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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2012**

Chaired by Craig Self.

Board Meeting Date and Location: May 16, 2012, Bridgewater Conference Center, 10561 Sawmill Parkway, Powell, OH 43065

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. James Davis, Mr. Matthew Dick, Mr. Geoff Dutton, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Ms. Deanna Harris, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. William Mallory, Dr. John Pakiela, Mr. James Parrish, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Mr. Bruce Shade, Dr. Steve Steinberg

Board Members Absent: Mr. William Quinn, Dr. Brian Springer

Staff Members Present: Dr. Carol Cunningham, China Dodley, Aleta Dodson, Jeffrey Leaming, Linda Mirarchi, Ellen Owens, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Melissa Vermillion

Guest and Public Attendance: Marty Fuller, Village of Whitehouse Fire Department

OPEN FORUM

Craig Self called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM

Roll Call

Mr. Craig Self	Here	Mr. William Mallory	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here	Mr. James Parrish	
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove		Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. James Davis		Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	
Mr. Matthew Dick	Here	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here	Mr. Bruce Shade	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here	Dr. Brian Springer	
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here	Dr. Steve Steinberg	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt			

Mr. Self noted for the record that a quorum was present to conduct business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Self requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were posted to the EMS website prior to the meeting, including the April 18, 2012 minutes.

ACTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda items including: April 18, 2012 EMS Board minutes; EMS certifications, Accreditations, and Certificates of Approval granted for the period of April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012. Marchetta first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing was brought forward.

PUBLIC RECORD

EMS Board Chair Report, Craig Self

Mr. Self said a meeting was held with representatives of the Board of Pharmacy regarding various issues in relation to EMS operations. Mr. Dutton drafted a FAQ document which the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is reviewing. When it is returned, it will be presented to the Board. Mr. Self reported the Board of Pharmacy chair said he learned a lot through the Q & A document and that he is willing to address rules pertaining to EMS outside their current cycle with our Board. They discussed many of the Board's concerns including electronic medical records, documentation, and cascading oxygen systems. Mr. Leaming said the medical exemption within the memorandum of understanding that Ohio has requires agencies leave a completed patient care report with the pharmacy where they are doing one-to-one drug exchanges.

Mr. Self indicated that the Board of Pharmacy reassured us that their intent is not to aggressively enforce the rules but to serve as a collaborative educator on becoming compliant. The Pharmacy Board is focused on diversion enforcement. Mr. Self said Kyle Parker, Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, thinks software vendors have not helped Ohio agencies by providing them with non-compliant software products. Mr. Parker indicated that the Board of Pharmacy would like to schedule a meeting with those vendors and DEMS to assist in getting their products compliant with mandated reporting.

***** Dr. Dahl-Grove Arrived at 9:12 AM *****

***** Mr. Parrish Arrived at 9:15 AM *****

State Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham gave an overview of the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) Chair meeting held last week. One of the major topics of discussion was regarding the RPAB restructuring. She requested the chairs provide input regarding their responsibilities. Although they will provide feedback from their respective RPAB membership, the RPAB chairs felt strongly that their future responsibilities should include resource utilization and benchmarking, and that the RPAB remain a physician-only group. Physician liability insurance coverage is still an issue if additional responsibilities are assumed by the RPAB.

Dr. Cunningham attended the mid-annual meeting of the National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) in May where she gave a presentation on the pharmaceutical drug shortages. Other items addressed during the conference included:

- A vote will be taken June 12, 2012, on the national EMS ambulance safety standard legislation.
- The Trauma Joint Organization Committee, comprised of NASEMSO and the American College of Surgeons (ACS), met and will revise the "green book". Five individuals, including Dr. Cunningham, will receive an embargoed copy in October for review. Public release is slated for January 2013 and the committee will create an implementation plan for states.
- On-Star® vehicle services wants to be incorporated into EMS as they have the ability to send information to dispatch, which raises many areas of concerns that will take time to review.

***** Mr. Davis Arrived at 9:28 AM *****

***** Mr. McNutt Arrived at 9:34 AM *****

Executive Director Report, Jeffrey Leaming

Mr. Leaming reported that House Bill 487 (Mid-annual Biennium Review) is slated to be voted on today. If it passes, it will move to conference committee next week and should be resolved by Memorial Day weekend due to the legislature schedule. The proposed merger of the Ohio Medical Transportation Board (OMTB) and EMS Board is still in play. Board member makeup is still being discussed and Ms. Graymire asked which nominating organization is seeking the changes. Mr. Leaming said it is the Ohio

Association of Critical Care Transport. Mr. Leaming said if it is passed, it will be effective July 1 and OMTB employees would move to Public Safety under the Division of EMS. The new Board probably will not be seated until later in the year due to the legislature session. Mr. Shade is concerned licenses would be in a state of flux and Mr. Self said OMTB would still certify vehicles and have billing ability. Mr. Leaming said there will be no disruption of service. Mr. Mallory said his concern is the reduction in the number of fire seats and Mr. Leaming said they will be reduced from eight to six.

Mr. Leaming said a state representative contacted the Division regarding creating a safer atmosphere for air medical services in Ohio. A meeting was held, but it was decided to wait for passage of the MBR before taking action. With the Federal Aviation Administration deregulation, states have no influence over air medical operation except for the medical equipment and personnel. He indicated the Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) has a good system on helicopter safety that could be used as a state model.

Mr. Leaming attended the National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) conference where the Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS) committee discussed the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1917 ambulance legislation. Designs were made to improve the overall safety of ambulances and the estimated price could increase as much as \$20,000 per vehicle. A public comment period closes December 15th and the new standard would take effect in 2013.

Mr. Leaming said Ms. Dodson reported an Interoperability Executive Order 2012-07K was signed by Governor Kasich, creating the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). The committee's goal is to develop policy recommendations regarding public safety communications. The order includes an EMS Board representative as a member of the committee. Mr. Leaming requested during New Business that Mr. Self appoint a representative of the Board to this committee.

This Saturday Mr. Kennington and Mr. Orahod will be presenters at the Ohio Fire Conference in 2012.

Mr. Leaming received a copy of the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) 2011 Annual Report. He said they provided first time pass rates for every state. Ms. Mirarchi said Ohio's first time pass rate had been as low as 52%, but has increased each year since she began working here. Mr. Leaming said he expects further improvement with the implementation of the national accreditation paramedic program.

Certifications, John Sands

Mr. Sands said he had no medical or military continuing education exemptions to present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Resources and Education (HRE) Committee, Pamela Bradshaw

Ms. Bradshaw said the National Accreditation rules should be presented for approval at the June Board meeting, with an anticipated public hearing in October. Ms. Bradshaw said the Ohio Instructors Coordinator Society thanked Linda Mirarchi, the Division, and The Ohio State University for hosting the Implementation of National EMS Standards workshop May 4th. Other items discussed included practical exam revisions, future paramedic psychomotor competency and scenario testing.

The Education subcommittee met Friday, and Bill Brown, the Executive Director of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), discussed the national scope of practice, which Ohio exceeds at the Basic level. Ohio is one of only two states that have an extension agreement with the NREMT for the paramedic program accreditation implementation.

The committee approved the Refresher Training Program for the national curriculum with the insertion of the new curriculum with what Ohio already requires. The recommendation is for Board approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Refresher Training Program that incorporates the revised national curriculum. Pomerantz first. Dahl-Grove second.

Dr. Steinberg asked if there was anything new included. Ms. Bradshaw said for current EMT-Paramedics to stay nationally certified, they are required to meet the NREMT requirements or take a state refresher course. This keeps EMT-Paramedics from being bumped back to an Advanced EMT (previously EMT-Intermediate) level. This only applies to those holding a national accreditation card, not state certification. The training program can also be used for a refresher course for state certification.

None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

EMS Systems Development Systems, Dr. John Pakiela

❖ Homeland Security, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich distributed handouts on the Emergency Medical Annex portion of the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) Crisis Standard of Care Management for EMS document that the committee has worked on over the past year. He thanked Ellen Owens, Dr. Cunningham, Tom Macklin, and staff for their work. Mr. Resanovich said the document is for use during a doomsday scenario when resources, including manpower, have been depleted and deals with how to protect the health care infrastructure by prioritizing through triage methods. He asked Board members to review and provide comments to himself, Dr. Cunningham, or Ellen Owens before the end of the month. The document will provide guidance to regions and local planners for a scarce resource management system. Dr. Cunningham noted within the plan there is liability protection for regional teams if a disaster is declared as long as they follow the plan. Regional criteria is described in the Ohio Medical Coordination Plan. Mr. Self asked if all items contained in the document are included in the EMS dashboard and Mr. Resanovich said some are. The document will be forwarded to OHA.

Trauma Committee, Dr. Saxe

No committee report was provided.

❖ Trauma Visionary (TVC), Dr. Steve Steinberg

Dr. Steinberg reported the committee was making good progress and focused on three areas: compiling a list of stakeholders, identified criteria for selecting a risk adjustment program for the state trauma data to fill legislative requirements to report risk adjusted outcomes, and will put these items in order of importance. These areas will be provided to the two groups giving presentations in July. Two groups are in charge of developing draft concepts of the overarching trauma system as a starting point for a proposal for legislative changes for presentation at the next meeting.

Ms. Harris mentioned there are more bills coming up that are trauma-related and wanted to see if we could receive a portion of the seat belt funding. She said at a previous trauma meeting, Mr. Schuck (former state legislator) suggested bundling trauma-related issues into one piece of legislation. She thought Mr. Erskine was going to discuss with Mr. Spencer to see if that could be done.

The TVC continues ongoing discussion regarding the Time Critical Diagnosis as a system approach but did not think the state wanted to go in that direction so are working on infrastructure for the trauma portion.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Self reintroduced the need for a representative of the Board to serve on the State Interoperability Executive Committee. Mr. Resanovich volunteered to serve.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Mark Resanovich to serve as the EMS Board representative on the State Interoperability Executive Committee. Pomerantz first. McNutt second.

Mr. Shade said the Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security already has a representative and Mr. Resanovich said that is different from the EMS Board.

None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ellen Owens and Dr. Pakiela distributed copies of the latest Strategic Plan Dashboard including the trauma model framework items. Board members reviewed the entire document and revisions, committee reassignments, and date formatting changes were made. Not all the trauma items in the Dashboard were able to be reviewed and Mr. Erskine will complete that prior to the June Board meeting. Ms. Bradshaw will assess key process owners for item 3.1.1.(B). Ms. Owens will present the revised Dashboard at the June Board meeting reflecting all changes discussed. Mr. Leaming again pointed out that the document referred to in 1.3.2.(A)1 is required by the Ohio Revised Code. It was created in 2006 and would standardize ambulance equipment. However, it was never implemented and he would like this acted on quickly. He is concerned that some event will happen and the Board will be put in the position of explaining why it was never implemented. Other items discussed included:

- Mr. Davis questioned the need to receive approval from the Director of Public Safety before garnering support for legislative actions the Board wishes to act on. He said the Board is an independent entity from DPS and needs to ensure the line doesn't get blurred during the process. Mr. Leaming said when the Board develops concepts, it steers the ship, but if legislation is being sought, it is a courtesy to let the DPS Director know the Board is garnering support from allied organizations. Mr. Dutton said to his knowledge, there has been no conflicts from the Director's office and the only expectation is that if there is going to be action reaching out to other organizations for legislative support is to inform the Director's office so they can prioritize their legislative agenda.
- Members discussed whether there was a need for committees to submit their legislative items to the Policy and Regulation Committee by June as some felt it was premature. Ms. Owens suggested committees simply identify whether a goal requires legislative change. Mr. Davis said the committee is looking at the big picture of legislation for all of EMS; some items can be inserted into legislation by themselves while others will require their own bill. Dr. Pakiela said they are looking at legislative concepts, not specific language. Mr. Self said it allows the committee to put items in a placeholder for future legislation.
- Wireless 911 dispatch will be placed on June's agenda under New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.