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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2010**

Chaired by James Davis

Board Meeting Date and Location: May 19, 2010, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Dr. John Pakiela, Mr. William Quinn, Mr. William Vedra

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Heather Frient, Tom Gwinn, John Kennington, Tom Macklin, Chuck Milam, Sue Morris, Doug Orahoad, Ellen Owens, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Nancie Bechtel, Central Ohio Trauma System; Chris Chumita, Cleveland EMS; Suzanne Hoholik, Columbus Dispatch; F. Barry Knotts, St. Vincnet Mercy Medical Center

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM following the Ohio EMS and American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Star of Life Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with celebrating National EMS Week.

Roll Call

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

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda report is available for viewing on the EMS Division website at:
http://www.ems.ohio.gov/ems_board.stm#tog.

ACTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda items including: April 21, 2010 EMS Board minutes; EMS certifications, continuing education extension, and reciprocity granted for the period of April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010; and initial and renewal applications for education certificates of approval and accreditation for the period of April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010. Marchetta first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

Craig Self, Chair of the EMS Board Strategic Planning Committee, gave a presentation on the upcoming National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) re-assessment of the Ohio EMS system and the proposed Ohio 2015 strategic plan for the Division and the Board. Today's goal is to review the timeline, work assignment for Board and committees, and approve the status of the 2001 NHTSA reassessment recommendations. Mr. Self, Mr. Rucker, and EMS staff prepared a status report of the 2001 NHTSA assessment recommendations which the Board reviewed. Once the 2015 strategic plan is developed, the Board's mission statement will be reviewed to ensure it is still pertinent. The purpose of the Strategic Planning committee is to look back on the historical successes of the EMS Board and Division, and look forward to what we want it to look like in 2015. The Strategic Planning committee's focus will be on managing the NHTSA process by bringing in outside stakeholders to develop objectives to drive the decision making for the Board's future. The 2015 strategic plan will be organized into eight key areas: leadership, workforce, knowledge and management, resources for care, customer/advocacy, governance and medical control, funding, and results/system evaluation and continual improvement.

The estimated timeline is as follows:

- **May 2010:** Board review and approve "Self Assessment"
- **July 14, 2010:** First initial meeting of new strategic plan / NHTSA committee at 1:00 PM
- **August – November 2010:** Work on strategic planning process and NHTSA assessment preparation
- **November 2010 – January 2011:** Preparation activities for assessment reviewed by Board and Division of EMS with emphasis on directional strategies for consideration
- **February 2011:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Assessment (tentative date)
- **March – June 2011:** Final strategy plan formulation and planning the implementation of merging committee goals with NHTSA recommendations
- **July 2011:** Final Plan

The NHTSA self assessment document was reviewed, which included the status of the following recommendation categories: regulation/policy, resource management, human resources and training, transportation, facilities, communications, trauma systems, public information and education, and medical direction. Since the 2001 review, NHTSA has added a new category, preparedness and evaluation. Recommendations were assigned to various Board committees. Mr. Self said this can be utilized as a self-study document and the NHTSA assessment items can be tied into the 2015 Strategic plan for the Division and Board.

ACTION: Motion to approve the status report of the 2001 NHTSA recommendations. Self first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

A six step process to assist the Board and committees to assess where EMS is currently at was presented. Once the committees compile that information, the Strategic Planning committee will combine it with the NHTSA report to develop a long term strategic plan. The committee process includes: create a committee vision of what they would like to have completed by 2015, conduct a SWOT (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis, identify strategies and options to ensure Board, Division, and committees are adaptable and aligned, rank top five strategic priorities, identify implementation issues, and develop 2015 Strategic Plan and Initiatives Actions for 2011/2012. Committees are requested to have this work completed by October 1, 2010, with the exception of the last two items.

Mr. Rucker said it is essential to have buy-in from Board members, committees, and staff for this to work. Mr. Rucker and Board members complimented Mr. Self and Ms. Owens on their work in putting this information together.

OLD BUSINESS

The previously proposed grant priority to aid accredited paramedic institutions in becoming accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) in order to comply with the National Accreditation program was revisited. Ms. Frient said a brief meeting was held with Senator Carey's aides regarding changes to 4765.07. She said this priority was created with an eligibility date on or after February 5, 2010, which was when the Board voted to accept aligning with the National Accreditation program. Ms. Frient said Senator Carey's aides requested follow up information on funding levels, specific dollar allocation amounts, and how many schools would take advantage of the grant. Overall, she said they seemed favorable to the proposed changes. Ms. Frient will follow up with Senator Carey's aides on these items. Ms. Graymire asked exactly what the next step in the process would be and Ms. Frient said a bill needs found where this language can be inserted.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Self presented an update on EMS in Ohio to the Dayton Fire Chiefs and thinks such presentations Board members make to organizations are valuable. He thanked Mr. Rucker and Ms. Dodson for quickly providing him with an updated EMS Board Power Point presentation in less than four hours.

Ms. Frient reported that the “deliver” language contained in HB 375 is scheduled to have a hearing at 4:00 PM today for a possible vote.

Mr. Davis asked Board members to think about recruitment and retention issues and possible solutions for discussion at the June Board meeting.

Prompted by Dr. Pomerantz’s plea for EMSC committee members, Mr. Davis spoke with Tammy Wires of Southeast EMS who was able to suggest several individuals who might be interested in serving on the EMSC committee as well as the area’s Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB).

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the Board meeting for Ethics training for Board members by Ms. Frient. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

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Shortly after the Ethics training began, Mr. Davis reconvened the Board at 12:35 PM.

Roll Call

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Board members discussed a letter the Division received on April 28, 2010, from an individual regarding requesting reciprocity in Ohio for an out of state EMT certification. Director Rucker responded with a letter on April 29, 2010, which the Board chair read. The Board is required to follow 4765-8-15(F), Certification by Reciprocity that states: “An individual issued a certificate

to practice by reciprocity who fails to renew said certificate may seek reinstatement as set for in rule 4765-8-18 of the Administrative code. An individual who is eligible for reinstatements may not apply for certification by reciprocity at or below the level of the expired certificate.”

Mr. Sands said the rule was put in place because in the past, individuals would get their National Registry card and receive EMT certification in another state, and then file for reciprocity in Ohio to circumvent Ohio’s process and rules to obtain certification without having to take the reinstatement test. Mr. Resanovich said the Board can look at changing the rule, but that will not help this individual. Dr. Collins said this individual will have to go through reinstatement, but asked if there is anything the Board can do to assist him so he can work. Ms. Frient said he must take the reinstatement test because it has been four years since his Ohio certification has expired and he is also required to take a refresher course. Mr. Kennington said an Ohio accredited site could review and recognize a refresher class completed in another state. Mr. Rucker said the bottom line is the Board has to follow their own rules. He will draft a letter from the Board indicating Mr. Kennington will work with the individual to determine if any classes taken meet the requirements of a refresher class. Mr. Self said his hospital runs refresher courses and is located in the individual’s geographic area. It was the Board’s consensus that his rule be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the Board meeting and continue Ethics training. Holcomb first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM and Ethics training continued.