

**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2013**

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at the Bridgewater Conference Center, located at 10561 Sawmill Parkway, Powell, Ohio 43065

Board Members Present: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Craig Cairns, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. James Davis, Mr. Matthew Dick, Mr. Geoff Dutton, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Ms. Deanna Harris, Mr. William Mallory, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Gary Redd, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Bruce Shade, Dr. Brian Springer, and Dr. Steven Steinberg

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mark Marchetta

Staff Members Present: Dr. Carol Cunningham, Vicki Davies, Anna Firestone, Sherry Harkness, Melvin House, Tom Macklin, Julie McQuade, Linda Mirarchi, Ellen Owens, John Sands, and Melissa Vermillion

Guest and Public Present: Martin Fuller, Whitehouse Fire Department; and Bruce Moritz, Allen-Clay Joint Fire Department

OPEN FORUM

Bruce Shade called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Bruce Shade	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Mr. William Mallory	Present
Dr. Craig Cairns	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Absent
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Present	Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. Gary Redd	Present
Mr. Matthew Dick	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Brian Springer	Present
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Present	Dr. Steve Steinberg	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present		

Consent Agenda

Mr. Shade requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and items that were posted to the EMS website prior to the meeting, including the April 17, 2013 EMS meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items including the April 17, 2013 EMS Board minutes, EMS certifications, accreditations and CE Sites requests for the period of April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013. Dr. Pomerantz – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Investigations, Robert Ruetenik

Nothing to Report

REPORTS:

EMS Board Chair Report, Bruce Shade

Mr. Shade discussed the revision of the dashboard. The Executive Committee continues to make good progress with the goal being a well-developed guide that is easy to follow and will be used to guide the Board for the next several years. The revised dashboard will be presented for review at the June Board meeting

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham presented an application for Region VI from Dr. Charles Feicht as a new Regional Physician Advisory Board membership appointment for EMS Board approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the RPAB appointment. Dr. Pomerantz – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham attended and discussed the Ohio Medical Coordination Plan's public engagement session for emergency care response stakeholders. The Institution of Medicine's (IOM) Crisis Standards of Care is available free of charge on their website. The IOM Crisis Standards of Care Toolkit is out for review with comments due in June, a pre-publication release on-line in August, and anticipated publication in September.

Dr. Cunningham reviewed and offered comments on the final draft of the Ohio's ACEP EMS Medical Director's on-line course, per Ohio ACEP's Executive Director, Laura Tiberi request. Due to the upcoming transition of the EMS Board, Ms. Tiberi is planning on a July 1st release date of the new course.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone

Nothing to report.

Executive Director, Melvin House

OMTB Merger update.

All OMTB seats and EMS returning board members have submitted their application/resumé. The majority of the recommendations from nominating organizations have been received. All nominations received have been forwarded to the Governor's office for review. The Governor's official announcement of the board composition is anticipated no earlier than July 1st.

OMTB Operations: Geoff Dutton and Patrick Wilson continue to work diligently towards a smooth transition. Eighteen of the twenty current contract inspectors will be returning and plan to sign new contracts. OMTB staff will be physically relocated to the EMS offices by June 14th.

The Board discussed some of the differences between both boards and how best to merge the two board processes. After much discussion, it was determined that it would be best to rearrange and add an additional day to the August Board meeting to include a Board Retreat. With Board consensus the following was agreed upon:

- Tuesday, August 20, 2013 – Board Committee meetings (*no change, location/time as usual*)
- Wednesday, August 21, 2013 – Board Retreat (*location/time – TBD*)
- Thursday, August 22, 2013 – the *NEW* State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation meeting (*location/time – TBD*)

OEMS Communication Process:

- Telephones: the main EMS telephone lines will now be answered by staff during normal business hours (M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays) and will only roll over to an automated system outside those hours.
- Email Access: General email addresses will be established for the division to reflect the subject area as the email address rather than individual staff. When complete, these EMS email addresses will be posted to the website.

Clarification of the Consent Agenda and Board Packet contents:

- Consent Agenda (as must and has been approved by Legal Services)
 - EMS Board Prior Meeting Minutes (#1)
 - Fire Board Prior Meeting Minutes (#2)
 - Certifications Monthly Totals (will include two separate months) (#3 & #4)
 - Certificates of Approval (#5)
 - Initial Accreditations (#6)
- Board Packet (to include but not limited to)
 - Cover Memo to Board
 - Draft Agenda
 - Monthly List of Extension Request
 - Board Action Items – Pending & Complete
 - EMS Certification & Exemption Requests (Medical and Military)
 - Miscellaneous Handouts

Office of EMS Vacancies Update:

- Grant Administrator – start date, Monday, May 6, 2013 (*introduced Julie McQuade*)
- Trauma Program Administrator 2 (Biostatistician) – posted until filled.
- Investigator – Request to fill sent to HR.
- Trauma Summer Intern – start date Wednesday, May 8, 2013 (*Christine Abuls*)
- Administrative Professional 2 (Certifications) – staff resigned, will fill ASAP
- Administrative Professional 4 – start date, April 22, 2013 will also serve as the Board's secretary (*introduced Sherry Harkness*)

Certifications, John Sands

John Sands reported, during April 8, 2013 through May 8, 2013, there were 1,149 new EMS certifications, and 1,280 New Fire certifications. The staff requests motion and approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve new certifications. Dr. Pomerantz – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

John Sands reported, during April 8, 2013 through May 8, 2013, there were 54 EMS extensions, and the staff requests motion and approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve EMS extensions. Dr. Pomerantz – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

John Sands reported medical and military exemptions and continuing education (CE) exemptions for the period of April 8, 2013 through May 15, 2013. There were a total of 9 exemptions, 5 dual-certified, 3 EMS only certified-related exemptions, 8 military, and 1 medical. The staff requests motion and approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve exemptions. Dr. Pomerantz – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

EMS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMS-C Committee, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz

The National Pediatrics Readiness Assessment is an on-line survey regarding the pediatric readiness of hospital emergency departments that began May 1, 2013. Dr. Pomerantz requested that the Board encourage hospital staff to complete the survey.

EMS System Development

Mr. Shade requested a motion to approve the new EMS Systems Development committee chairman.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Jim Davis as the Chair to the EMS System Development Committee.
Dr. Pomerantz – First. Mr. Dick – Second. None opposed. Mr. Davis – Abstain. Motion approved.

The mission of the EMS System Development will be restructured as the Executive Committee is now charged with the dashboard. The essential focus will be on emergency medical dispatch and any EMS system function issues. This will give the Board the ability to move certain items forward.

Homeland Security, Mark Resanovich

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The committee has yet to receive a response from the Ohio Department of Health regarding inquiries from their last meeting.

Education, Pam Bradshaw

Nothing new to report. Next committee meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2013.

Specialty Care, Dr. Brian Springer

Although the Specialty Care Endorsement program proposal was approved by the Board, there may be some legislative issues. Before moving forward, the committee has asked Legal to review the current legislation to assure that the committee does indeed have the ability to begin the program. The committee will report back to the Board with the results.

Medical Oversight Committee (MOC), Dr. Brian Springer

Nothing new to report. However, motions are needed to clarify language regarding the epinephrine auto-injectors. The Board discussed the language, necessary changes, and presented the following motions:

ACTION: Motion to rescind the rescission of the February 21, 2013 Motion to file Chapter 4765-15 with Common Sense Initiative Office and then subsequently with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Dr. Springer – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to modify Rule 1504 for final review at the June Board meeting prior to filing with Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Dr. Springer – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to amend the remaining Rules in Chapters 15, 16, and 17 as needed to address materials incorporated by reference, for review and approval at the June Board meeting prior to filing with Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Dr. Springer – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to modify the scope of practice matrix to allow emergency medical responders and emergency medical technicians to administer epinephrine auto-injectors to a patient suffering from anaphylactic shock. Dr. Springer – First. Dr. Dahl-Grove – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director House recommended to the Board that once the scope of practice is modified that the educational program first be released to the medical directors to allow them time to forward to their providers prior to posting to the EMS website. With the understanding that this may cause a slight delay to the on-line release, the Board agreed.

Resource Management, Mark Resanovich

Nothing to Report

Trauma System, Dr. Steve Steinberg

Dr. Steinberg reviewed and the Board discussed the American College of Surgeons' State Trauma Assessment exit report. (PowerPoint handout provided prior to the meeting). A recording of the original presentation of Wednesday, May 8, 2013 is available at <http://www.ohiochannel.org/MediaLibrary/Media.aspx?fileId=139006>.

A Pre-Review Questionnaire (PRQ) was prepared for the American College of Surgeons' consultative visit. The PRQ was written by the trauma service staff from Cincinnati Children's Hospital and funded by a Priority 2 research grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. For more information, contact Lynn Haas, Trauma Program Manager, at (513) 636-8636. This document is an excellent trauma system resource and maybe accessed at: http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/EMS_Trauma_final%20PRQ_attachments.pdf

Once the formal written report is released the Board will review and act accordingly.

As the exit report states that the Ohio's Sunshine Law directly affects trauma-related communication and productivity within Ohio; and although it has been done by previous council, the Board asks for clarification and interpretation by the current ODPS legal staff of the Ohio Sunshine Law as it pertains to the two components the assessment referred; 1) the Open Meeting Law and 2) the Public Records Law. The report states that the law unintentionally delays decision-making as it requires face-to-face meetings without the benefits of telecommunications. As well as the performance improvement process and confidentiality issues in regards to public records.

Time-Critical Diagnosis, Geoff Dutton

The committee met May 14, 2013. They reviewed and discussed the Burden of Stroke and Burden of Heart Disease studies. The committee discussed the continuum of care, identified goals and strategies, and categorized those goals/strategies as to where they may fall within the continuum of care and where within their scope. The committee will invite others agencies/organizations (e.g., American Heart Association, Ohio Hospital Association, etc.) to a future committee meeting to gain a better perspective as to what is already available, what is needed, and how the committee/EMS best fits. They began to review current legislative opportunities and will also determine what the committee can do outside of legislation.

Community Paramedicine, Deanne Harris

The committee met May 14, 2013. The Board discussed the committee's requests for approval to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) utilizing priority five grant funding during the 2014 grant period for a community paramedicine research project.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Community Paramedicine committee to work with the Resource committee to create and ultimately release a Request for Proposals utilizing priority five funding during the 2014 grant period for a community paramedicine research project. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Redd – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The committee discussed their role in community paramedicine and determined that their role is to enable the community to complete the projects and to develop what it should look like.

The University of Cincinnati is hosting a Community Paramedicine Conference on July 12, 2013 at the Boy Scouts of America, located at 10078 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Handout provided.)

The committee also discussed the ongoing concern that the University of Cincinnati (UC) continues to offer classes on community paramedicine although this EMS provider level is not yet permitted in Ohio and the obligation that the Board and committee may have to those students attending the classes. Director House, per the request from the Board, reached out to Larry Bennett, UC's Program Chair for the Fire, Science, and Emergency Management Program, to reiterate that implementation of community paramedicine would require legislation change and that the EMS Board has not yet taken a position in respect to community paramedicine. To this end and although not completely correct, Mr. Bennett added said language to his community paramedicine program announcements. Director House will once again reach out to Mr. Bennett to correct the language.

OLD BUSINESS

OMTB – Merger Update: Addressed during the Executive Director, Melvin House's report.

EMS System Development – New Chair: Addressed during the EMS System Development report.

National Accreditation Video:

China Dodley, DPS Communications and Linda Mirarchi, DPS EMS are working with schools throughout the state in developing a resource/documentary video related to national accreditation to share with other schools.

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Star of Life Awards Ceremony:

During the 15th Annual EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony on May 15, 2013, tribute will be paid to the original members of the State EMS Board commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the State EMS Board's first public meeting. The original members will be presented with a certificate. Nine of those original members are scheduled to be present for the ceremony. The original members expected to be in attendance are: Larry Ables, Dr. James Augustine, Patrick Caprez, Jeffrey Corder, Anne Crawford, Roberta Gearheardt, Scott Highley, Jennie Landolfi, and Larry Willard.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Dr. Pomerantz – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, located at 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio in room 134 (the Motorcycle Room).