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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2007**

Chaired by Carl Jordan

Board Meeting Date and Location: June 20, 2007, Ohio Department of Public Safety,
1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Daryl McNutt, Mr. David Fiffick, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Michael Senter, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Mark Mankins, Dr. John Pakiela, Dr. Jonathan Groner, Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Mr. James Davis, Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. William Mallory and Mr. William Vedra

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mark Burgess, Mr. James Holcomb, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Ms. Charlene Mancuso, Mr. Mark Marchetta, and Dr. Thomas Collins.

Staff Members Present: Dr. Carol Cunningham, Heather Reed Frient, Karen Unver, Melissa Vermillion, Ellen Owens, John Kennington, Doug Orahod, Thomas Macklin, Diane Walton, Aleta Dodson, Carol MacDowell, Thomas Gwinn, Bob Ruetenik, Jan Greenlee, Sue Morris, and Chuck Milam.

Guest and Public Attendance: Tara Arbogast, Kelsi Arbogast, Lee Ann Caterina, Keane Arbogast and David Miller.

Mr. Jordan called the June 20, 2007, meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	
Mr. Mark Burgess	
Mr. James Holcomb	
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	
Ms. Charlene Mancuso	
Mr. Michael Senter	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	
Mr. James Davis	Here

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Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 16, 2007, EMS BOARD MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to approve the May 16, 2007, EMS Board minutes. Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

No comments brought forward.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Board will be deliberating on one Report and Recommendation in the matter of EMS Case Number 2005-336-101, Duane F. Prokop, EMS Certificate Number 76324. Mr. Prokop and his counsel were not in attendance and did not make comments regarding their filed objections. Assistant Attorney General Karen Unver made comments regarding the memorandum contra to the objections filed by the State. A majority of the Board members were present.

Ms. Unver read a statement from the Report and Recommendation: "The Board's duty is to protect the public and enforce the EMT statutes and regulations, and to do so in a way that maintains public trust and confidence in the licensing of EMT professionals."

Ms. Unver said this sentence is compelling in that it emphasizes the importance of maintaining public trust in our licensed EMT's. This is the trust Mr. Prokop violated by his actions and it is this violation of the public trust that the Board must take into consideration in disciplining Mr. Prokop. This case is about taking advantage--of a situation, and a person. Mr. Prokop had the duty as a licensed EMT to protect this individual just as he has a duty to protect the public and he failed the individual when she was in her most vulnerable state.

Mr. Prokop was afforded his due process rights or equal protection rights as he was given all process due him, including a hearing under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119. Mr. Prokop violated Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-(03)(B)(2)(c) by being convicted of a misdemeanor of moral turpitude, that being persistent disorderly conduct, a violation of Mentor, Ohio, City Ordinance Section 132.01. Ms. Unver asked at this time that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation and revoke Mr. Prokop's license to practice as an EMT at the Paramedic level.

ACTION: Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of quasi judicial deliberation in the matter of EMS Case Number 2005-336-101, Duane F. Prokop,

EMS Certificate Number 76324 by roll call vote at 10:15 a.m. Resanovich first. Dr. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	
Mr. Mark Burgess	
Mr. James Holcomb	
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	
Ms. Charlene Mancuso	
Mr. Michael Senter	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here

*******Board returned from Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.*******

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2005-336-101, Duane F. Prokop, EMS Certificate Number 76324, the Board accepts the findings of fact and conclusions of law issued by the hearing examiner regarding Mr. Prokop's conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, Persistent Disorderly Conduct, in violation of Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c). However, modifies the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner from "Revocation" to "Permanent Revocation" of Mr. Prokop's EMT-Paramedic certificate to practice because the facts developed at the hearing prove that the respondent engaged in vile and depraved acts which violated the private and social duties that he owed to society and warrant permanent revocation. Pomerantz first. Fiffick second. None opposed. Jordan abstained even though he's not a voting member. Motion approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT, CARL JORDAN

Mr. Jordan attended the Stark County EMS breakfast where he presented the Board's strategic plan. He said it was well received, the field providers were very interested in how the Board functions and they are excited about the things happening at the Board level.

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STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT, DR. CAROL CUNNINGHAM

Dr. Cunningham announced Board Member Bill Vedra's appointment to the Executive Director of Homeland Security.

Dr. Mackan resigned his position with RPAB Region VIII. There was one application for RPAB Region VIII, Dr. Francis Mencl, and the recommendation is to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve Dr. Francis Mencl to RPAB Region VIII. Groner first. Senter second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The American Heart Association (AHA) had additional funding for stroke education and is able to present the Advanced Stroke Life Support training course at the University of Miami. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and AHA looked at current trainers and found a need in northwest Ohio. This course is scheduled for August 15, 2007, at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, Ohio, and can hold 30 participants. Participants need to be an EMS Instructor in Ohio and must be willing to teach 2 courses. Cost is free and breakfast and lunch are included. Dr. Cunningham has sent a letter and registration form to all the local EMS Medical directors in the target regions and have been asked to hold that date open.

The Medical Oversight Committee is looking at scope of practice of Paramedics as well as terminology used to describe EMS providers and Mobile Intensive Care Units. The Medical Oversight Committee met with representatives from the Ohio Medical Transportation Board (OMTB), State Medical Board, State Nursing State Board and Pharmacy Board. The State Medical Board offered Dr. Cunningham an opportunity to write an article to appear in the State Medical Board newsletter. The facts used in the article are the ones currently within the legislation at this moment. She circulated the article among the Medical Oversight Committee and Board members, asking for comments or changes. Mr. Fiffick said the staffing requirement by the Medical Transportation Board requires Mobile Intensive Care Units to have a medic, nurse and a driver. The driver could be an EMT or simply a driver. Some units throughout the state are calling themselves "critical care units", creating some confusion among hospitals and physicians who think they are getting a nurse, when they actually aren't. It is unclear as to what training the personnel of these "critical care units" are receiving, if any. The intent is to define the types of training, medicine and equipment that can be used. Mr. Fiffick has found laws in place in Texas regarding this issue and will bring to the next Medical Oversight Committee meeting. Mr. Davis suggested that if the article is being published in the State Medical Board newsletter, would it be possible to publish in the next Siren issue. Dr. Cunningham said she would circulate an electronic copy to all Board members for their information.

Ron Grout, OMTB, sent a draft letter to Dr. Cunningham asking her to review it prior to sending to all EMS providers.

Dr. Cunningham attended the Mid-Annual meeting of the National Association of State EMS Officials. She will prepare a full report for Mr. Rucker. There were two high priority items that need brought up at today's meeting.

First is the new National EMS Education Standards for the Emergency Medical Technician (formerly EMT-Basic). The draft is completed and ready for review and comment at the National Association of EMS Educators website. Dr. Cunningham stressed it is imperative the Board review this. The draft is approximately 264 pages and it was decided each committee would designate one member to review a portion of the document. Comments are due before the July 18th Board meeting and are to be turned in to Ellen Owens with a copy to Dr. Cunningham. The final draft will be presented to NHTSA prior to the NASEMSO annual conference in October. There is concern that the compliance with the National Scope of Practice might eventually be linked to federal funding. This is why it is imperative this document be reviewed thoroughly; if there are mistakes in it, it could adversely affect future funding. Ms. Owens said she is sending this information out to institutions, and Dr. Cunningham asked her to send the information to the Board members as well. During the conference, extensive discussion was held regarding course length in terms of number of hours. They are recommending 166 to 198 hours for the basic curriculum. There is concern that the increased hours will adversely affect volunteer agencies recruitment and retention. Dr. Groner questioned whether the actual instructors will be able to have a voice in this as they are the ones working in the trenches.

Second is the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Help Practitioners Act. Dr. Rick Alcorta, the Maryland EMS Medical Director, will be providing testimony on Capitol Hill July 27 regarding the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act to consider a liability and worker's compensation clause. The act allows volunteers who are registered within their own state (ESAR-VHP) to respond as a health care provider in a declared disaster without being registered as an EMAC responder when a state makes a formal request for outside assistance. There are three options for how and to what extent immunity from prosecution will be provided to EMS practitioners who volunteer.

- A: Immunity exists when there is no willful, wanton or criminal intent;
- B: The responder becomes a member of the receiving state's employees' tort claims act and immunity laws when responding (however, the EMT may not know what that covers and could possibly cause a reduction in the type of coverage offered); and
- C: Immunity remains intact as long as the reimbursement is less than \$500 (this leaves many organizations, i.e. American Red Cross, salaried employees and physicians uncovered).

Multiple national EMS partner organizations are supporting Option A, which provides full immunity and worker's compensation coverage. Dr. Cunningham urged Board

members to speak with their organizations regarding this issue and provided email addresses of the Ohio commissioners. The committee meets on August 1 to make their final decision.

On a federal level, the Department of Homeland Security will conduct a National EMS Preparedness Assessment survey for every state. This is in response to address the findings of the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) report. Advocates for EMS have requested each state's homeland security departments designate at least 10% of their federal preparedness funding to EMS.

HB 882 and SB 1003 bills are on the floor and will require emergency departments to gather data on patients boarded. They want to financially aid emergency departments who do assessment tests to see if the person needs to go to the ED. They propose a 10% increase in reimbursement for EMS organizations and EDs who provide a significant amount of unreimbursed EMT ALA-related care.

Dr. Cunningham requested comments from the Board on the Tiers for Care Pandemic Flu. The numbers and levels are to be eliminated. Only the color codes will be used. The Board had no comments.

The Education committee is scheduled to meet July 9.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, KAREN UNVER

Nothing to report.

EMS STAFF LEGAL COUNSEL, HEATHER REED FRIENT

Ms. Reed Frient indicated the trauma rules (Chapter 4765-4) that were filed as No Change rules went to JCARR yesterday. They will be final shortly and become effective 10 days after the filing.

She introduced Sam Porter, who is serving as a summer intern in the legal department. Mr. Porter has already participated in preparing several EMS research projects.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Heather Reed Frient (for Richard Rucker)

The following Board members terms are coming to an end in November, 2007: Dave Fiffick, Mark Burgess, Dr. Collins, Vickie Graymire, Jim Holcomb and Jim Davis. Letters have been sent to the appropriate nominating organizations and the Governor will make the final appointments.

Director Guzmán met with Director Jackson from the Ohio Department of Health to discuss the second part of the HRSA Grant for which ODH would not grant an extension. The meeting resulted in an extension until August 30, 2007. Tom Macklin is working with Mark Resanovich and the Homeland Security Committee to accomplish as many deliverables as possible.

On Tuesday, June 12th, we met with the Ohio Fire Alliance at the Fire Academy to discuss the Fire Rules being worked on by the Board's Fire Committee. There were only a few concerns expressed about the rules that have been drafted. Mr. Rucker stressed that these rules are being drafted by the Fire Committee and not the Department of Public Safety or the Division of EMS. Our role is to enforce the rules that are put into place by the Fire committee in concert with the rest of the fire community.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Recommendation of Continuing Education Site Approvals, Ellen Owens**

Renewals

	Approval #	Exp Date	Name	County
1.	1156	7-31-2007	Hanco EMS	Hancock
2.	1061	4-30-2007	Lake Hospital System, Inc	Lake
3.	1080	4-30-2007	Lubrizol Corporation	Lake
4.	1027	4-30-2007	Mentor Fire Dept.	Lake
5.	1082	4-30-2007	Madison Fire District	Lake
6.	1097	4-30-2007	Painesville City Fire Dept.	Lake
7.	1087	4-30-2007	Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Dept.	Lake
8.	1003	4-30-2007	CC&S Ambulance Service Inc	Carroll
9.	1137	5-31-2007	Coventry Fire Department	Summit
10.	1162	7-31-2007	Ashland Fire Department	Ashland
11.	2056	7-31-2007	Ada-Liberty Joint Ambulance District	Hardin
12.	1155	7-31-2007	Washington Township Fire Depart.	Franklin
13.	1112	4-30-2007	Upper Arlington Fire Department	Franklin
14.	2193	4-22-2007	Mount Carmel Connection	Franklin
15.	2054	7-31-2007	Springfield Township Fire & Rescue	Ross
16.	1004	4-30-2007	Barton Volunteer fire Department	Belmont
17.	1048	4-30-2007	Hartford Volunteer Fire Department	Licking
18.	1123	5-31-2007	Anderson Twp. Fire and Rescue	Hamilton
19.	1141	5-31-2007	Mercy Memorial Hospital	Champaign
20.	1034	4-30-2007	Washington Township Fire Dept.	Montgomery
21.	1068	4-30-2007	Fayette County EMS	Fayette
22.	1153	7-30-2007	Miami Twp. Fire and EMS	Clermont
23.	1015	4-30-2007	Lewisburg Emergency Unit	Preble
24.	1122	5-31-2007	Bellbrook Fire/EMS Dept.	Greene
25.	1129	5-31-2007	Mercy Health System	Clark
26.	1059	4-30-2007	Mercy Mt. Airy Hospital	Hamilton
27.	1130	5-31-2007	Blue Ash Fire Department	Hamilton
28.	1090	4-30-2007	Montgomery Fire Dept. EMS	Hamilton
Total: 28				

ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal of the above listed sites without contingencies. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Reinstatements

	Approval #	Exp Date	Name	County
1.	2192	4-22-2007	Moorefield Fire & EMS	Clark
	Total: 1			

ACTION: Motion to approve reinstatement of the above listed site without contingencies. Resanovich first. Senter second. None opposed. Motion approved.

• **Recommendation of Off-Site Training Approvals, Ellen Owens**

Expired or Relinquished Programs:

Barnesville EMS #1299, allowed EMS CE Training Program to expire effective 5/31/2007.

Trenton Rescue # 1152, allowed EMS CE Training program to expire effective 5/31/2007.

Richmond Volunteer Fire & Rescue, #1143, expired 5/31/2007, no renewal application received, after 3 notices.

Unionport Volunteer Fire & Rescue, #1140, expired 5/31/2007, no renewal application received, after 3 notices.

2007 Statistics: New Programs – 16
 Renewals – 136
 Reinstatements – 2

Certificate of Approvals due to renew in 2007: 234
 # Certificate of Approvals left to renew in 2007: 78

Off-Site Training Requests

	Accred #	Name	County	Off-Site Location	County	
1.	383	Belmont EMS Training	Belmont	American Electric Power – Cardinal Plant	Jefferson	FR, EMT-B
				Harrison Career Center	Harrison	FR, EMT-B, EMT-I, Para
2.	123	Ohio Hi-Point Career Center	Logan	Bokescreek Fire Dept	Logan	FR, EMT-B
				West Liberty EMS	Logan	FR, EMT-B
				Honda Engine Plant	Shelby	FR, EMT-B
				Honda Transmission	Logan	FR, EMT-B
				Mechanicsburg fire & EMS	Champaign	FR, EMT-B
				Johnson – St. Paris EMS	Champaign	FR, EMT-B
				Urbana Fire Division	Champaign	FR, EMT-B
3.	218	Vanguard-Sentinel	Sandusky	Charter Steel	Seneca	FR

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed sites without contingencies. Groner first. Bradshaw second. None opposed. Motion approved.

• **Initial Accreditation Approvals, Ellen Owens**

Initial Accreditations

	Name	County	Level(s)	Personnel
1.	Owens Community College	Wood	Para	Prog Coord – William Montrie Med Dir – Dr. Dave Miramontes
2.	Four County Career Center	Fulton	Para	Prog Coord – Dan Frederick Med Dir – Dr. Chris Golver / Dr. Joseph Kreuger

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed sites without contingencies.
 Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

• **Accreditation Renewals, Ellen Owens**

Owens Community College – EMT-B

ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal of the above listed site without contingencies. Resanovich first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

• **Extensions, John Kennington**

ACTION: Motion to ratify extensions that were processed for the period of May 1, 2007 through May 30, 2007. Resanovich first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the request for exemption regarding continuing education for six individuals serving on active military duty. Pakiela first. Mankins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Kennington passed out a list of dual certified firemen/EMTs that was requested by Dr. Collins. There are approximately 28,117. He thanked Sue Morris for putting the information together.

• **Certifications, John Kennington**

ACTION: Motion to ratify the 1,794 active EMS Certifications issued for the period of May 1, 2007 through May 30, 2007. Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

EMS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, EMERALD HERNANDEZ

Ms. Hernandez was unable to be present to give an update; however, Ms. Reed Frient said Ms. Hernandez would be emailing Board members updates of HBs 130, 171, and 212. The assault bill (HB 145) is the one in which the Board wanted to insert language to include firefighters and EMT's. Ms. Hernandez is working on getting this inserted to the

bill. Ms. Reed Frient said Ms. Hernandez would provide updates in the Board's packet in the future.

*****Lunch Break 11:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.*****

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing educational Consent Agreements and Investigation Issues by roll call vote at 12:12 p.m. Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	
Mr. Mark Burgess	
Mr. James Holcomb	
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	
Ms. Charlene Mancuso	
Mr. Michael Senter	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. William Vedra	
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here

*****Mr. Vedra returned at 12:20 p.m.*****

*****Board returned from Executive Session at 12:45 p.m.*****

ACTION: In the matter of EMS case numbers 2006-323-102 and 2007-137-101, the Board recommends accepting the proposed Consent Agreements. Pomerantz first. Senter second. None opposed. Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of case number 2007-177-308, the Board moves to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the First Responder and EMT-Basic levels of accreditation. The Board authorizes the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a Consent Agreement in this matter. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of case number 2007-187-308, the Board moves to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the Certificate of Approval. The Board authorizes the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a Consent Agreement in this matter. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

Ellen Owens entered two consents into the record; they are actually the same institution with the same case number. Because of the difference of degrees of disciplines, they were offered separate consents to sign. In the matter of case number 2007-87-308 Paramedic and EMT-Basic, Central Ohio Technical College, Accreditation Number 350. We have signed consent agreements for those levels to enter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Education Committee, John Kubincanek**

The committee had a lengthy meeting yesterday regarding continuing education requirements. They do intend to put any caps on hours obtained on-line and will be revising rule 4765-19-01. The next education committee meeting is scheduled for an all-day workgroup on July 10th to work on requirements for rule 4765-19-01. To move forward with the meeting on the 10th, the committee wants to be sure they are moving in the direction the Board wants. Mr. Davis questioned whether this was addressing on-line education. Mr. Kubincanek confirmed it was for continuing education, including online, alternative learning, and distance learning. It is going to take everything into consideration.

They will also look at initial training, whether there should be a cap, and break it into 3 categories: didactic, clinical and lab. Ms. Reed Friend asked whether the continuing education rules will be filed first, and then focus on the initial training. Mr. Kubincanek said they will be trying to do both at the same time. The Director wanted them to focus on continuing education. However, the initial training is coming and consideration will have to be given to alternative learning. The thrust is to focus on continuing education and if time remains, also work on the initial alternative training for initial training. Mr. Jordan indicated this would be a good time to provide input to the committee.

- **Firefighter and FSI Committee, Doug Orahod**

Work is continuing on the fire rules. At a meeting with the Fire Alliance, their recommendation was to schedule a meeting with program directors around the state for input on charter rules.

The committee is continuing to look at driving training requirements and whether to make them a part of the Firefighter I curriculum along with the live fire training. An organization in Ohio called "TRADE" is going to use grant money to bring

representatives from Florida to conduct a 40 hour class in the fall. The firefighters who are trained will then go back and train others.

Web-based testing is working well; close to 1,400 candidates have been tested since March. The next committee meeting is July 10. Mr. Jordan inquired how participation has been on this committee. Mr. Orahood said it is good and they have had more than enough for a quorum at every meeting. As Ms. Reed Frient had said earlier, there was some confusion of everybody having a current copy of the latest fire rules. Mr. Orahood said they had short notice to get the information out to all organizations and will have that corrected for the next meeting. He has received a lot of feedback already and they are a bit ahead of schedule on getting the fire rules done.

- **EMS-C Committee, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz**

New EMSC Committee members include Melanie Erbaugh of OAEMS and our own Sue Morris. The EMSC Committee met May 15 at the Ohio AAP office in Worthington and discussed methods of implementing the Performance Measures and divided into several workgroups to focus on specific areas such as emergency department categorization and inter-facility transfers.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee met on May 11. Topics discussed included Ohio's DMAT/Pediatric Specialty Team and mental health disaster preparedness.

An additional 16 applications for pediatric training mannequins have been received, bringing the total number of requests to 45. The EMSC Committee will use extra available mannequins to help hospitals with the emergency department categorization process.

Ohio Safe Kids will receive \$6,935 from Safe Kids Worldwide for its Safe Kids Buckle Up program for 2007-08. This funding will pay for much of the child passenger safety activities for the five Ohio Safe Kids chapters which applied. The grant process has changed from an event-based application to an annual plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17.

- **Grants Committee, Dr. Groner**

There were 18 pages of Priority 1 grants. The largest award was \$15,000, and there were 5 at that amount. Each of those 5 sites was personally visited by the staff to ensure their necessity. All Priority 1 grants totaled approximately \$3.1 million.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Priority 1, 2007-2008 Grant Award List. Pomerantz first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Abstained: Bradshaw (73-107 Green Township Fire Department and 73-E008 Porter Township Emergency Rescue Association); Davis (25-0001 Columbus Division of Fire); Fiffick (50-E208

Clemente-McKay Ambulance Service); McNutt (48-021 Whitehouse Volunteer Fire Department); Resanovich (77-1111 City of Green Fire Department); Senter (70-E006 Monroe Township Emergency Medical Service). Motion approved.

The Priority 2, 2007-2008 Grant Awards for injury and prevention research had three applications. They were reviewed by members of the Board using a 135 point scale. The proposals are #1 “The Effect of Delay in Transfer to Advanced Trauma Center Care on Trauma Patient Outcome in Ohio”, #2 “An Evaluation of the Impact of Outcome and The Etiology of Delayed Transport Times for Injured Pediatric Patients”, and #3 “Ohio Trauma Patient Transfer Study”. Sufficient funds exist and recommend funding all requests fully.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Priority 2, 2007-2008 Grant Award proposals for injury and prevention research applications. Resanovich first. Senter second. None opposed. Abstained: Dr. Groner (proposal #1); Dr. Pakiela (all three proposals). Motion approved.

There are two applications for Priority 3, 2007-2008 Grant Awards. They are #4 “Social Influences on Long-Term Recovery from Traumatic Brain Injury in Young Children” and #5 “Age Related Driving Ability, Evaluation and Rehabilitation”. Proposal #4 received very high scores and proposal #5 received moderate scores. Sufficient funds exist to fully fund both.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Priority 3, 2007-2008 Grant Award proposals for research applications. Resanovich first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Abstained: Fiffick (proposal #5). Motion approved.

There are three proposals for Priority 4, 2007-2008 Grant Awards. They are #6 “Usefulness and Accuracy of the Field Glasgow Coma Scale in Elderly Trauma Victims”, #7 “Effect of a CPR Assist Device on Survival to Emergency Department, Admission & Discharge for Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Patients”, and proposal #8 “Project Pediatric Simulation”. Proposal #6 received moderate scores. Proposals #7 and #8 did not score high enough to receive any funding (average score was less than 70 out of a potential 135 points). Therefore, it is recommended to fully fund proposal #6, but not proposals #7 and #8. Proposals #7 and #8 can reapply in the next grant cycle.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Priority 4, 2007-2008 Grant Award for proposal #6. Resanovich first. Fiffick second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Those proposals requesting extensions will be presented at the next Grants Committee meeting and will be brought back to the Board if an affirmative quorum is reached.

- **Homeland Security Committee, Mark Resanovich**

At the last Board meeting it was reported that the memorandum of understanding between the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Public Safety was not accepted. Since that time, Director Guzmán, Director Rucker and Dr. Jackson of ODH met and an extension was granted. The final contract from ODH has not yet been received. Mr. Macklin and Mr. Resanovich are going to set up a workshop because the project must be completed by August 30, 2007. Since this task is going to be forwarded to the Committee, they are looking at adding additional committee members from the hospital community to help in completing the CHEMPACK Deployment Protocols for hospitals. The workshop has been tentatively scheduled for July 10 and 11, 2007. After that, the Committee will meet again prior to the next Board meeting to tie everything together.

Director Rucker forwarded information to the Committee regarding a NIMS/ICMS “train the trainer” I-card class that the Ohio Division of EMA will be putting on. The prerequisites for the class are pretty high. All NIMS training must be completed and very few people have accomplished this. Chief John Sabo and Lieutenant Jeff Finight met these prerequisites and will be representing EMS. Director Rucker has submitted their names to attend.

Mr. Resanovich, Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Collins have been involved with a committee regarding pandemic flu with ODH. A section will be coming up involving EMS dealing with planning, epidemics and disasters. It is recommended that this be handled by the Homeland Security Committee since three members are already involved.

Dr. Cunningham inquired if the Committee had received an update from John Sands as to how far along we are in the application he is putting together. Mr. Sands was not present, but the committee believed the only items remaining were putting the sound and video onto one disc.

- **Medical Oversight Committee, David Fiffick**

The committee is continuing work on developing guidelines for mobile intensive units. Mark Marchetta is working on developing guidelines for the C-PAP study. He is not here today, but Mr. Fiffick will ensure those will be presented at the July Board meeting. A survey regarding 12-lead EKG is being developed to send to all EMS agencies. This should be approved at the July meeting. TASER use by EMTs was discussed and the committee believes this should be left to the local medical directors’ discretion. The next committee meeting is July 17, 2007.

- **Rules Committee, William Vedra**

The committee accepted a packet of rules from the Education Committee in reference to accreditation. They are accepted and are now being posted to the EMS website according to the plan. They will remain online for about 30 days, and then come back

to the Rules Committee for the next meeting. If any comments are received, adjustments will be made and re-presented to the Board. The hope is the Board will review during the July meeting and vote on the issue at the August meeting.

Jim Davis brought a potential rule change to the committee that proposes a solution for those individuals who do not recertify in time, but have met all the requirements as far as continuing education in the correct time period. Mr. Davis proposes a reinstatement fine, which would keep the money with EMS rather than the National Registry. Ms. Reed Frient advised that the Governor's office doesn't want any new fees proposed. EMS has a current law for the initial application fee, and would need to write a new rule for a reinstatement application fee. Mr. Davis believes the intent of Governor's moratorium is to keep from balancing the budget with new fees. Mr. Vedra suggested they could make the reinstatement fee \$50, which would then actually be a reduction in fee.

Mr. Orahood brought up the fact that we are not currently allowed by law to collect a fee for the firefighters and maybe we need to explore whether we can charge a fine. Ms. Reed Frient said fines can only be issued for disciplinary reasons. Ms. Reed Frient asked Mr. Davis if there was a reason to charge \$100 versus the same fees as what the National Registry charges for each level of certification. Mr. Davis said he did not have a specific monetary amount based on levels, but thought making it one set amount would make the process easier on the state. No set fee amount had been determined. Mr. Davis said his rationale for proposing this is to place more emphasis on volunteers and secondly, any fees collected stay within EMS instead of the State as a whole.

Mr. Kennington explained when an individual has not renewed with the Division of EMS on time, but has met the continuing education requirements, current policy forces them to retake the test with National Registry, costing them more money. Mr. Kennington said this year alone, this scenario applied to 25-30 people, and he estimated that it affects a 100 in a year. He said reinstatement tests have increased due to the no-grace period. These individuals would not be allowed to function during that time for all levels. He said other states have an application fee that is based on when it is turned in. If it is 30 days late, the fee goes up on a sliding scale. Mr. Kennington added that when the fire rules are in place, this will create a lot of confusion when Firefighters have to meet Continuing Education requirements. He said we should work to make the process as simple and painless as possible for the EMT/Fire community.

Mr. Vedra asked for the Board's recommendation whether the Committee should expand on this and prepare a formal paper to be presented from Executive Director Rucker to Director Guzmán, then to the Governor, or stop where they are.

Mr. Jordan is concerned that since we recently eliminated the 90-day grace period, he does not want it to appear we are fluctuating on that decision. Mr. Davis agreed with Mr. Jordan, but said regardless of whether we implement this or not, the money will still be paid by the individual, but to the National Registry instead of EMS. Mr. Resanovich asked if this has become cumbersome for the office to track. Mr. Jordan said a lot of these individuals wait til the 89th day to apply for an extension. Mr. Kennington said this essentially will help out the individuals who turn their application in three days late, and then they receive a letter that they need to reinstate. Mr. Jordan would like the committee to share this proposal with the Fire/EMT community and get some feedback.

Mr. Vedra said the next Rules Committee meeting will be at 11 a.m. on July 17, 2007.

Mr. Jordan congratulated Mr. Vedra on his appointment as the Executive Director of Homeland Security for the Department of Public Safety.

- **Data, Sue Morris**

EMSIRS have reported 501,508 incidents from 828 agencies; for the life of the system, 988 agencies have reported 4,526,716 incidents. The acute registry has received 15,664 incidents from 188 hospitals; for the life of the system, 184 hospitals have reported 23,958 incidents. Rehab has reported 385 incidents from 19 facilities; and for the life of the system, 2,446 incidents from 29 facilities.

EMSIRS-2 the OORA staff is currently performing alpha testing, receives bi-weekly updates from the programmer/IS staff and the January 2008 goal start date is still achievable.

The Clinical Data System Requests have processed 48 Public Records Request this year, but several were denied due to confidentiality issues and some information requested is not collected.

Summary analyses have been performed for the Director of Public Safety, Highway Patrol Superintendent, EMS Medical Oversight Committee and the State EMS Medical Director.

IRSAC met May 15, 2007, and is working on the Casualty Database to mirror the NIFRS reporting.

TRAS met April 14, 2007, and are completing the data elements to comply with the new national trauma data standards. The January 2009 date is still achievable.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

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NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Jordan said he would be on vacation for the July Board meeting and that Mr. Burgess will be the acting Chair during his absence. Mr. Jordan will be here the day before the Board to attend the Committee meetings. Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Mankins and Dr. Pomerantz will not be in attendance either.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Mankins first. Groner second.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.