. One change was to the public records exception for residential and familial information of peace officers, firefighters and EMTs. Previous law – specifically R.C. 149.43(A)(7)(b) – stated that "any record that identifies a person's occupation as a peace officer, firefighter, or EMT other than statements required to include the disclosure of that fact under the campaign finance law" were not public records. This exception has since been deleted. An exception still exists, however, under (A)(7)(a) for "any information maintained in a personnel record of a peace officer, firefighter, or EMT" that discloses a number of personal and residential information (i.e., home address, phone number, bank account number, etc.). The second law change was to the terrorist/DMA law (R.C. 2909.32), which covers the issuance of licenses. The Division will now have to provide a letter to any applicant who is denied licensure based on an answer in the DMA form that informs the applicant of his/her right to appeal the decision to ODPS within 60 days. Legal will be working on a template letter for ODPS to use.

Wrap Up

Chairman Jordan stated that there were a multitude of issues dealt with during the retreat.

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Mr. Glenn will summarize the retreat and forward it to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Fiffick first. Bradshaw second. None opposed.
Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.