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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2009**

Chaired by Mark Burgess

Board Meeting Date and Location: April 15, 2009, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Mr. James Davis, Ms. Joyce Fischer, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Mr. James Holcomb, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Dr. John Pakiela, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Mr. William Vedra

Board Members Absent: Dr. Thomas Collins, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. David Fiffick, Dr. Jonathan Groner, Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. William Mallory, Mr. William Quinn

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Joshua Engel, Tim Erskine, John Kennington, Carol Palantekin, Thomas Macklin, Chuck Milam, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Melissa Vermillion

Guest and Public Attendance: Dan Fitzpatrick

Mr. Burgess called the April 15, 2009 meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Roll Call

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. David Fiffick	
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 18, 2009 EMS BOARD MINUTES

ACTION: **Motion to approve the March 18, 2009 EMS Board minutes.** Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

EMS Executive Director Richard Rucker introduced Joshua Engel, Chief Legal Counsel for the Department of Public Safety, who was filling in for Ms. Frient.

Mr. Burgess reintroduced the subject of the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (DRC) using EMTs for executions in Ohio as addressed in EMS Board member Dr. Jonathan Groner's letter. Board members spent time reviewing the document. Mr. Engel said this is a complicated issue and suggested a mechanism be developed to look at the issue as there is no clear legal authority on this. Mr. Engel suggested two options: utilize his Legal department interns to investigate what other states have done and report findings to the Board or ask a member from the Attorney General's office to attend a future Board meeting for their input.

Dr. Cunningham said medicine is progressing and euthanasia is legalized in some countries. In Britain, it is legal for an IV to be started to allow hospice patients to administer drugs to themselves. These would be some of the things that would need to be considered when contemplating this issue, including EMTs working as plasmapheresis labs or as emergency department technicians, not just solely as employees within an executioner's chamber. Is the Board going to have to approve every single employment opportunity rather than look objectively at what is EMS trained to do within the scope of practice?

A lengthy discussion among Board members ensued in regard to the letter Dr. Groner wrote regarding EMTs working at the DRC. They included:

- The main concern was whether the EMT is acting as an EMT during the DRC execution or as an employee of the DRC with a different title. The jurisdiction would lie within the institution and go back to the medical director of the hospital or DRC or clinic. However, some felt regardless of whether the EMT worked under a different job title, they still had to remain within their EMT scope of practice. Currently emergency department technicians and plasmapheresis jobs are treated as outside the EMS Board's purview.
- The administration of drugs is clearly outside the scope for an EMT-Basic.
- The Board needs clarification about what EMTs can or cannot do irregardless of their job description. Dr. Cunningham said the Board wrote the mobile intensive care unit position paper because hospitals were training EMT-Paramedics in skills that were above their scope and labeling them "critical care paramedics".
- More information was needed from the DRC With regard to the role of the EMT, the job title under which they are hired, the training received, and the written job description for their employment as a member of the execution team.

Most members believe the question that needs answered is does the EMS Board have jurisdiction over the individuals at the DRC when they are not operating in an emergency situation, but are operating under an institution and their medical director. Mr. Engel said the legal department will research these items but believes the Board needs to have a conversation on this issue and make a decision as to whether this is an area for which the Board wants to assert authority. The

Board needs to answer whether they believe the DRC situation is a significant problem that the Board feels is necessary to protect the community. The Board is dedicated to saving lives and minimizing disability to Ohio citizens. Given the limited time and resources of everyone, the Board must not only decide if this is consistent with their mission, but also if it reaches a height of priority enough to pursue. Mr. Engel said even if the Board issues a position paper saying EMTs cannot do this, the legislature could approve these activities without any discussion and even take it away from the EMS Board jurisdiction.

Mr. Davis said questions arising in this court case are about the EMTs' background and their education, which is all related to EMS and items controlled by the Board. The question regarding what title a job is given versus calling them an EMT might be answered in this court opinion because they are being held accountable to the standard that this Board has set regarding being an EMT in the state of Ohio. Mr. Davis said this is not going to be an issue that can be solved overnight.

Dr. Pakiela said this is a slippery slope. If the Board inserts themselves on this issue, it will have to look at every ED tech, flight paramedic or every neonatal transport. Some of the transport agencies have termed them as "transport technicians", not a "transport paramedic". Mr. Davis said the can of worms is already open and the Board has not chosen to address it. To him, one of the most concerning things about Dr. Groner's letter is the obvious lack of education and the embarrassment it puts on the profession of being an EMT or paramedic in Ohio as these EMTs are using medications without the knowledge of what they are.

Mr. Resanovich said he is taking the letter as hearsay until the Board has the ability to accurately identify factually if the comments are true. More facts are needed before the Board can move forward.

Mr. Rucker said this has been a great discussion. He suggested tabling this until more information and facts have been gathered. Once the facts have been gathered, then the Board can discuss and move forward on the matter. Mr. Burgess agreed more information is needed.

ACTION: Motion to table discussion on Dr. Groner's letter regarding the death penalty process using EMTs pending more information. Davis first. Resanovich second. None opposed. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Chair's Report, Mark Burgess

Mr. Burgess reminded Board members that their attendance is needed in order to have a quorum to conduct business. Members need to notify staff ahead of time if they will be absent.

State Medical Director, Dr. Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham reported that Dr. Zorko, Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) Chair for Region VII has to step down as chair due to additional work responsibilities. At the last RPAB Chair meeting, members met with Mel House of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and several members of rescue dive teams. It was unanimously agreed that it needs to be

reiterated to EMS agencies and medical directors that drowning victims should be transported to a trauma facility. The group will work on developing guidelines regarding drowning victims to include in the state guidelines.

Dr. Cunningham attended the American Heart Association (AHA) Mission Lifeline meeting regarding 12-lead EKG use. Those in attendance were unaware that most Ohio agencies do not have 12-lead EKG capabilities nor did they realize the cost of such equipment. Her presentation will be incorporated it in the AHA's STEMI presentation being given around the state. Some of the challenges faced are reduction in grant funding sources.

Dr. Cunningham Was selected to be a member of the National EMS Steering Committee of the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors EMS curricula as the U. S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Act now requires the National Fire Academy to offer EMS training.

The Ohio chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) will hold the Star of Life dinner and awards on May 20, 2009. Reservations are due May 17th. Dr. Cunningham said this is the same day of the EMS Board meeting and encouraged members to attend.

Dr. Cunningham presented a draft position paper on non-emergent care for members to review.

ACTION: Motion to approve position paper on non-emergent care. Pakiela first. Fischer second.

Ms. Fischer asked if an agency is called to a person with a diabetic emergency, they administer glucose, the patient comes around and does not wish to be transported, is that still considered emergent care? Dr. Cunningham said they called EMS for hypoglycemia, which is an emergency, and refuse to transport, that would not fall under the category of non-emergent care. This is for when a jail gets a diabetic and requests an agency come to check his blood sugar every six hours.

Mr. Self said if this is approved as a position paper, this somewhat answers the question upon which the Board members just asked for more research and data. Dr. Pomerantz says it should be tabled until more information is collected. Ms. Graymire thinks a broad encompassing statement that can cover everything as opposed to statements regarding specific situations should be developed. It was pointed out that the last sentence in the second paragraph conflicts with the very last sentence. Dr. Cunningham said some of the Board's stance on this came from a response she and Ms. Frient worked on regarding EMTs employed in plasmapheresis labs.

ACTION: Motion to withdraw earlier motion approving position paper on non-emergent care. Pakiela first. Fischer second. None opposed. Motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to table position paper draft until more information is gathered. Graymire first. Resanovich second. None opposed. Motion passed.

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Principal Assistant Attorney General, Yvonne Tertel

Ms. Tertel had previously advised the Executive Director of a conflict with her calendar relating to scheduled hearings with another client, and was therefore not in attendance. She had no report for this month.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Heather Frient

There was no report given as Ms. Frient was out of the office.

EMS Legislative Liaison, John Lang/Tonia Fitros

Copies of the legislative update report of bills before the legislature were distributed. Dr. Pomerantz commented that Senate Bill 58 is interesting as this was removed from House Bill 2.

Mr. Rucker introduced a guest, Mr. Dan Fitzpatrick, who is a representative for the Ohio Fire Chiefs and the Ohio State Firefighters organizations. He has been working with Senator Grendell on House Bill (HB) 2 in regard to the OVI blood draw. These organizations asked Senator Grendell to remove it from the Bill, and he was unwilling to do so unless they agreed to work with him on the language to make it palatable so the two organizations could be neutral on the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick said the organizations had three requirements: 1. EMT-Basics be removed from the language. 2. Blood draws would be optional and not required of agencies. 3. This body would be able to draft rules to determine how this would actually occur in practice. Those three measures were put into the language and will be amended in the Senate.

Mr. Davis said OVI blood draws by EMTs are taking place now. He asked Mr. Fitzpatrick to relay to Senator Grendell through the EMS Board that this bill is delaying patient time to definitive care, most EMS agencies do not carry equipment to do this correctly (they are swabbing arms with alcohol), lines of jurisdiction will become blurred, and most importantly, once the bridge is crossed, it puts EMS providers in the state of Ohio in a position where they will have to defend their collection methods in a courtroom.

Other concerns raised included EMTs are not properly educated on the chain of custody evidence procedures and errors of blood draw or loss of chain of custody make EMS providers, EMTs, and their family at risk of civil law suits. Traditional malpractice insurance does not cover this and could cost cities a huge amount of money to obtain that level of administrative insurance coverage. Mr. Resanovich said the irony is legislation is being introduced for EMS providers to function outside of an emergency situation and it is a dangerous step.

Dr. Pomerantz would like to make a motion that the Board Chair and Medical Director draft a statement on the Board's behalf expressing our displeasure for this law to whoever introduced it or the appropriate committee. This is currently out of the scope of practice and most of the members are not in favor of this. The committee and Senator probably need something in writing informing them that this is out of the scope of practice, will potentially harm EMS providers, and may be detrimental in the long run, depending on what else they decide to add that EMS providers can do in the future.

ACTION: Motion for the EMS Chair and State Medical Director to draft a letter expressing the displeasure of the Board regarding this legislation and provide the rationale

behind it to Senator Grendell and appropriate committee members. Pomerantz first. Bradshaw second.

The discussion on the motion continued. Mr. Davis said the bill to which this is attached to will pass and it is unlikely the Governor would veto it even if he doesn't like the language regarding EMS. It has received tremendous media attention and he thinks the letter should offer alternatives as opposed to just stating the Board's opposition. A lot of blood draws occur in hospitals and trauma centers. Mr. Davis said it is his understanding that law enforcement is trying to get the blood drawn quickly at the scene so they meet the timeline and don't have to travel to the trauma center where the individual might be transported. Another issue that needs to be addressed is the situation when a patient refuses to have the blood drawn. He said there are certain judges in certain counties who will authorize a warrant for the search and seizure of collection of blood for evidence, and EMS providers cannot become entangled in this. Dr. Cunningham said the current system where officers take the individuals to hospitals or urgent care centers to have the blood drawn is working. Mr. Erskine said there is nothing in the bill that says "in the course of an emergency". EMS could be summoned to the police station or the site of the DUI arrest to make the draw at those locations. Ms. Graymire said she wondered how OVI blood draws had moved into the EMS world because hospitals perform them. She surmises the bill is looking to have EMTs do blood draws when the individual is not transported to a hospital. Dr. Cunningham said that would explain why they included EMT-Basic because southeast Ohio normally uses BLS units. Mr. Self said the position letter would be that the EMTs should not be providing that procedure at an out of a hospital environment.

Dr. Cunningham summarized the letter will reiterate the fact that is an OVI blood draw is not part of emergency care, methods currently in place to collect the blood can be refined by faxing warrants, EMS providers cannot function outside the scope of practice, highlight the cost and risk of subsequent civil liabilities to providers, agencies and municipalities, and the risk of not being able to maintain the chain of custody without proper equipment, preparation and training. Dr. Cunningham said those members who want a copy of the letter go to their organizations should email her with their name and address. A copy of the letter will be sent to Mr. Fitzpatrick, Senator Hughes, Senate President, and House Speaker.

No objections. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report, Richard Rucker

Mr. Rucker said there are items that need a bill to clean up issues such as using birthdays as the certification expiration date. He had suggested including them in Senate Bill (SB) 58, but if the Board is not in favor of the bill, it would not be wise to place this language in it.

Mr. Rucker reported that the budget was approved which will cover the administrative costs of the Division of EMS. The funding source is in place for two years and comes from a portion of the abstract driver's license fee. The estimate is that the Division of EMS will receive approximately \$3 million and \$2.8 million is needed. Members felt the Board should author a letter of thanks to Director Guzmán on finding a funding source and supporting EMS. Mr. Rucker said he will draft the letter for Mr. Burgess's review.

ACTION: Motion to send letter of thanks to Director Guzmán on finding a funding source for the Division of EMS. Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. No objections. Motion passed.

It has been suggested over the past few years that the Division of EMS does not adequately describe what the division is about and should change the name to "The Division of Emergency Medical and Fire Services". This would clarify that the Division also encompasses fire as well as EMS. The Board concurred that when a proper bill is introduced, this should be included.

Next month's Board meeting is during the National EMS week celebration. There will be a ceremony held in the atrium before the Board meeting as has been done the past several years. The annual Board picture will be taken after the ceremony, so dress appropriately for the picture. Board members will wear their appropriate uniforms for the picture. Mr. Rucker will send an e-mail reminder out closer to the event to Board members.

Education, John Sands

Accreditations

Accred #	Exp Date	Name	County	Level(s)	Contingencies	
1.	127	12/31//2008	Southern Hills Career Center	Brown	FR, EMT-B	None
2.	127	4/19/2009	Southern Hills Career Center	Brown	EMT-I	None
3.	328	12/30/2008	Stark County Paramedic Program of Aultman Hospital	Stark	EMT-I, EMT-P	None
4.	328	2/15/2009	Stark County Paramedic Program of Aultman Hospital	Stark	EMT-B	None

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed renewal accreditation site(s) without contingencies. Pomerantz first. Vedra second. None opposed. Marchetta, Resanovich abstained (3 & 4). Motion approved.

There was not a quorum to pass the above motion. The voting on number three and four will be tabled until the next Board meeting.

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1.	127	12/31//2008	Southern Hills Career Center	Brown	FR, EMT-B	None
2.	127	4/19/2009	Southern Hills Career Center	Brown	EMT-I	None

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed renewal accreditation site(s), number 1 and 2 only, without contingencies. Pomerantz first. Vedra second. None opposed. Motion approved.

2009 Statistics to Date:	Total Accredited Institutions to Date - 95	Accredited Institutions Renewed to Date - 6
	Total Certificates of Accreditation - 276	Initial Accredited Institutions to Date - 1
	Accredited Institutions Expiring - 37	Additional EMS Level Accredited - 0
		Accredited Institutions Reinstated - 0
		Accredited Institutions Inactivated - 0

Certificates of Approval

Initial Approvals

Name	Personnel	Contingencies	County
1	Fairview Hospital Program Coordinator – Betty Albano Medical Director - James Mark M.D.	None	Cuyahoga
2.	RS Associates, LLC Program Coordinator Laurie Yeagle Medical Director David Miramontes	None	Erie

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed certificate of approval initial request(s) with no contingencies. Pomerantz first. Vedra second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Renewals

Approval #	Exp Date	Name	Contingencies	County	
1.	2341	04-30-09	Hamilton Twp. Fire Rescue	None	Warren
2.	1293	03-31-09	Ports Fire Department	None	Pike
3	2128	03-31-09	The Children's Medical Center of Dayton	None	Montgomery
4.	2132	4-30-09	Englewood Fire Department Training Center	None	Montgomery
5.	2250	1-25-09	Mansfield Ambulance Continuing Education (MACE)	None	Richland
6.	2137	5-31-2009	Nimishillen Twp Fire Dept	None	Stark
7.	2344	5-17-2009	Minster Area Life Squad	None	Auglaize
8.	2131	4-30-2009	Perry Port Salem Rescue	None	Shelby
Total: 8					

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed certificate of approval renewal(s) with no contingencies. Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Sands said Beach City Volunteer Fire Department, # 2139, voluntarily relinquished their continuing education site status as of March 18, 2009, as reported by their program coordinator.

Certifications, John Kennington

ACTION: Motion to approve the request for extension(s) processed for the period March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. Pomerantz first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the request(s) for exemption(s) regarding continuing education for one individual(s) serving on active military duty during the certification period. Davis first. Holcomb second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the 1,428 active EMT Certifications issued for the period of March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. Holcomb first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

***** Lunch 11:39 AM to 12:17 PM *****

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Data, Tim Erskine

IRSAC did not meet this month so there was no report.

The Trauma Committee had requested the TRAS committee to review the 48-hour rule on the Trauma Registry inclusion criteria as it could be hindering the ability to study over and under triage. The 48-hour rule says that in order for a person to be included in the Trauma Registry they had to suffer a severe injury. The only way that most hospitals will be able to identify severe injuries is if it caused death or an admission for treatment for 48 hours or greater. The rule was put in to place to limit the Trauma Registry to only severe injuries. Removing the 48-hour criteria and changing it to any admission may increase the ability to study over and under triage. However, this will increase workload of data collection, especially for small hospitals.

During the Trauma Committee meeting, a burn surgeon questioned the quantity and quality of burn data in the Trauma Registry. Mr. Erskine said the concerns are valid and there are shortcomings. The Division receives burn patient data from the trauma service which is not as robust and accurate as the burn service data. Ideas on how to proceed were discussed, one being creating an entire separate burn registry as a separate module of the Trauma Registry. This will require intensive research before a determination can be made.

The EMS ListSrvs have 1,035 subscribers to receive the EMS General email (one out of every forty EMTs), 832 for the Fire General, and 500 for the SIREN newsletter. Dr. Pakiela said hopefully Board members forward these e-mails to their representative organizations to help encourage more people to sign up for the ListSrvs. Board members have an obligation to get information back to their constituents and feels there shouldn't have been any firefighter in the state who did not know about the deadline.

Education Committee, James Holcomb

The committee is reviewing curriculum at all levels, as is the National Accreditation Ad Hoc Committee. The committee reviewed the awarding of credit for EMT-I to Paramedic level, but will defer this decision to schools and medical directors as that is currently being done. The committee has referred the stroke protocol back to the National Accreditation Ad Hoc Committee. The next Education Committee is scheduled for June 4th.

Firefighter and FSI Committee, Phil McLean (Doug Orahood)

Mr. Orahood said review of the volunteer firefighter instructor item analysis test bank and the volunteer firefighter course continues. The Ohio Fire Instructors group is assisting on this and are currently teaching a volunteer firefighter pilot course which ends in June.

A meeting with the fire alliance will be held to review the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 changes for fire instructors to learn about the changes in rules and requirements for live fire training. Once it is reviewed and modified, meetings will be held around the state.

Homeland Security Committee, Mark Resanovich

A list of the upcoming CHEMPACK training courses was included in the Board packet. To date, over 200 people are registered. The committee discussed developing a technical assistance team to assist the incident commanders and EOCS when CHEMPACK assets are deployed. The committee will meet next month pending the National Accreditation presentation and will readjust their meeting if needed.

The TEMS committee defined the domains and competencies for the certification. They are also working on the CE training, reciprocity, grandfathering, and medical director qualifications. They will meet with Ms. Frient to put things into legislation form when she returns.

National Accreditation Ad Hoc Committee, Mark Burgess

Another testing organization, Professional Examination Service (PES) out of New York, has been identified and Mr. Rucker is trying to schedule a presentation for them the Tuesday before the Board meeting. The National Accreditation Ad Hoc committee will meet afterward to discuss PES's presentation. The game plan is to develop two options: 1 – continue using National Registry and National Accreditation or 2 - use a different testing procedure and utilize our own accreditation process. Stakeholder meeting will be held to discuss both options to get a feel on which way to go. There was a motion passed during a previous Board meeting that the committee would make a decision by June; however, the committee will not be able to meet the deadline. Mr. Burgess said if the PES meeting occurs in May, the stakeholders meet in June, then the committee should have feedback for the Board by either July or August.

ACTION: Motion to extend the deadline for National Accreditation Ad Hoc Committee to provide options to the Board to August 2009. Pomerantz first. Fischer second.

Mr. Davis asked whether the ad hoc committee is making the decision or if they will present the information they have for the Board to make the decision. Mr. Resanovich said the model will be presented to the stakeholders to receive their opinions, then take the information, and bring to the Board to make the final decision. Mr. Burgess said the committee just provides the summary of the findings.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Recruitment & Retention Committee, Daryl McNutt

Mr. McNutt reported that the committee is following up on the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). Mr. McNutt will meet with senators regarding the tax credit bill for volunteers.

Mr. Rucker forwarded a reciprocity complaint to the committee for review. The committee said a rule is already in place, but the committee will discuss possible changes. Mr. Rucker and Mr. McNutt will work on a response to the complaint. Mr. Rucker received an inquiry from a representative asking if there would potentially be an increase in the number of volunteers in the state if a tax credit was available.

Research & Grants Committee, Dr. Tom Collins (Tim Erskine)

The annual grant deadline was April 1. The Priority I applications are being reviewed to ensure the agencies are in compliance with reporting data to the Incident Reporting System. The grant requests received were:

- Priority I – 731 (training/equipment)
- Priority II - 10 applications totaling \$949,000 (The fund only contains \$350,000)
- Priority III (trauma/rehabilitation) - 1 totaling \$122,000
- Priority IV (trauma medical procedures) - 6 totaling \$193,000

The Priority II, III and IV applications have been distributed for review and scoring. Each will receive three reviews, one of which will be a member of the Research and Grants committee.

The committee worked on the out of scope EMS research rule. Due to the way the rule is worded, it would require institutional review board approval prior to making application to the EMS Board for this research grant. However, institutional review boards might not approve the research if it is out of the scope of practice. A letter of intent will be added to the application that will provide a brief synopsis to submit to their institutional review boards. This will be developed in conjunction with the Medical Oversight Committee (MOC).

A total of 51 journals have been assigned to committee members to review for articles and flag those of relevance to EMS. Abstracts of important research brought to the committee for review can be posted on the EMS website and noted in the SIREN.

Rules Committee, William Mallory (Jim Holcomb)

No meeting was held.

Trauma Committee, Dr. John Crow (Tim Erskine)

No meeting was held.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Burgess said the Board continues to move forward addressing the national accreditation issue.

Mr. Sands reported the Trauma Triage online course PowerPoint is available on the EMS website. Once Omni Path is done testing the course, it will be placed on the website.

Dr. Pakiela requested input for the MOC position paper regarding providers leaving charts at hospitals at a previous Board meeting. He has not received anything from any Board members. He also is in need of a “short form” that is left at the hospital that he could include as a sample with the position paper.

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 12:43 PM. McNutt first. Vedra second.
 None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here

******* Board returned from Executive Session at 12:50 PM *******

2008-673-101	2009-40-101
2008-704-301	2009-107-101

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreement(s) for the above listed case(s).
 Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2006-9-304	2009-2-101
2006-360-304	2009-20-301
2008-633-101	2009-89-101
2008-24-102	2009-98-101

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s). The individual(s) have met the stipulations in their Consent Agreement(s). Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2009-58-101	
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ACTION: Motion to issue Notice(s) of Opportunity for Hearing(s) for the above listed case(s). Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2009-125-305	2009-173-101
2009-126-305	2009-177-101
2009-129-305	2009-184-304
2009-132-101	2009-185-304
2009-133-101	2009-186-101
2009-138-101	2009-187-305
2009-140-305	2009-189-102
2009-149-304	2009-190-101
2009-170-101	2009-191-101
2009-171-101	2009-192-305
2009-172-101	2009-193-101

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. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

In conjunction with the Ohio Department of Health, the two-hour EMS/Hospital CHEMPACK training will take place at each of the eight Homeland Security regions. One will be held after the EMS Town Hall meeting on April 29th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus. Mr. Rucker asked Board members to share the information with their organizations.

Mr. Burgess reminded Board members that May’s meeting will be lengthy and the Board will have a working lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn with the exception of the Fire Board members, who will remain for discussion of fire issues. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

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 4765.102(B) at 12:56 PM. Fischer first. Resanovich second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

*******Fire Board returned from Executive Session at 12:59 PM *******

2008-671-701 2009-117-701	2009-121-706 2009-122-702
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director accept the above Fire case(s) consent agreement(s). Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2009-148-703	
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close(s) the above Fire case(s). Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2008-235-706 2008-596-701 2008-617-701	2009-1-701 2009-110-701
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above Fire case(s), individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2009-59-701	
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director issue Notice(s) of Opportunity for Hearing(s) for the above Fire case(s). Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.