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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 24 and 25, 2010**

**February 24, 2010**

Chaired by James Davis

Board Meeting Date and Location: February 24, 2010, Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Thomas Collins, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. James Davis, Mr. David Fiffick, Ms. Joyce Fischer, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Mr. James Holcomb, Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. Mallory, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Dr. John Pakiela, Dr. Pomerantz, Mr. William Quinn, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Dr. Steve Steinberg, Mr. William Vedra

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Heather Reed Frient, Tom Hunter, Allie Imhoff, John Kennington, George Maier, Thomas Macklin, Chuck Milam, Sue Morris, Doug Orahood, Ellen Owens, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Cathy Collins-Taylor, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Robert Bates – Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association, Brian Byrd – Toledo Fire, Chris Chumita – Cleveland EMS, Jim Cress – University of Toledo, Charlie Dixon – Columbus Division of Fire, Chris Ebright – MedCorp Training and Education, Wade Edwards – Grant Medical Center EMS, Heidi Erb – National Registry of EMTs, Dan Frederick – Four County Career Center, Chris Hafley – Ehove Career Center, Barbara J. Hancock – Four County Career Center, Robert Hasselfield – Butler Tech, Ann Hoffman – Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Angie Hoptry – Central Ohio EMS Training, Stanley Hoptry – Central Ohio EMS Training, Michele Johnson – Owens Community College, Leslie Mangas – Wright State University, Paul Mallen – Oregon Fire, Ron McWilliams – Columbus Fire, Clifford L. Mason – Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association, Joe Mistovich – Youngstown State University, William Montrie – Owens Community College, Helen Newland – Hocking College, Leo Perrin – Columbus Division of Fire, Alan Reis – Beaverdam Fire Department and Rescue, Jennie Ried – Grant Hospital, Debbie Schiff – Pickaway-Ross CTC, Mike Senter - Central Ohio EMS Training, Randy Shaffer – Antwerp EMS, Charles Sowerbrower - Sinclair Community College, Joseph Stefanko – Parma Hospital, Bonnie Stich – Stark State University, Joseph Toth – Parma Hospital, Brian Tritchler – Summa Health System, William Turner – Shawnee State, Rob Wagoner – National Registry of EMTs, Wendy Walker – Southeast Ohio EMS, Tami Wires – Southeast Ohio EMS, Tom Wolf – Montgomery Fire, David Workman, Jon Zalensia – Summa Health System.

Mr. Davis called the February 24, 2010 meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

**Roll Call**

Mr. James Davis                      Here  
Mr. Mark Resanovich                Here

Ohio Department of Public Safety  
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Mr. Rucker, Division of Emergency Medical Services (DEMS), introduced Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) Director Cathy Collins-Taylor. She thanked Mr. Rucker for his leadership and progressive management of the Division. On behalf of Governor Strickland and ODPS, she thanked everyone for renewing their commitment and planning efforts towards Emergency Medical Services (EMS). EMS is an essential component of Ohio's comprehensive public safety efforts and everything that is done to optimize the level of service to roughly 1,400 Fire and EMS agencies represents another positive step in those efforts. With the recent outbreak of H1N1, the Division of EMS and State Medical Director Dr. Carol Cunningham worked closely with partners at the Ohio Department of Health to ensure that EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics were vaccinated and properly trained to help to reduce the effects of the H1N1 pandemic and fill in the gap where needed vaccinating citizens. Director Collins-Taylor is proud to say that Dr. Cunningham has been part of a larger symposium to speak about our H1N1 initiatives, bringing recognition to Ohio.

Members of the Board are facing one of the most important EMS decisions in recent memory with consideration of national accreditation for all paramedic programs to remain in the National Registry or to not require programs be nationally accredited, which would require a new testing agency for the state EMS certification exam. This decision will have a major impact on the future of Ohio's EMS system. She thanked the Board for taking the time to gather input from stakeholders at today's open forum.

Through the establishment of rules authorized under House Bill 1 that will move EMS and Fire certifications to one card and one expiration date, the Board is enabling the Division of EMS to certify applicants more efficiently and effectively. She applauds the office of fire services in raising awareness through firefighter lifesaving training by taking the lead to ensure the 16 Live Safety Initiatives and Everyone Goes Home program. While the state and local municipalities have faced budget challenges during the past year, Governor Strickland is committed to finding workable solutions to provide support to programs and services such as EMS. A solution

identified in the Governor's most recent biennium budget was to allocate a portion of Ohio's BMV abstract fees as a more sustainable funding source to replace funding lost through increased seatbelt compliance rates. Director Collins-Taylor thanked everyone for planning the open forum regarding the EMT-Paramedic national accreditation issue. Mr. Davis thanked Director Collins-Taylor for her comments and agreed the Board is a dedicated group.

**\*\*\* Break 9:12 AM – 9:19 AM \*\*\***

Board member Mark Resanovich opened the public forum regarding national accreditation for paramedic training programs. He said the issue came forth when the National Registry posted a letter stating that only schools nationally accredited through the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) would be considered eligible to take their paramedic test. He thanked everyone for traveling to Columbus to voice their opinion regarding the impact on their programs which will aid Board members in making their decision on what is best for Ohio, the citizens, and constituents to meet the challenge placed before them.

After a thorough investigation on the issue, the two options are:

**Option 1** – Ohio accredited paramedic training programs must be nationally accredited through CoAEMSP by 2018. The examination recognized by the EMS Board for Ohio certification will be administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).

**Option 2** – Ohio accredited paramedic training programs will not be required to seek national accreditation.

Mr. Resanovich said this is a monumental step in Ohio and all options need looked at in order to make a decision that is best for Ohio. The Board felt an impartial party should mediate the forum and he introduced Laura Tiberi who would be the moderator.

The following speakers provided written testimony to the Division of EMS: Mike Senter, Advisory Board Member of Central Ohio EMS Training; Stephen Dodigen, Superintendent, Collins Career Center; Carolyn A. Steffl, Program Director, EMS Technology, Columbus State Community College; Dan Frederick, Program Coordinator at Four County Career Center; Ohio Instructors Coordinator Society; William Montrie, Coordinator for EMT-Basic Training and Program Director of Owens Community College; Joe Mistovich, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Health Professions at Youngstown State University

*[Copies of written testimony submitted to the EMS Board are available from the Office of the Division of Emergency Medical Services upon request.]*

During the public forum, comments in favor of Option 1 (national accreditation) included: Ease of reciprocity with other bordering states and rest of the country; provides national accepted minimum standard and entry level competency for practitioners that protects the public; elevates EMS paramedics with all other allied health professions already nationally accredited (EMS is the only allied health profession not nationally accredited); national accreditation would

eliminate the state from having to create a testing mechanism, which would be costly; sets a minimum standard of care and practitioner competencies.

Comments not in favor of national accreditation included: Application to become nationally accredited is approximately \$5,000 and costs could get passed on to students; requiring more medical director involvement for site visits; bachelor degree requirement for program directors; increased cost to agencies to send employees for potentially more expensive paramedic training; cost of schools for subsequent renewal every five years to maintain national accreditation; national accreditation will damage the public safety system in Ohio and ultimately trickle down to the quality of patient care; potential loss of volunteers and programs in rural areas; increased recruitment/retention challenges as a result of increased tuition to send paramedics to school; concern national accreditation would lead to future national accreditation of CE sites; would require an additional site visit to prepare for every five years in addition to the current state site visit every three years; concern some career centers would eliminate paramedic training programs if they had reduction in students and could not make money; only concerned with training paramedics for Ohio and not concerned about reciprocity issues.

Comments in favor of Option 2 (Ohio accreditation) included: The state already provides accreditation for free; would not require program directors to have a bachelor degree; North Central Accreditation used by many schools with paramedic programs is the only accreditation that provides federal grants for students and could still be used; there would be no increased cost to agencies for training their employees.

Comments not in favor of Ohio accreditation included: Cost of creating and validating a testing mechanism; does not allow for reciprocity and mobility of paramedics; does not elevate paramedic profession; students who graduate from a non-CoAEMSP accredited institution in Ohio who want to work in another state might have to take entire program over.

Some felt national accreditation should be an option, but others felt it would be too confusing to students as well as an administrative headache for program coordinators. Board members asked if grant funding was available to assist school programs to gain national accreditation, would that change their stance and many said it would. However, doubts were raised that such grant funding could be obtained in the current state of the economy.

Misconceptions addressed about national accreditation included:

- CoAEMSP standards require a Bachelor's degree only of the program director; however, CoAEMSP will recognize this criterion has been met if the program director is in the process of obtaining a degree. Individual institutions might require instructors to have degrees.
- CoAEMSP is a non-profit organization.
- There is no requirement to reduce teacher to student ratio.
- There is no additional training equipment requirement; that is up to the local communities.

Many programs indicated they are seeking national accreditation regardless of what the Board decides due to proximity to other states in order to remain competitive, and view the additional cost as that of doing business.

Mr. Davis said he appreciates everyone's comments and stressed that no matter what the Board chooses, there will be a financial impact in some manner. Regardless of the decision that the Board makes, they will have to navigate it in a manner that is responsible, professional, and will require the assistance from everyone here today to make it a success. Ms. Tiberi said the other component is the Board is charged by statute to make determinations for the best interest of EMS in Ohio. Everyone here has a personal impact to bear, whether you are a Chief, a program coordinator with a degree or without a degree. Mr. Resanovich thanked everyone who made their concerns known and provided comments to the Board. He said the Board has been laboring over this issue for quite some time the input is appreciated.

**\*\*\* Break 10:50 AM to 11:05 AM \*\*\***

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for Board members to provide their comments on the national accreditation discussion. Ms. Frient advised Board members who are program directors might need to recuse themselves if their private life would affect their impartiality on this vote. She said this would apply more to those who are heavily involved in their programs and if the vote might impact their employment. She said if abstaining, members should not present comments. Mr. Davis said a vote would not be taken until tomorrow, giving members time to think further about the discussion and information tonight.

Board members discussed their concerns, which mirrored those addressed during the public forum. Ultimately and statutorily, Board members have a responsibility to what is best for citizens, as patients, and EMS as a whole in Ohio. Dr. Dahl-Grove thinks paramedics deserve to be elevated to a profession and be recognized along with all other allied health providers, nurses, and physicians. Dr. Collins wanted everyone in the audience who does not have an opportunity to attend the Board meetings every month understand how passionately this Board, staff, and Division have been looking at this issue over the past two years. He thinks everyone demands progress, but no one wants change. Ms. Graymire said this is reminiscent of the fears expressed when Ohio went through the process of deciding whether or not to become a trauma system and weighing the impact to hospitals. She believes that whatever decision is made, the Board needs to be cognizant of the clarity of the Board's information to the stakeholders, paramedics, and schools. Mr. Holcomb said what was good 20 years ago isn't good enough today. The field and profession has changed and we need to look at where we want to be in 2018 and beyond. Dr. Steinberg thinks the primary responsibility is to ensure Ohio citizens have access to EMS services today, tomorrow, as well as 2018 and beyond. Mr. Self said whatever the decision, a sense of urgency and ownership of all stakeholders about the future of EMS in Ohio needs to take place. Mr. Mallory said if we are going to raise the bar to national accreditation, we need to lend a helping hand to those that can't afford that transition.

Mr. Resanovich thanked the committee and staff members for their hard work and research over the past year for coming up with the two options. He said each Board member needs to remember why the Governor appointed us to this Board: to make decisions for the protection of all citizens in Ohio and provide direction and leadership to EMS providers. The EMS Agenda for the Future is a pathway set forth by NHTSA which we need to consider. This will not be an easy decision, but it is time for us to be visionaries and make a decision on what will be best for everyone in Ohio, not just today or tomorrow, but beyond.

**\*\*\* Lunch 12:15 AM – 1:06 PM \*\*\***

Mr. Rucker gave a presentation on the Division's accomplishments in 2009. Highlights included: Expanded SIREN newsletter content and its conversion to electronic format; created online training for H1N1 vaccinations and created site on EMS Division website to convey important information during event; created online trauma triage course; funded \$3,290,000 to 712 training and equipment grants and approximately \$600,000 in trauma/research grants; implemented online initial certification process; approved the nationally recommended pre-hospital ambulance pediatric equipment list; provided eight Hospital and EMS Chempack training sessions in each of the HLS regions; and collected data on 1 million EMS runs from 1,300 EMS agencies. This information will be posted to the EMS Division website. Mr. Davis said the staff carries the load of the Board's work.

Ms. Mirarchi disseminated information comparing the ODPS vs. CoAEMSP accreditation process for members to help answer any additional questions they might have prior to tomorrow's vote on national accreditation. A second document listing paramedic accredited programs in Ohio, which Ms. Mirarchi considers 43 of the 53 active. Of those, 31 meet the first-time or overall pass rates in 2009 and 24 met a first-time or overall pass rate from 2007 – 2009. 37 of those 53 programs have program directors with a baccalaureate degree or above. Five of those programs are CoAEMSP accredited; 13 of the 53 are planning to pursue national accreditation. She distributed an article from the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) recommending all fire programs become CoAEMSP accredited. She also distributed a report giving the first time and overall pass rates for each paramedic program.

Dr. Dahl-Grove asked if there was a regional map showing the programs already CoAEMSP accredited and whether they are active. She would also like to know the number of graduates in the program over the last several years including their pass/fail rates. Ms. Mirarchi will work on getting this information to the Board tomorrow. Dr. Collins said the national accreditation issue is in no way a referendum of Ms. Mirarchi's work. Ms. Mirarchi said with a recent law change, the Division could provide a five-year site visit cycle instead of the current three-year one so as not to burden schools who go with national accreditation.

Mr. Davis announced the meeting tomorrow will begin at 8:30 AM. He reported the Rules committee made some minor changes to the rules requiring Board action tomorrow. A packet of the rules changes were made available. Mr. Davis also included information regarding goals and objectives for review and discussion tomorrow. The Ethics Financial Disclosure forms included in today's handouts need returned to the Board Secretary.

**\*\*\* Break 1:45 PM – 1:55 PM \*\*\***

Investigations, Melissa Vermillion

**ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action(s) against certificate holder(s) which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) and involve matter(s) that are required to be kept confidential under Revised Code 4765.102(B) at 1:55 PM.** Mallory first. Self second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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**\*\*\*\*\* Board returned from private session at 2:38 PM \*\*\*\*\***

**ACTION:** Motion to go back into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters by roll call vote at 2:38 PM. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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2008-28-302	2009-672-101	2009-697-304
2008-643-101	2009-674-102	2009-700-101
2009-316-403	2009-679-304	2009-701-101
2009-390-102	2009-688-304	2009-708-304
2009-437-101	2009-689-304	2009-722-304
2009-591-304	2009-690-304	2009-723-304
2009-597-101	2009-691-304	2009-759-304
2009-657-401 (B)	2009-692-304	2009-766-304
2009-668-101	2009-693-304	2009-771-304

**ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreement(s) for the above listed case(s).** Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. Marchetta abstained – 2008-643-101; McNutt abstained – 2008-643-101; Collins abstained – 2009-597-101; Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009-561-101	2009-662-602	2009-699-503	2009-734-602
2009-657-401	2009-682-307	2009-704-602	2009-736-304
2009-661-305	2009-698-502	2009-725-401	2009-742-602

**ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s).** Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2004-169-304	2006-341-102	2007-127-304	2008-673-101
2005-335-101	2007-63-101	2007-248-304	2009-40-101
2006-312-101	2007-68-602	2008-50-101	

**ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s) as the individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreement(s).** Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009-55-308
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**ACTION: Motion to issue a cease and desist order for the above listed case(s) as the individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreement(s).** Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2008-697-501	2009-413-101	2009-724-304
2009-329-502	2009-456-102	2009-726-102
2009-362-102	2009-575-602	2009-764-304
2009-371-101	2009-659-304	

**ACTION:** Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing(s) for the above case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009-439-101	2009-767-304	2010-12-E100	2010-45-E100
2009-707-101	2009-770-101	2010-14-E100	2010-46-E100
2009-744-101	2010-1-E100	2010-25-E100	2010-47-B100
2009-747-101	2010-5-E100	2010-26-E100	2010-48-E100
2009-751-101	2010-6-B100	2010-29-E100	2010-50-E100
2009-752-101	2010-7-E100	2010-36-E100	2010-51-E100
2009-757-101	2010-8-E100	2010-39-B100	2010-54-B100
2009-758-101	2010-9-E100	2010-40-E100	2010-55-E100
2009-762-101	2010-10-E100	2010-41-E100	2010-63-E100
2009-763-602	2010-11-E100	2010-43-B100	

**ACTION:** Motion to close the above listed case(s) 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. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Davis turned the chairmanship of the EMS Board over to Mr. Resanovich as Mr. Davis needed to abstain from the next cases.

2008-641-102	2009-7-501
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**ACTION:** Motion to accept the Consent Agreements for the above listed case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. Davis, Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Davis said the EMS Board will be deliberating on one Report and Recommendation in the matter of EMS Case #2009-210-102, EMS Certificate #5875, David B. Workman. Mr. Workman did not file objections to the Report and Recommendation in this case. Mr. Davis recognized Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

Ms. Tertel said Mr. Workman is present and would like to address the Board when she is finished. Mr. Workman had a fifth degree felony for theft in office. A hearing was held and the transcript was provided to Board members for their review. Through case review, the circumstances were fairly extreme and particularly egregious. It involved taking the credit card from a deceased person of a traffic incident and later using the credit card at a strip club across state lines. This was not committed in the course of practice as an EMT, but Mr. Workman was working for the coroner’s office. It was bad enough that the credit card was stolen, but using it was a flagrant violation of any kind of situation involving a health care profession. The Hearing Examiner found in favor of permanently revoking Mr. Workman’s certification.

Mr. Workman addressed the Board and wanted to repeat that he was not working as a paramedic at the time. He has dedicated his life in EMS for 35 years. The credit card was taken by him as an ID only and it was misused. He went back to the bar two days later after he found it happened and tried to make it right, but they would not let him. He has a clean record and feels it is extreme to take his certification. He was hoping for a suspension and knows paramedics who have used wrong drug two weeks ago and nothing was done; a paramedic tried to commit suicide and nothing was done. He seems extreme to take his license after 35 years and would like the Board to give a guy another chance. He said the card was not used intentionally and is sorry it all happened.

Ms. Tertel advised Mr. Workman that the Board will go into deliberation and when they return, they will have their decision.

**ACTION: Motion to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters by roll call vote at 2:56 PM.** Mallory first. Fischer second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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**\*\*\*\*\* Board returned from private session at 3:02 PM \*\*\*\*\***

**ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case #2009-210-102, EMS Certificate #5875, David B. Workman, the Board accepts the findings of fact, the conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to permanently revoke Mr. Workman's certificate to practice as an EMT-Paramedic for his conviction for Theft in Office, a fifth-degree felony, in violation of Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a).** Dahl-Grove first. Kubincanek second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

Mr. Bill Vedra gave an update on the current threat across the country. He said in the last year there have been 10 significant plots of acts of terrorism by 22 people indicted. Many include American citizens, many of which have wives and children in Afghanistan in order to use them as a cover to travel overseas for training. First responders play an important role in identifying potential threats simply by responding to 9-1-1 calls. Mr. Vedra hopes to hold a class in March 2010 for fire services on recognizing suspicious activity. He said they will develop one for EMTs as well. He listed the seven signs of terrorism and hopes to develop a Power Point training presentation for posting to the EMS website. Mr. Vedra said Tom Macklin is a big asset at the Fusion Center and is the EMS Board's advocate. Any questions could be discussed with him as well. Dr. Cunningham asked him to send the Seven Signs of Terrorism to her and Mark Resanovich and they will work to tweak the training for EMS providers. Mr. Davis said the Homeland Security will review this and let the Board know if they feel this is mandatory training or not.

Mr. Davis said Mr. Kennington was able to report that Kentucky has 298 paramedic cardholders who have Ohio addresses and in Pennsylvania they have 231 cardholders with Ohio addresses. Mr. Kennington hopes to hear from Indiana, West Virginia, and Michigan for the same information.

Ms. Graymire said Ms. Mirarchi said 13 or 14 Ohio programs are in the process of obtaining national accreditation. Mr. Davis said Ms. Frient will research the open meetings law to ensure Board members vote appropriately tomorrow.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn with the exception of the Fire Board members, who will remain for discussion of fire issues.** Holcomb first. Self second. None opposed. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 PM.

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#### FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Davis brought the meeting of the EMS Fire Board members to order.

**ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary actions against fire certificate holders which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) and involves matters that are required to be kept confidential under Revised Code 149.43 at 3:40 PM.** Quinn first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

#### Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here

Mr. Mark Resanovich                      Here

**\*\*\*\*\*Fire Board returned from Executive Session at 3:48 PM \*\*\*\*\***

2008-698-706	2009-598-701
2009-391-702	2009-615-706
2009-406-706	2009-655-706
2009-438-701	2009-712-701
2009-481-706	

**ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director accept the above Fire case(s) consent agreement(s).** Mallory first. Resanovich second. McNutt abstained - 2009-391-702; Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009-756-701
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**ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above Fire case(s).** Mallory first. McNutt second. Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2008-145-706	2008-671-701
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**ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above Fire case(s) as the individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements.** Mallory first. McNutt second. Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009-363-702	2009-412-701
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**ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director issue(s) a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the above Fire case(s).** Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2010-6-B100	2010-47-B100
2010-39-B100	2010-54-B100
2010-43-B100	

**ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director Close the above Fire cases due to one of the following reasons: inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions that have previously been deemed “not involving moral turpitude”, local non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.** Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

At this time, Mr. Davis turned the chairmanship over to Mr. Resanovich as Mr. Davis would need to abstain from the following case.

2008-642-702

**ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director accept the above Fire case(s) consent agreement(s).** Resanovich first. Fischer second. Davis, Holcomb abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Jim Davis, Chairman of the State Board of Emergency Medical Services, on behalf of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, said the Committee will be deliberating on one Report and Recommendation in the matter of Fire Case #2008-689-702, Fire Certificate #136436, Brian N. Mendenhall. Mr. Davis noted that Executive Director Richard Rucker was present.

Mr. Davis recognized Assistant Attorney General, Yvonne Tertel, for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action. Ms. Tertel noted that Mr. Mendenhall was not present, but submitted objections to the report and recommendation. She said the case involved felony theft conviction while working for another entity and not during the course of practice. Ms. Tertel reported that Mr. Mendenhall was working for a security company and were providing services to a man with dementia who was afraid and believed someone was living in the walls of his home. For a large sum of money, the firm was going to “get rid of him”. It is important that the public have a trust of EMTs and therefore warranted revocation. Ms. Tertel reported that the Hearing Examiner found in favor of revoking Mr. Mendenhall’s certification and the recommendation is that the Board revoke his certification.

**ACTION: Motion to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations on this matter by roll call vote at 3:56 PM.** Mallory first. Fischer second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here

**\*\*\*\*\*Fire Board returned from Executive Session at 3:58 PM \*\*\*\*\***

**ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case #2008-689-702, Fire Certificate #136436, Brian N. Mendenhall, the committee recommends to the Executive Director to accept the findings of fact, the conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the Hearing Examiner to revoke Mr. Mendenhall’s certificate of fire service training as a Volunteer Firefighter for his conviction of Theft from Elderly Person or Disabled Adult, a third-degree felony in violation of Administrative Code Section 4765-23-02(A)(1)(a).** Mallory first. McNutt second. Holcomb abstained. Motion passed.

No old or new business was brought forward.

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn the Fire Board members portion of the meeting.**  
Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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### **February 25, 2010**

Chaired by James Davis

Board Meeting Date and Location: February 25, 2010, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Thomas Collins, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. James Davis, Mr. David Fiffick, Ms. Joyce Fischer, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Mr. James Holcomb, Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. Mallory, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Dr. John Pakiela, Dr. Pomerantz, Mr. William Quinn, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Dr. Steve Steinberg, Mr. William Vedra

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Dr. Carol Cunningham, China Dodley, Aleta Dodson, Heather Reed Frient, John Kennington, Chuck Milam, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Doug Orahood, Ellen Owens, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Catherine Toole, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Dr. John Crow, Suzanne Hoholik, Columbus Dispatch; Carol Jacobson, Ohio Hospital Association; Lynne Rochette and Jiajing Wang, Ohio Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES), Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Mr. Davis called the February 25, 2010 meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

#### Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here

Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Dr. Steve Steinberg	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the consent agenda items including: the December 16, 2009 EMS Board minutes; EMS certifications, continuing education extension, and reciprocity granted for the period of December 1, 2009 through January 30, 2010; initial and renewal applications for education certificates of approval and accreditation for the period of December 1, 2009 through January 30, 2010; and approval of granting one certificate of accreditation expiration date for all programs for 10 accredited training programs. Marchetta first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

OHTrac Patient Tracking Project

Carol Jacobson of the Ohio Hospital Association gave a presentation on statewide patient tracking system for mass casualty events that is currently used by hospitals across the state. The intent today is to present this to the Board and ask for assistance in supporting the process as it is rolled out to users, and one of the biggest is the EMS providers. They are working to solicit partners with EMA, Red Cross, Coroners Association and others to participate in the process as it is implemented across the state. The vendor selected is Image Trend® and the system is web based and password protected and uses a handheld module scanners. It has three modules: patient tracking, command center, and alert manager. Each person with access will have a “permission level” allowing them to see specific information. Information can be scanned into system from barcodes or driver’s license, and can always be entered manually. The system allows for identifying markers of patients to be entered, which could be body piercings and tattoos, to aid in identification. The pilot programs for hospitals and field providers utilized two processes: scanner and manual entry. This project has been funded since 2007 by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) grant from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). As long as the grant remains in place, they will continue funding. The OHA is the coordinator for the development and implementation of the project.

Their goal this year is to expand the system to appropriate partners and would like the EMS Board to endorse the OHTrac patient tracking system and recommend its use to providers around the state. Once the program is rolled out to providers, it will be up to the agency whether they want to participate. ODH requests the Board to assist in introducing the system to EMS providers, support the use of HLS grant funds could be used to purchase computers and scanners, provide recommendation for EMS providers to be appointed to the statewide implementation committee, and serve as contact experts for the administration issues and implementation phases.

Dr. Collins said the MORG committee discussed a line item for the Priority I Grant for a mass casualty kit and the group felt this equipment can fit into that category. However, they have had a lot of conversation in the past regarding hand held PDA devices that do not get funded. Ms. Jacobson said providers can just buy the tracking tag. Mr. Davis asked what the cost would be per unit for a department to provide for three ambulances. Ms. Jacobson said it depends on the type of scanner they choose. She said the committee could work such estimates up. She said ODH is discussing implementing funds in the ASPR grant which might be utilized to purchase equipment and training. That grant is being written and will contact DAS to see about obtaining state contract pricing. Mr. Quinn brought up the issue that when EMS responds to such events, multiple jurisdictions are involved and would need training. He said one scanner model should be selected for entire state so if agencies respond to other areas, they know how to work it. Ms. Jacobson is working with the vendor to get a software patch in order for the scanners to adapt to computer systems currently being used. Mr. Davis said the Board will take this into consideration and forward for committee review.

#### National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) Assessment

Richard Rucker reported the Division of EMS will be undergoing another NHTSA assessment to evaluate the state of EMS in Ohio. He said NHTSA implemented state evaluations in 1988 and consisted of ten system standards. Ohio was first assessed in 1990 and those recommendations helped the Division get Senate Bill (SB) 98 created to improve education and training of EMTs. A second assessment was done in 2001 which focused on implementing a state trauma registry and data collection. Mr. Rucker said the next assessment should occur in the fall of 2010. All EMS partners will need to work together in order to complete and improve the Ohio EMS system. The process will be driven by the Division staff with the Board's assistance. The 1990 and 2001 NHTSA assessment reports were provided to Board members and will be discussed further at the April Board meeting.

#### May Board Meeting

Mr. Rucker said a special Board meeting will be held May 19th to coincide with National EMS Week. There will be no committee meetings the day before. An ethics training session will be presented by Ms. Frient for all Board members to comply with the mandatory training that is required every two years.

**\*\*\* Ms. Graymire arrived at 9:05 AM \*\*\***

#### Ohio EMS Awards

Mr. Rucker said the Division is planning on expanding EMS awards to include one for each EMT level, medical director, and agency. The information will be placed on the EMS website and publicized through the Listservs. A committee consisting of Board and staff members will review the nominations without knowing who they are. Mr. Quinn suggested each Board member submit a nomination for the EMS awards. Mr. Rucker said the FFSI committee is discussing implementing awards for Fire in October. Dr. Pomerantz asked whether there would be a lifetime achievement category and Mr. Rucker said that will be looked into at a later date. Dr. Collins asked Mr. Rucker if he had discussed this with Laura Tiberi of the American College of Physicians (ACEP) Ohio chapter to ensure this is not in competition with their EMS Star of Life award. Mr. Rucker said he already spoke with her about it and she approved. He noted that

Ms. Tiberi indicated ACEP will still give out their awards this year, but will not be hosting the dinner banquet as they have in past years.

Contribution of TBI to the Medical and Economic Outcomes of MVC-related Injuries in Ohio

Lynne Rochette, Center for Injury Research and Policy and Ohio Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) program manager, presented a report on the contribution of traumatic brain injury (TBI) to the medical and economic outcomes of motor vehicle crash (MVC) related injuries in Ohio. The Ohio CODES Program is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and assesses the medical and financial outcomes of motor vehicle crashes in Ohio by linking data from traffic crash reports with various sources of injury data, including emergency medical services (EMS) runs and hospital inpatient and emergency department admissions in Ohio. By linking crash, vehicle and behavior characteristics to specific medical and financial outcomes, prevention strategies can be identified to assist in highway safety planning and decision-making in Ohio. The research was done in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) and Dr. Gary Smith of Nationwide Children's Hospital. They worked to develop Ohio specific information for legislative development and to prioritize programs and policies. Three main databases were used: crash information from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Trauma Registry EMS data, and Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) data. The CODES linkage model ties in crash, EMS, ED and hospital discharge data. This data linkage is exciting and Ohio is only one of four states attempting such linkage. The Bayesian model was used to produce probabilities that data was a true match. They focused on motor recreation vehicle (MRV) related traumatic brain injury (TBI) in Ohio MRV crashes. Ohio ranks among the top third in all states for the number of MRV fatalities. The study years included 2003 through 2006. Results focused on trauma registry, which are the more severe injuries. There are as many MRV injuries as there are motorcycle injuries. During the study period, there were over 3,000 MRV injuries, and a third of those were TBI's and there were 63 fatalities. The 16 to 25 age bracket represents almost one-third of all injuries in that age bracket. Over one third of TBI hospital bills are paid by public funds. The study identified risk factors including substance/alcohol abuse and protective factor of helmet use. Injured MRV riders not wearing helmets were 1.5 times more likely to sustain a TBI than those wearing a helmet, and their rate of death is 2.5 times more.

As a result of this study, a recommendation was issued to enact a law requiring helmet use when riding MRVs. Ms. Rochette distributed folders providing more detailed information on the project and acknowledged that this research project was supported by ODPS EMS grant funding.

**\*\*\* Break 9:55 AM – 10:10 AM \*\*\***

Mr. Self asked how the Board utilizes the trauma registry information and if it is reactive versus proactive. He inquired if there is a deliberate way of using databases to make recommendations for changes or improvements. Dr. Pomerantz said recently changes were made to geriatric and trauma triage based on data information and will be looking at changes to pediatric triage. However, the hindrance has been staffing levels. Dr. Collins said the Division is adding personnel to that group and the ability to be more proactive will improve. Dr. Pomerantz said in the section normally provides data to people who have requested information.

### 2010 EMS Board Committee Structure and Goals

Mr. Davis distributed handouts regarding Board goals, objectives, and committees. When he met with the staff and Mr. Rucker, he was asked to address the 60% participation rate. The Director is required to notify the Governor's office when a member is not meeting this requirement. The other suggestion was that agendas for the next committee meetings need put in place before adjournment, and if there is no items that need dealt with, the following meeting can be canceled. Ms. Dodson needs minutes from each committee. Mr. Davis would like minutes to be handled in such a way as to include in the committee report instead of spending the time of giving committee reports. Unless specific Board action is required, that time can be used for other things. Dr. Pomerantz said this is hard to do because most committees meet the day before the Board. Ms. Frient said a consent agenda is being done and reduces time spent at meetings. Dr. Cunningham said committee reports are not just a discussion for the Board, but are also for the citizens of Ohio and the people we serve. It is important for the reports to be conveyed and placed on the record in the minutes for those who cannot attend the meeting. Mr. Davis agreed with Dr. Cunningham's comments, agendas and minutes are posted to website. His intent is not to shorten the meetings, but to ensure the Board's time is used for other agenda items and move forward with a visionary plan for the state that we will set forth for 2010. Dr. Pomerantz suggested committee reports at meetings could be limited to two minutes each.

Mr. Davis opened the floor for discussion on committee structure and goals, and a lengthy discussion ensued. Decisions made included:

- It was agreed that the Medical Oversight, Research, and Grants (MORG) committee is cumbersome and suggested MOC should be a stand alone committee. Dr. Pakiela is relinquishing the chair position for MOC and asked for a physician and non-physician to serve as co-chairs. Dr. Dahl-Grove and Mr. Marchetta volunteered.
- Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Fiffick will be retiring from the Board next year and case review will need someone trained to replace them. A transition plan will be made with staff.
- Mr. Davis suggested merging the Research committee with TRAS, but will let the two committees discuss this before making a decision.

Mr. Davis suggested the Board might want to have the MOC committee look at EMT-Basic intubation, which they have already been tasked with, and intubation is removed from the Basic curriculum, what will replace that with rescue airway supraglottic devices. It is his understanding MOC is waiting for a recommendation from the Education Committee. Another longer term project is the feasibility of introducing diagnostic waveform capnography as a requirement in intubation in the state. There are other states such as Florida that has a requirement to use diagnostic waveform capnography as a gold standard. The Grants Committee has put it in the grants application process due to its potential financial impact and it could have a phase-in requirement date. He spoke briefly with the EMSC Committee to give a recommendation to MOC from a pediatric perspective. If the Board approves, those are the items he would like to assign to MOC for 2010 goals.

Mr. Davis would like the Trauma Committee to add the five agenda items cited in this document to their tasks. Dr. Steinberg expressed an interest and Mr. Davis recommended he be appointed as a Board liaison to the committee as a non-voting member.

**ACTION: Motion to approve appointing Dr. Steinberg as Board liaison to the Trauma Committee as a non-voting member.** Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Dr. Steinberg abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis would like to task the Legislative Committee to work with Ms. Frient on every piece of legislation introduced to have talking points available to all Board members to use when speaking to media. Ms. Frient said Legal also has their own matrix on bills which the Legislative committee can review for possible use.

Ms. Frient brought up the point that membership cannot have more than one representative from a professional organization or specialty on it. She heard some committees have more than one person from the same organization. If they are truly needed, the Board will need to propose a waiver to the rules. Ms. Frient said the Legislative committee seems heavily weighted to fire and suggested another Board member from a different area be appointed. Mr. Davis said the legislative committee appears heavily weighted toward fire and recommended Mr. Fiffick be added to the committee.

**ACTION: Motion to approve appointing Mr. Fiffick to the Legislative Committee.** Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Mr. Fiffick abstained. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding separating Rules and Legislative committees, which will be revisited later. Ms. Frient thought the committee was functioning as two separate committees. Mr. Quinn said it is a combined committee, but Ms. Frient accurately depicted how it is functioning. He said there have not been a lot of rules meetings because there were no rule revisions. The Legislative Committee has met 3 or 4 times and he does not foresee a lot of legislative action occurring this year. He said there was a Rules Committee meeting yesterday, but the Legislative members were not in attendance. Mr. Davis said if it is the Board's pleasure, the committee will stand and function as is. Mr. Mallory said when voting occurs, rules vote for rules and legislative vote for legislative rules since both do not meet at same time.

Mr. Davis said the HLS committee plans to create training on the Seven Signs of Terrorism for providers. Mr. Resanovich said the committee will work more on awareness training.

Mr. Davis said EMSC is important with the recent events in Haiti and Katrina and need to assess vulnerability of pediatrics in disaster events. Dr. Pomerantz said there is a state level pediatric disaster group already in place and we need to ensure specific representation for EMSC is on that committee. She said the committee just did a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) and she will try to obtain a copy of that report as they do not want to reinvent the wheel. Ms. Graymire said she believes there are also regional response plans.

Mr. Vedra said the state is reviewing the FY09 DHS grant guidance which contains some new requirements to address children in disasters. He thinks FY10 will have dedicated funding for facilities for children. Mr. Davis said it sounds like there are multiple committees addressing this, and if the Board can tie them together, figure out the deficiencies as it relates to the pediatric population in disaster preparedness, then the Board can communicate the information that will address these issues.

Mr. Davis said that outside participation and involvement on the Recruitment/Retention Committee is lacking. Mr. McNutt reported the committee is working on obtaining SAFR grant for advertisements to Ohio Fire Chiefs', and waiting to see if there will be any movement of HB 255 for the \$400 income tax credit for volunteers. Mr. Davis would like to have a public forum for stakeholders to discuss barriers of recruitment and retention.

Mr. Davis would like to add Mr. Kubincanek as co-chair of the Education committee for transitioning to when Mr. Holcomb retires.

**ACTION: Motion to approve appointing Mr. Kubincanek as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee.** Resanovich first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Mr. Kubincanek abstained. Motion passed.

The last page of Mr. Davis's report had ideas for short and long term goals for the Board for 2010 for discussion. He said the short-term goals will only require one or two meetings. He would like to take the information in the Board packets to create an annual report to provide nominating organizations and post to the website.

Mr. Davis suggested reviewing and updating Mike Glenn's information guide for Legislators that addresses what the EMS Board and Division are tasked with and what they do. It needs reviewed and revised. Mr. Rucker said staff requests to shorten the document to a maximum length of one or two pages.

There are EMS conferences around the state all year long, but there are limited requests for Board members to speak at such events. Mr. Davis would like to create an ad hoc committee to create a presentation everyone can use and will ensure consistent and accurate dissemination of what the Board's authority is and how they and the Division function. Mr. Fiffick feels the Board needs to promote EMS to the legislature and get them to network with us in order to get bills passed. He thinks the Board also needs to market EMS as a profession.

Mr. Davis said he feels there are three long-term Board projects: implementation of national accreditation, TEMS/Advanced Care practitioner certificate, and creating a Board strategic plan.

Mr. Davis will let Mr. Self, who will chair the Strategic Plan ad hoc committee, speak further about it. Mr. Self said it has yet to be determined how the Board measures their success as he does not know what parameters to which the Board's actions are being measured. The talent and expertise of the EMS providers on this Board are very tactical and reactive. He thinks the Board needs to be proactive and imagine what Ohio EMS should look like 10 or 20 years out and then annually measure our success on getting there. He will work with Director Rucker using NHTSA assessment to build a long-term plan. The Board will annually review the progress and put in an annual report. Mr. Rucker said he would like to see the strategic plan combined with the NHTSA assessment. He thinks it would be very advantageous for the Board and staff to have a strategic plan to work towards the future. Dr. Steinberg asked if the strategic plan will be for the Board or the Division or both. Mr. Davis thinks the committee would define the ground rules of what they are planning. Mr. Rucker said it will be for EMS in Ohio.

Mr. Mallory said the Division of EMS should also have Fire in their name when eight of the twenty Board members are from fire service. Mr. Davis said that will take more than a motion. He will meet with Mr. McLean, FFSI Committee Chair, about the matter. Mr. Rucker said it has been suggested but it would require legislative change and there was some controversy about doing this in the past. Mr. Rucker said this has been discussed before and asked Board members discuss with their nominating organizations. Dr. Collins said it would fit in with the strategic plan as well. This also ties into the relationship between the Division, the State Fire Marshall's Office, and the Ohio Medical Transportation Board (OMTB).

**ACTION: Motion to approve appointing Mr. Self as Chair of the ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee.** McNutt first. Mallory second. None opposed. Mr. Self abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis said the National Accreditation committee has been working for two years and thanked Mark Resanovich, Mark Burgess, and everyone else involved. He said it is time for the Board to make their decision, and the work will just begin regardless of what decision is made. Mr. Resanovich said it is incumbent on all members to embrace the decision to serve all providers and citizens in Ohio regardless of which side of the issue you were on. Ms. Mirarchi distributed additional information on student enrollment and pass rate numbers that was requested yesterday for review prior to the vote.

**ACTION: Motion for the EMS Board to support National Accreditation for the paramedic programs in the state of Ohio.** Collins first. Holcomb second.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Yes
Mr. Mark Resanovich	No
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Yes
Dr. Thomas Collins	Yes
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Yes
Mr. David Fiffick	Yes
Ms. Joyce Fischer	No
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Yes
Mr. James Holcomb	Yes
Mr. John Kubincanek	No
Mr. Daryl McNutt	No
Mr. William Mallory	No
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Abstain
Dr. John Pakiela	Yes
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Yes
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Yes
Mr. Craig Self	Yes
Dr. Steve Steinberg	Yes
Mr. William Vedra	Yes

The result of the roll call is 13 yes, 5 no, and 1 abstention. Motion passes. Ms. Frient said the Chair of the Board cannot vote and a motion is needed to revise the results to 12 yes, 5 no, and 1 abstention.

**ACTION: Motion to amend the vote to 12 yes, 5 no, and one abstention on National Accreditation.** Bradshaw first. Collins second. None abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis said a motion needs made to reconvene the National Accreditation ad hoc committee to work through the logistics and assist programs in having a successful implementation of the National Accreditation process.

**ACTION: Motion to reconvene the National Accreditation ad hoc committee to work through the logistics and assist programs in having a successful implementation of the National Accreditation process.** Quinn first. Resanovich second.

Dr. Collins suggested since the topic is fresh in everyone's mind that Board members should submit suggestions to the ad hoc committee chair for the committee to take into consideration.

None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Davis requested a motion be made for Board approval to draft a letter on behalf of the Board and staff to all paramedic programs in the state, thanking them for their participation in the process, notifying them of our decision, and commitment to assist them in the implementation process.

**ACTION: Motion to draft a letter from the Board to all paramedic programs thanking them for their participation in the process, notifying them of our decision, and commitment to assist them in the implementation process.** Graymire first. Bradshaw second. None opposed. Motion approved.

**ACTION: Motion to approve Executive Director of EMS to work on obtaining a funding source to assist paramedic program schools to become CoAEMSP nationally accredited.** Pakiela first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Davis is not sure whether this would require legislative changes. Ms. Frient said if they decide to go the grants route, it would require a law change. There is a possibility to insert an uncodified law, which is for a short or one-time period of priority. Ms. Graymire said that some schools might think they are unable to afford national accreditation, but some schools may find they can deal with it and the Board would not have to fund the whole program. Dr. Dahl-Grove said some schools going through the process might be able to act as a road map for other schools.

A list was circulated for Board members to sign up if they are interested in being a member of the National Accreditation ad hoc committee.

Mr. Davis said he would like to move forward in the agenda as he sees Dr. Crow has arrived to present the Trauma Committee report.

Trauma Committee, Dr. John Crow

Dr. Crow, chair of the Trauma Committee, presented Region IV's proposed changes to trauma triage rules for Board consideration and approval. They were not significant changes with the exception of the definition of the pediatric intermediate trauma victim, which was reduced to loss of consciousness (LOC) greater than five minutes or if an LOC is witnessed by EMS personnel. Region IV has higher criteria than other regions in the state and the Trauma Committee felt this was too stringent.

**ACTION: Motion to accept revisions to Region IV RPAB trauma triage rules.** Steinberg first. Graymire second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Dr. Crow gave the Board an overview of the Trauma Committee's 2009 accomplishments. Highlights included creation of online trauma triage course, study of distracted driving, over-triage and under-triage, and reassessed and recommended elimination of the "48-hour rule" in the OTR inclusion criteria to more fully comprehend the frequency and severity of trauma in Ohio (which will increase the ability to more accurately study over triage and under triage).

Dr. Crow said the Trauma Committee is working with the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership on distracted driving. The Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) is drafting a white paper on it. The Trauma Committee passed a resolution banning operating a motor vehicle while texting and feel it should be a primary offense. The committee would like the EMS Board to consider adopting the resolution on texting as a primary offense. Ms. Graymire said the white paper is more for the Board to have something if legislators or others ask what the Board's stance on it. Mr. Self asked if the Trauma Committee is going to ask other organizations to support this such as ACEP and BNA on this issue. Dr. Crow said he said perhaps they could contact COTS. Ms. Graymire said there are people on the Trauma Committee from various organizations and Board members could take this paper to our organizations and suggest they adopt.

**ACTION: Motion to accept the Trauma Committee resolution on banning operating a motor vehicle while texting.** Pomerantz first. Fischer second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The committee continues working on updating the data dictionary to be in line with the National Trauma Database (NTDB) which is an extensive program and may require grant funding to correct. A future project they would like is to have non-trauma hospitals report trauma patient information, but that is a complex issue and requires cooperation from those hospitals. The committee continues work on the model trauma system document and should have a 40-page document to present to the Board at either the April or May Board meeting. This is a review of over 300 indicators to evaluate the statewide trauma system. They broke this into eight different goals to be worked on for the next ten to twenty years to improve the system. Dr. Crow ultimately would like for the Board to provide a day to review this with all stakeholders.

Dr. Crow said the future of Ohio's trauma system is not only the Model Trauma System document, but good use of the data. Mr. Rucker said the Division is taking steps to address this issue by hiring an epidemiologist intern to work 20-25 hours a week to work with the data. Some of the IT barriers are being addressed with an outside contractor who has been hired

specifically to work for EMS. Dr. Crow suggested comparing the Division's FTE personnel to other states and Mr. Davis said that could help Director Rucker lobby for additional staff.

Dr. Pomerantz said the EMSC committee is looking at doing a similar study for pediatrics as the Trauma Committee did for geriatrics and asked that Dr. Crow see if anyone on his committee would be interested in assisting. He said he will bring it up at the next committee meeting.

## STAFF REPORTS

### Certifications, John Kennington

Mr. Kennington presented four requests for exemption for continuing education by certificate holders due to active military service.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the request(s) for exemption(s) for continuing education for four individual(s) (certification numbers 93041, 93584, 117772, and 137159) serving on active military duty during the certification period.** Quinn first. Holcomb second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Kennington commented that he had a meeting with some of the legislators regarding the expiration of firefighter certifications. He was asked if the Division calls individuals before they expire. Mr. Kennington said with over 90,000 EMS and firefighter certifications, this is not feasible. He spoke with the IT department who developed a report they run that can list certificate holders who have not renewed. With Director Rucker's permission, as long as it is not overwhelming, staff will call those individuals. Mr. Kennington said the average is about eight calls a day. It has been successful and probably saves half those individuals from losing their certificates.

### Executive Director, Richard Rucker

Mr. Rucker reminded Board members that their Financial Disclosure Ethics Forms are due today and please give to Ms. Dodson. He reported that the Abstract Operators License fee that the Division received in the last budget should cover the Division's operating expenses for the year.

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

Dr. Cunningham had an initial application for Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) Region VIII (Dr. Richard George) and reappointments to Regions V (Dr. Craig Key) and VIII (Dr. Ross Campensa), she recommends the Board approves.

**ACTION: Motion to appoint Dr. Richard George to RPAB Region VIII and reappoint Dr. Craig Key to RPAB Region V and Dr. Ross Campensa to RPAB Region VIII.** Collins first. Mallory second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Dr. Cunningham said the RPAB Chairs will meet March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Dr. Cunningham drafted a letter regarding the EMS instructor card for physicians and sent to all emergency medicine residency chairmen and residency program directors and coordinators..

Dr. Cunningham attended the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) annual meeting. She said Dr. Michael Frank spoke about HIPPA and EMS highlighting the pitfalls that may be present when EMS personnel aid law enforcement in ways that endanger patient advocacy and confidentiality. He discussed drawing blood for DWIs and she said as we watch SB 58, it might be a good to have him speak to the Board about some of the pitfalls. Another workshop included workplace safety, including the identification and rehabilitation of impaired providers. Dr. Cunningham would like this to be researched as the nurses and physicians have an avenue for this, but EMS does not.

She and Mr. Rucker attended the State Medical Coordination Committee. By the end of June they hope to have the framework to create a system in the state for disaster preparedness.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) returned to normal operations February 8<sup>th</sup> after winding down the H1N1 efforts.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) selected Dr. Cunningham to present a workshop and serve as a panelist regarding H1N1 at their April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. She believes the H1N1 Vaccinations for Ohio EMS Personnel education module that the HLS committee, Board, and staff created brought Ohio to the national spotlight. Once she has the final agenda for the report, she will forward to the Board.

#### EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Heather Frient

Ms. Frient distributed an updated copy of the EMS Legislative matrix that Justin Long, Legislative Liaison prepared. Updates included:

- House Bill (HB) 241 Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) bill that she and Ms. Owens have been working on. The Honoring Wishes Task Force had questions about the deletion of language in the scope of practice sections regarding failed communications during an emergency, and similar language in ORC 4765.41. Changes were proposed to clarify that the term “written authorization” referred to written protocols, and language was added to reference local written protocols established under ORC 4765.41.

Ms. Frient and Ms. Owens requested the following: (1) “Board approved research study” be added to each specific scope of practice level, as well as the immunity section (ORC 4765.49) to cover EMTs who are providing services in accordance with a board-approved study; (2) language in the First Responder (FR) scope of practice section (ORC 4765.35), which says FRs can only perform EMS “until an EMT arrives”, be deleted. With the 2008 updates to the staffing law (ORC 4765.43), there could be circumstances where a FR needs to perform services even after the EMT arrives; and (3) add “physician assistant” (ORC 4765.49) to the list of professionals an EMS student can function under while receiving clinical training. Representative Garland’s office agreed to add the above-requested language. Ms. Frient said if the requested language is not included in the MOLST bill, or if the bill doesn’t pass, another alternative could be to try and include such changes into SB 200 (which authorizes CRNAs to write orders for medicine that will be administered by another health care professional).

- HB 246, public safety disability, has a companion bill, Senate Bill (SB) 94. Representatives from the OAPFF, FOP, Ohio Police Fire Pension, and Hilliard Norwich Township Fire Department representatives testified and submitted letters in favor of SB 94.
- Ms. Frient attended a meeting with Representatives Carney and Burke on HB 357, (the H1N1 bill, which includes a provision for EMTs to dispense medicine in a declared health emergency). Representative Burke, a pharmacist, wanted the language to specify the specific drugs that could be dispensed. The Pharmacy Board also requested that the term “dispense” be changed to “distribute”. Ms. Frient is going to research the various terms and contact the Pharmacy Board to discuss their new suggestion.

Ms. Frient said there is a Nursing Board bill (HB 490), which proposes to increase the penalty for assaults on nurses. She said several years ago, there had been a similar bill and the EMS Board had wanted to include a reference to EMTs; however, the bill never passed and the Board was not able to enter into discussions about pursuing such an amendment. She asked the Board if they would be interested in seeing whether they could add EMS personnel to HB 490.

**ACTION: Motion to approve including language for EMTs in HB 490.** Pakiela first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Dr. Cunningham asked Ms. Frient about the status of SB 58. Ms. Frient had not heard any updates, but said she would ask Mr. Long if there has been any movement. Dr. Cunningham said it needs watched closely.

Ms. Frient stated she would find out the status of the cultural competency bill (SB 158) and whether it applies to EMTs.

Mr. Davis said there are a few bills that might affect recruitment and retention and asked Mr. McNutt if he had any comment or anything the Board could do to assist his committee. Mr. McNutt said when testimony is requested, be available to meet.

Ms. Frient said HB 243, Military Leave, would provide publicly employed firefighters and EMTs with a minimum paid military leave of 17 twenty-four days to provide equity to those who do not work traditional workdays. She will have Mr. Long add this bill to the matrix report.

**\*\*\* Break 12:06 PM to 12:11 PM \*\*\***

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Committee Report Agenda

A 2009 yearly report from the Education and National Accreditation committee was provided to the Board. The committee report is available for viewing on the EMS Division website at <http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/Committee%20Report%20Feb%202010.pdf> .

### Data, Sue Morris

No report was given.

Emergency Medical Services, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz

Dr. Dahl-Grove will be demonstrating the use of pediatric equipment for ambulances at the International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) conference February 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stack will be presenting at ITLS this weekend and will work on survey responses.

Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Committee (FFSI), Phil McLean (Doug Orahood)

Mr. Orahood reported the following:

- Work continues on obtaining Pro Board national accreditation.
- The Division of EMS has scheduled five “train the trainer” sessions on the 16 Life Safety Initiatives and so far 103 instructors have registered.
- Phil McLean and Jim Steele were re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the FFSI committee.
- Work continues with the Board of Regents using the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) model to create a fire science degree to create training consistency.
- Fire renewal random audits will begin in March, 2010, and expects an average of 120 firefighters a month will be audited.
- Work continues on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 live fire training.

Ms. Fischer said she heard that eventually fire training can only be done by fire instructors and understands that fire chiefs can sign off on continuing education (CE) and asked if that was correct. Mr. Orahood said that CE for firefighters can be signed off by Fire Chiefs or program director. The source of the confusion is with the second option that the committee developed while going through the HB Process. Specifically, the confusion arises where the bill addresses the process using the three-year period of a certification cycle to upgrade a certification, for example: From a volunteer to an FFI. This can only be done when it is taught by a certified instructor under a chartered program director because at the end of the CE process, the person will be allowed to take the test to advance to that higher certification level.

Homeland Security, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich said the TEMS group will discuss the Board’s advanced care certification proposal with the Ohio Fire Chiefs (OFC) on March 9 at their winter symposium.

Mr. Resanovich said Dr. Howard Mell is no longer on the TEMS committee and would like to appoint Dr. Brendan Hawthorne to the committee.

**ACTION: Motion to appoint Dr. Brendan Hawthorne to the Advanced Care/TEMS committee.** Resanovich first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Legislative and Rules Committee, Bill Mallory

Mr. Mallory said there are amended and new rules for the Board for approval for the following amended or new rules:

CE site and Accreditations: 4765-1-01 Definitions, 4765-7-01 Merging of certificates of accreditation and general provision, 4765-7-03 Provisional certificates, 4765-7-07 Renewal of a certificate of accreditation, 4765-7-08 Reinstatement of a certificate of accreditation, or approval

or provisional certificate of accreditation or approval, 4765-7-09 Approval of Ohio EMS continuing education programs, and 4765-7-10 Reinstatement of a revoked certificate of accreditation or approval or provisional certificate of accreditation or approval; and

EMS One Card: 4765-8-06 Issuance of EMS certificate to practice and EMS certificate to teach, 4765-8-07 Merging of EMS certificates to practice and EMS certificates to teach with fire service certificates, 4765-8-15 Certification by reciprocity, 4765-18-02 General provisions, 4765-18-06 Renewal of a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor, 4765-18-16 Renewal requirements for a certificate to teach continuing education, and 4765-18-19 Renewal of a certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor.

Ms. Frient said 4765-1-01(F)(f) needs to include “good standing” along with “good reputation”.

**ACTION: Motion to approve new and amend rules listed above an additionally, including adding “good standing” to 4765-1-01(F)(f).** Mallory first. Pakiela second.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Sands gave an update regarding the One Card – One Expiration change that will become effective at the end of the year. This will be advertised throughout the year to ensure everyone is aware of that. He distributed a matrix of prorated CE in shortened cycle transition until January 1, 2011. The Division is holding five CE training sessions around the state to educate for providers and CE program coordinators. Mr. Sands there are already 135 signed up to attend. He said a group of staff that put a tremendous amount of time and effort working on the rules, especially Ms. Vermillion. A lot of people involved in this included Ms. Frient, Mr. Kennington, Ms. Mirarchi, Mr. Orahod, and Ms. Owens.

Medical Oversight, Research, and Grants Committee (MORG), Daryl McNutt

A revised training and equipment grant list was included for Board members review and approval.

**ACTION: Motion to approve revised Grant training and equipment list.** McNutt first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. McNutt said two items added were CO patient monitoring equipment and oxygen cylinder lines for ambulance. He reported that there were 108 agencies that had a balance over \$1,000 on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the 2008-2009 award year who did not submit request for reimbursement, totaling \$432,000. He said 33 of those had balances greater than \$5,000 and one was for \$15,000. The committee would like to propose that agencies with balances will be limited to the minimum grant amount for the subsequent grant cycle. Mr. Boster will insert this language on the grant application forms.

**ACTION: Motion to approve grant recipients who have remaining balance of \$1,000 or greater on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the award year will be limited to the minimum grant amount for the subsequent year’s grant award beginning with the 2011-2012 award year.** McNutt first. Resanovich second. None opposed. Motion passed.

The committee submitted new legislative language to support the Board's wish to have more flexibility in funding Priorities 2, 3, and 4 grants for projects other than injury prevention and trauma research. The committee will review to see if any additional grant language is necessary.

Mr. McNutt said Dr. Cunningham is looking into creating a 12-lead EKG course for the EMS website using Lectora®.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Frient reported that SB 58 passed the Senate, but may stall in House. She said SB 158 does not include EMTs.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Davis said he will work with Ms. Dodson and Mr. Rucker on committee schedules and all membership rosters need submitted to them. Dr. Cunningham asked if Patient tracking will remain a sub-committee of HLS. It was agreed and they will work on patient tracking with Ohio Department of Health.

Mr. Davis asked for volunteers for the National Accreditation ad hoc committee to work on implementing the paramedic program changes. Mr. Quinn wanted to clarify that the decision to move forward with the National Accreditation of paramedic programs should in no way be perceived as an indictment on the staff or the job they have done in the past to ensure the standards of excellence in education in Ohio.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Holcomb first. Fiffick second. None opposed. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.