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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2008**

Chaired by Mark Burgess

Board Meeting Date and Location: August 20, 2008

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Mr. Mark Burgess, Dr. Thomas Collins, Mr. James Davis, Mr. David Fiffick, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Dr. Jonathan Groner, Mr. James Holcomb, Mr. Carl Jordan, Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. William Mallory, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Mr. Mark Mankins, Mr. Mark Marchetta, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. William Vedra

Board Members Absent: Dr. John Pakiela, Mr. Michael Senter

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Tim Erskine, Heather Frient, Thomas Gwinn, John Kennington, Lorrie Laing, Carol MacDowell, Karen Mack, Thomas Macklin, Chuck Milam, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Doug Orahod, Ellen Owens, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Yvonne Tertel, and Melissa Vermillion

Guest and Public Attendance: Bridget Gargan, Ohio Hospital Association; Dennis Hartman, Allen-Clay Joint fire Department; Suzanne Hoholik, The Columbus Dispatch; David Miller, Cleveland EMS; Jim Stall, United Ambulance; Bob Walker, Robinson Memorial Hospital; Howard Werman, EMS Trauma Committee

Mr. Burgess called the August 20, 2008 meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Roll Call

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

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Burgess called to order the public hearing. Let the record show that the meeting was held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, at 10:07 AM. Mr. Burgess asked for a roll call for the Board members present during these proceedings.

Roll Call

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Mr. James Davis	
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A public hearing was held to receive comments and testimony regarding amending the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 14 Trauma Triage rules regarding Over and Under Triage (4765-14-01 Definitions, 4765-14-02 Determination of a Trauma Victim, 4765-14-03 Enforcement of State or Regional Trauma Triage Protocols, 4765-14-04 Education of State and Regional Trauma Triage Protocols, and 4765-14-05 Exceptions to Mandatory Transport.). This public hearing is being held pursuant to and in conformity with Section 4765.40 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC).

As required by ORC Section 4765.40, Mr. Erskine sent information on July 15, 2008, regarding the hearing to the following organizations: The Ohio Hospital Association, the Ohio Children's

Hospital Association, the Ohio Osteopathic Association, and the Ohio chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. Beyond these legally required notifications, e-mail notifications were made to approximately 1,075 individuals and organizations involved in EMS and trauma care in Ohio. As of this morning, no written comments were received to be read into the record. Members in the audience who wished to speak were asked to sign the public comments sign-in sheet. Members were in the audience; however, no comments were made.

The hearing concluded at 10:05 AM.

*******Jim Davis, Vickie Graymire, and Dr. Groner arrived at 10:05 AM *******

Trauma Committee, Tim Erskine

The Biennial Report on Traumatic Brain Injury in Ohio was distributed to Board members. Information contained in the report was taken from the Trauma Registry. The report was produced by the Rehabilitative Services Commission as mandated.

The Board has received and reviewed the trauma triage criteria with the geriatric amendments as well as the report of research on which the criteria were based.

ACTION: Motion to accept the geriatric amendments to the Trauma Triage Criteria rules as written and submit them to JCARR. Collins first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16, 2008 EMS BOARD MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to approve the July 16, 2008 EMS Board minutes with amendment of changes to reflect proper name of two medical associations. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Motion approved.

GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

The Goldman Proceedings were called to order at 10:07 AM.

Roll Call

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A majority of the Board members were present. An adjudication proceeding was held in the matter of EMS Case Number 2004-48-101, David R. Peterson, EMS Certification Number 65469.

The Board reviewed evidence, including exhibits and affidavits from EMS investigators and/or staff, associated with the aforementioned case. In lieu of a stenographic record being made, let the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits shall be kept as the official record of the proceedings in the aforementioned matter in the office of the Division of EMS. Mr. Burgess recognized Principal Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Tertel for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and the disciplinary action recommended from case review.

Ms. Tertel said this is a straightforward affidavit. Mr. Peterson applied electronically for renewal as an EMT, entered into a consent agreement, and did not comply with said agreement. Through case review, the recommendation is to deny his renewal application.

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case 2004-48-101 into evidence. Collins first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the Goldman Proceeding was closed at 10:12 AM.

Mr. Burgess asked for a motion to deliberate on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. He noted that a written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondent.

ACTION: Motion to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations on this matter by roll call vote at 10:13 AM. Bradshaw first. Kubincanek second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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*******Board returned from private session at 10:15 AM *******

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2004-48-101, David R. Peterson, EMS Certification Number 65469, the Board finds that Mr. Peterson violated the conditions of a consent agreement issued by the Board in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4765-10-03(b)(8), therefore the Board moves to deny Mr. Peterson's renewal application for certification as an EMT. Pomerantz first. Mallory second. None opposed. Fiffick abstained. Motion approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Chair's Report, Mark Burgess

There was nothing to report.

State Medical Director, Dr. Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham distributed a copy of a Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) application from Dr. Michael Oswanski for Region IV. She said he was previously a RPAB member and recommended him for appointment.

ACTION: Motion to approve one RPAB Region IV membership appointment: Dr. Michael Oswanski. Groner first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham reported that Ohio received funds from the CDC Promising Practices Grant for further study of stroke in Ohio. She is working with Barbara Pryor, Ohio Department of Health, and the Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network to create an Ohio REACH telemedicine project, which will involve two pilot sites at remote hospitals in regional areas.

Missouri is the first state to pass a triage transfer criteria law to be used for any time-sensitive disease process, such as trauma or stroke. Dr. Bill Jermyn, who was the impetus behind this, unfortunately passed away recently. Ms. Graymire will give a copy of the article regarding Missouri's new legislation to Ms. Dodson to distribute to the Board.

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) final draft on education standards included language not in previous drafts. Dr. Cunningham reported it clearly states that the education standards are the floor, and not the ceiling. Therefore, if states want to develop other specialized education criteria, they can do that and not be limited by these standards.

Dr. Cunningham gave two presentations at Pennsylvania's 31st State Annual EMS Conference, one on chest trauma and the other on special needs patients, which included the Board's geriatric trauma triage guidelines. There was huge interest in the geriatric trauma triage and several national speakers requested the document, which she provided. She commended the Trauma Committee and Mr. Erskine for the completion of the study.

She will be speaking about the Trauma Triage guidelines at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation on September 6th, St. Rita's Trauma Symposium on September 12th, and the Ohio International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) conference on February 27, 2009.

A copy of the Board's revised position statement on First Aid was distributed and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion to approve the revised First Aid position paper. Jordan first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Per the Board's request at last month's meeting, Dr. Cunningham drafted a letter to the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) to make a formal request to their Board regarding potential reciprocity of our current state accreditation with their accreditation process. If that is acceptable to the CoAEMSP Board, the Division of EMS would potentially be permitted to bear the expense of the accreditation process rather than the schools. She distributed copies for review. In the interim, a response from the National Registry was received regarding the Board's concerns about the deadline on the requirement of national accreditation for the paramedics to take the Registry test. The letter was distributed and reviewed.

*******James Holcomb arrived at 10:28 AM *******

Dr. Collins asked whether the National Registry's formal motion stated paramedics need to graduate from a "nationally accredited program" or a "CoAEMSP program". Dr. Cunningham stated at the time of the open forum Board meeting, the education standards were in their second draft and the final draft had not yet been written. The first draft was discussed at the EMS Board retreat with Mr. Hatch, and the statement said the paramedic would need to graduate from a nationally accredited program or CoAEMSP equivalent. In the subsequent draft which was available at the time of the EMS Board open forum in June, that statement was removed and in

the final draft it says "CoAEMSP". The National Registry passed a motion saying "nationally accredited program", but currently there is only one organization that is doing that, so the writing is on the wall. Mr. Resanovich said the National Registry's response just danced around the issue. Dr. Cunningham felt that way when she read their letter: there is flexibility, but no definitive action taken on their prior motion. Mr. Resanovich said it is disturbing that they changed a motion arbitrarily without submitting it to all the states. He said that the Board heard a resounding response from our constituents that this is not sitting well with them. Both he and Mr. Davis agree that the state teaching groups are looking to the EMS Board for leadership to resolve these issues so they will not negatively impact Ohio. Mr. Davis believes a workgroup should be formed to begin looking at alternatives so the Board does its due diligence regarding this issue. Dr. Cunningham said in her draft letter to CoAEMSP she has requested an answer in writing in order to clearly demonstrate the EMS Board's actions and the CoAEMSP response received as acted upon on behalf of our schools. Mr. Resanovich does not believe the Board will receive any further resolution from CoAEMSP.

ACTION: Motion to approve the draft letter be sent to the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP). Davis first. Resanovich second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham said a copy of the letter will be sent to Mr. Drew Dawson of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Mr. Bill Brown of National Registry.

The draft rules for the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) were presented at last month's meeting. Ms. Owens distributed a summary, but a correction needs made. Under 4765-3(2)(B), at the end of it, instead of "ABEM or OABEM" it should be "the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association."

Principal Assistant Attorney General, Yvonne Tertel

Almost a year ago, Ms. Tertel provided an assessment analysis and plan of attack for the hearing backlog. To date, cases are operating currently. Her goal for next year is to maintain this level and get a quicker turnaround. She thinks six months is a good turnaround time.

Mr. Burgess said it is commendable that they are caught up on cases with the exception of a few. The EMS Board owes constituents a timely hearing. Mr. Jordan asked if the additional fire case workload would cause a delay in the progress that has been made. Ms. Tertel said the staff has worked very hard in trying to avoid that from happening. She believes using the parallel disciplinary track will help immensely in keeping cases current. Mr. Rucker announced he just received approval to add an additional investigator in July 2009 which will help.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Heather Frient

Ms. Frient reported she and another attorney are chairing the Executive Order Task Force which is looking at the Governor's order on common sense business regulations and practices. There is also an associated statute that takes effect September 13, 2008. Ms. Frient said the Executive Order was signed in February 2008. The workforce has one person from each Division with

policy or rules experience and Ms. Vermillion is the EMS representative. Ms. Frient said the Task Force is looking to see if there are commonalities between the divisions on certain issues in Public Safety and create a list of which issues each division can settle or waive. Senate Bill 258 codified a new provision in law, R.C. 119.14, which includes language about giving small businesses a break for first time paper violations. It is more narrow than the Executive Order, which applies to anyone the Board regulates or who is affected by our rules. The order would apply to EMTs and schools.

Ms. Frient noted that the EMS Board may need to provide input regarding which issues can be settled as opposed to having a hearing or disciplinary action, potentially giving a break to first time offenders of paperwork violations, etc. Ms. Tertel said the Attorney General's office recommends their clients live within the spirit of the law by taking a broad view, but it is the Board's determination based on what they believe to be reasonable. One of her clients said if someone is in a 10% variance on the CE hours required on an annual basis, they will view it as a first time violation. A record will be kept of it, and that person only gets one pass. Dr. Collins asked if someone is a day late in applying for their renewal, or ninety-one days late beyond the extension period, would that be an example of such an interpretation. Ms. Frient said she would recommend the Board look at relaxing this, and Ms. Tertel said that is something the Board would determine in light of the current climate change. Mr. Jordan said he hopes the task force looks at the Board's history of how they have chosen the disciplinary actions, which already includes balancing issues of fairness. A lot of the things Ms. Frient mentioned have already been looked at and have helped create the Board's current disciplinary practice. Ms. Tertel discussed the possible legal ramifications of the Executive Order. Dr. Collins requested Ms. Frient discuss how this new view of minor variances impacts past disciplines of the Board at the January Retreat. Ms. Frient believes discipline in the past would not be able to be brought forward and the community will need to be educated on this issue. Mr. Davis said he could see appeals and reinstatement requests coming in. Mr. Burgess asked Ms. Frient to provide monthly updates on this.

EMS Legislative Liaison, John Lang/Tonia Fitros

There were no changes in proposed legislation to report.

Executive Director's Report, Richard Rucker

It is already time to begin planning for the January Board Retreat. Originally the dates were scheduled for January 24, 25, and 26, but apparently there is a conflict for numerous Board members who will be attending the National Association of EMS Physicians conference. After discussion, the Board chose to hold the retreat January 7 through 9, with January 14 through 16 as the second choice. Contact will be made to see if the rooms are available at the BWC. Some members expressed an interest in having the Retreat at Deer Creek again and Mr. Rucker said it would be more expensive, but he would look into it.

Mr. Rucker distributed copies of an article from the Strategic Analysis Information Center (SAIC) to inform member regarding unusual situations firefighters have been encountering.

His report also included information regarding two recently passed federal bills: Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA) and New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008. Copies of Dr. Cunningham's latest article in the JEMS magazine and the response letter from Jimm Murray, chairman of the National Registry Board of Directors were also distributed.

Education, Lorrie Laing

Initial Certificates of Approval(s)

	Name	Personnel	Contingencies	County
1.	Granville Township Fire Department	Charles Borden, Program Director; Dr. Frank Orth, D.O. Medical Director	None	Licking
2.	Shuff Emergency Response Consulting	Sandra R. Shuff, Program Director; Dr. Nathalie Szilagyi, MD, Medical Director	None	Shelby
3.	Wayne Township Fire Department	Glen R. Beach, Program Director; Dr. Matthew Kiefaber, M.D. Medical Director	None	Warren
4.	Bethel Township Fire Department	David Stitzel, Program Director Dr. Edward Murdock, MD Medical Director	None	Miami
	Total: 4			

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed initial certificate(s) of approval(s) without contingencies. Pomerantz first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Certificate of Approval Renewal(s)

	Approval #	Exp Date	Name	Contingencies	County
1.	2236	6-15-2008	TEMS Joint Ambulance District`	None	Jefferson
2.	1236	5-31-2008	Cuyahoga Falls Fire Dept.	None	Summit
3.	2005	5-31-2008	Allen Medical Center	None	Lorain
4.	2090	5-31-2008	North East Ambulance Service	None	Portage
5.	1244	7-31-2008	Barberton Fire Dept.	None	Summit
6.	2087	5-31-2008	Cumberland Trail Fire District	None	Belmont
7.	2077	6-15-2008	Hustead EMS	None	Clark
8.	1249	9-30-2008	Nationwide Children's Hospital	None	Franklin
9.	1255	9-30-2008	Trotwood Fire & Rescue	None	Montgomery
10.	1253	9-30-2008	Fairfield Twp. Fire Department	None	Butler
11.	1238	7-31-2008	Cincinnati Children's Hospital	None	Hamilton
12.	2093	5-31-2008	Thornville EMS	None	Perry
13.	2088	5-31-2008	Milford Community Fire Dept	None	Clermont
14.	2109	8-30-2008	Norton Division of Fire	None	Summit
15.	1268	11-30-2008	Oberlin Fire Department	None	Lorain
	Total: 15				

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed certificate of approval renewal(s) with no contingencies. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Davis Abstained #8, Pomerantz Abstained #11. Motion approved.

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Certifications, John Kennington

ACTION: Motion to approve the request for extensions that were processed for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008. Jordan first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve seven (7) requests for exemption regarding continuing education for individuals serving on active military duty during the certification period. Kubincanek first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the 1,607 active EMT Certifications issued for the period of July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008. Pomerantz first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Data, Tim Erskine

Both the Trauma Registry and Incident Reporting committees are trying to define the difference between a free-standing emergency department, urgent care center, ambulatory care center, etc. They will begin with the free-standing emergency department because they are encountering many more of these and need to identify them individually. However, before assigning a code, they need to first define it as the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Hospital Association does not offer any guidance on those definitions.

Work continues on an implementation plan for a unique identifier that will follow a trauma patient from EMS through acute care through rehab.

Education Committee, James Holcomb

Mr. Holcomb reported the committee approved the instructor overview concepts and reviewed all the rules. Once those rules are approved, the committee will begin working on a transition curriculum for the instructor programs. The instructor rules have been forwarded Ms. Frient for review. The committee also reviewed all rules relating to instructors to ensure consistency.

Board members will receive instructor rules via e-mail for review in order to be voted on at the September Board meeting. They will also be posted on the EMS website. Any comments should be forwarded to himself, Ms. Laing or Ms. Vermillion prior to September 4th.

Last month the Board of Regents presented information on the EMS Career Technical Assurance Guides (C-TAG). Mr. Holcomb asked for a motion indicating the EMS Board endorses the EMS Career Technical Assurance Guides.

ACTION: Motion to endorse the Board of Regents EMS Career Technical Assurance Guides. Pomerantz first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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EMSC Committee, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz

Required reporting to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the EMSC Partnership Grant was completed on August 1st. The report included results from the recent surveys of hospitals and EMS agencies.

The EMSC Committee will hold a strategic planning meeting at its September 16th meeting to address results of the recent surveys of EMS agencies and hospitals, as well as other important issues. The meeting will include representatives of the EMSC National Resource Center. Washington Township Fire Department (Dublin) will be hosting the meeting.

Ohio EMSC will provide a copy of the Teaching Resource for Instructors in Prehospital Pediatrics (TRIPP) and Intraosseous Infusion training CDs to all Ohio approved and accredited training sites to help improve pediatric training procedures.

Ohio EMSC will help support the Ohio American College of Emergency Physicians' (ACEP) International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) Emergency Care Conference in February, 2009. Mr. Stack will meet with ACEP staff to discuss a larger role for the Division of EMS and the Ohio EMSC at the conference.

Mr. Stack presented results of the EMSC 2008 EMS Agency Survey on Medical Direction from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. The prehospital performance measures included online/offline medical direction and pediatric equipment on ambulances. The surveys that were distributed required an 80% response rate per HRSA. In March, a 44% response rate was achieved, which was far higher than the previous year's survey response of 7%. He thanked Katie Toole for her assistance in following-up with EMS agencies. Since the response rate was less than the required 80%, the survey has been extended until March, 2009.

Below is a chart showing survey results.

	Online Pediatric Medical Direction	Offline Pediatric Medical Direction
Advanced Life Support (ALS)	80%	93%
Basic Life Support (BLS)	62%	69%

The EMSC committee will create a workgroup to deal with the medical direction question. They will work with Children's Hospitals throughout the state to provide expertise to offer both medical direction and offer assistance with writing pediatric protocols. A sample pediatric protocol is available on the EMS website.

****** Mr. Vedra left at 11:40 AM******

*******Lunch 11:40 AM – 12:21 PM*******

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Firefighter and FSI Committee, Phil McLean (Doug Orahood)

The online continuing education (CE) tracking system is doing well. Over fifty departments and ninety practitioners have registered and are using the system.

The Board of Regents C-TAGS were endorsed by the Fire Training committee and hope to complete this project by October, 2008.

Updated objectives for the Volunteer, Firefighter I and Firefighter II courses will be presented at the next Fire committee meeting.

Grants Committee, Carl Jordan

The committee looked at the legislative components on how the grant money can be spent. Next month the committee will have Ms. Frient speak and answer questions regarding the priorities.

The committee has requested Mr. Erskine provide them with the following information from EMSIRS: top ten reasons for transports, the age of transported patients (three categories of age groups are 16 years and below, 16 to 70 years, and 70 years and older), transport times, top five procedures performed during transports, and what percentage of transports were actual trauma patients. Once that data is received and reviewed, the committee will use the information to make better decisions on what directions to disburse grant funds in the future.

Homeland Security Committee, Mark Resanovich

The draft of the All Hazard Disaster Readiness Guidelines has been completed. The survey is being developed and anticipated to be complete by next week. The survey will be sent out to all EMS agencies for approximately two weeks. An extension on the grant from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) was requested due to the unpunctuality of getting the MOU signed from ODH in addition to the scope of work that needed to be done.

All the deliverables for the CHEMPACK have been completed and delivered to ODH per the MOU. The committee went above and beyond what the MOU components stated. In May, a live drill was held and an after action report should be available at next month's meeting.

The committee is hoping to put this information on the EMS website via Lectora®. Mr. Rucker said over a year and a half ago, the Board put a moratorium on the two-hour trauma triage continuing education (CE) because it was not being offered and people were unable to obtain it. The Board decided to make this training available on the website, purchased Lectora® software to do this, and have been ready to publish this training. However, due to security clearance issues, it cannot be placed on the website. Just this past week, a contract was signed with OminiPath® to serve as a stand-alone server. The trauma triage course should be posted in the next week or two. This service will cost \$40,000 per year, and the Division of EMS will be able to place approximately 30 courses on it. After this is in place, the CHEMPACK training will be available on the EMS website.

The Tactical EMS (TEMS) sub-committee is working through certification issues. Last month Ms. Frient gave a presentation on the process needed to take, similar to what fire did when they changed the rules and legislation. In October, the committee is going to have an eight-hour session as two hours per month is not enough time to get work done.

Medical Oversight Committee, Dr. John Pakiela

There was no report given as the committee did not meet this month.

Recruitment & Retention Committee, Mr. Daryl McNutt

Mr. McNutt introduced the newest member to the committee, Mr. Dennis Hartman from the Allen-Clay Joint Fire District. They are still recruiting other members for the committee. The committee is planning to place training and related links to the EMS website.

Research Committee, Dr. Tom Collins

The committee selected four providers with research and practical field experience to serve on the committee.

The EMSIRS database and the quality of data contained in it versus the Trauma Registry was discussed. The Trauma Registry users consist mostly of trained registrars who extract data from the patient care records and input to the Trauma Registry, whereas EMSIRS has 41,000 users from across all spectrums of background and education who are entering data. The quality of the EMSIRS data is problematic in many areas. There are congruence issues of what was said in one field and what said in another field that should be the same, but are disagreeing 30 to 40 percent of the time. Part of that will improve with EMSIRS II. The committee would like to use Lectora® to create an online training course for all providers who are entering data to aid in improving the data submitted. The committee discussed data quality solutions that would require programming and the associated costs. Once again, there is money used for grants, but none of that money can be used to assist Board member in better determining what grants should be awarded or directing field providers. Many board members would like to review the rules on Priorities II, III and IV to see if they can be updated to align them with the Board's current needs.

Mr. Boster and Mr. Erskine will review the 2007-2008 grant recipients and invited several to the retreat to present results from funded projects to the Board.

Pediatric airway management was discussed and Mr. Erskine will extract statistics on this from the database for the committee to review.

Rules Committee, William Mallory

Mr. Holcomb reported the committee reviewed and approved rules in OAC Chapters 4765-2 (Board and Committees) and 4765-12 (First Responder). They will be presented to the Board in September for review and approval.

Ms. Frient said rule 4765-5-02 needs a reference to OAC Chapter 4765-13 deleted from paragraph E and replaced with Chapter 4765-4.

Rule 4765-6-03 (additional services in a declared emergency) was reviewed and changes were made for further clarification.

Mr. Kennington presented ideas on the reciprocity rule in order to try to streamline the process. Currently there are 247 applications waiting on paperwork before they can be processed. The biggest problem is getting confirmation from other state agencies that the subject has a card. Mr. Kennington will work with Ms. Frient to draft a new rule to expedite this process.

Rules 4765-5-02, 4765-8-16, and 4765-8-18 (reinstatement) were presented to the Board for review. Ms. Frient said due to the \$75 reinstatement fee, rule 4765-8-18 needs paragraph B modified to include this. She questioned whether language needed to be inserted to include the option of taking a reinstatement test as opposed to paying the \$75 reinstatement fee because she thought some test fees were less than \$75. After discussion, it was decided to leave the proposed language unchanged because a ruling on the new Executive Order might not come through and the \$75 reinstatement fee was a moderate monetary amount.

Ms. Frient said Paragraph A of rule 4765-8-16 (application fees) needs “shall be no fee” changed to reflect ability to charge for reinstatement fee. It should also say “the Board may charge a fee for an application.” The words “a fee” are missing.

ACTION: Motion to approve the changes to rules 4765-5-02, 4765-8-16, and 4765-8-18 as written for filing with the Joint Committee on Agency rule Review (JCARR). Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board Position Paper, *Clarification of “Appropriate Training” as specified in Rule 4765-6-03*, was reviewed. No major changes were needed and the paper stands as is.

Investigations, Melissa Vermillion

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.1.22(g)(3) and involves matters that are to be kept confidential under Revised Code 4765.102(b) at 12:55 PM. Fiffick first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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 Mr. Daryl McNutt Here
 Mr. William Mallory Here
 Mr. Mark Mankins Here
 Mr. Mark Marchetta Here
 Dr. John Pakiela
 Dr. Wendy Pomerantz Here
 Mr. Mark Resanovich Here
 Mr. Michael Senter
 Mr. William Vedra

*******Board returned from Executive Session at 1:10 PM *******

2006-440-101	2008-365-304
2007-9-102	2008-377-101
2007-79-101	2008-379-304
2007-431-101	2008-382-304
2008-269-102	2008-415-101
2008-289-101	2008-416-304
2008-327-101	2008-424-304
2008-330-102	2008-455-102
2008-360-101	

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreements for the above listed case(s). Pomerantz first. Mallory second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained, Bradshaw abstained from 2008-327-101. None opposed. Motion approved.

2005-421-304	
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s) and reopen if subject(s) reapply. The individuals have not met the stipulations in their Consent Agreement(s) and their certifications have expired. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2007-456-101	2008-17-102
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s) and rescind the previously issued Notice(s) of Opportunity. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2006-74-304	2006-256-102
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s). Their certifications have expired. Close cases, re-open if subject(s) reapply. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2008-288-401 2008-305-204	2008-342-401; <i>defer to dept discipline</i> 2008-410-401; <i>defer to dept discipline</i>
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ACTION: Motion to close the above cases. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2004-230-101 2005-420-304 2005-451-304 2005-472-304 2005-498-304 2006-22-304 2006-210-304 2006-407-304	2006-266-101 2006-474-102 2008-35-304 2008-112-501 2008-164-308 2008-209-101 2008-321-101
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s). The individuals have met the stipulations in their Consent Agreement. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2008-385-101	
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ACTION: Motion to issue Notice(s) of Opportunity for Hearings for the above listed cases. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2006-532-204 2008-118-101 2008-258-101 2008-312-305 2008-325-304 2008-359-304 2008-391-305 2008-408-305 2008-426-305 2008-427-305 2008-428-101 2008-429-101 2008-431-101 2008-432-101	2008-435-305 2008-436-305 2008-437-101 2008-442-101 2008-445-101 2008-448-305 2008-453-101 2008-456-101 2008-457-101 2008-459-101 2008-460-305 2008-466-305 2008-469-101
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases 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. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.1.22(g)(3) and involves matters that are to be kept confidential under Revised Code 149.43 at 1:10 PM. Pomerantz first. Vedra second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here

*******Board returned from Executive Session at 1:25 PM *******

2008-145-706	2008-284-701
2008-203-701	2008-296-701
2008-205-701	2008-368-701
2008-245-701	2008-402-706
2008-267-701	2008-421-701
2008-276-701	2008-451-701

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director accept the above Fire consent agreement(s). Mankins first. Davis second. None opposed. Holcomb, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2008-271-706	
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above Fire case(s). Mankins first. McNutt second. None opposed. Holcomb, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2008-111-702	2008-310-706
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director Issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the above Fire case(s): Mankins first. Mallory second. None opposed. Holcomb, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

****** Ms. Graymire and Dr. Groner left at 1:30 PM******

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Burgess received a letter from Mr. Jordan indicating the September Board meeting will be the last one he will attend as he has taken a promotion and will not have the time to commit to the Board. Mr. Burgess thanked Mr. Jordan for his time and energy for over eight years on the Board.

Mr. Davis brought to the Board's attention an article in *The Other Paper* entitled "The Executioners" discussing the role of EMTs partaking in the involvement of the death penalty process. He recommended all Board members read it as it is another example how entities throughout the state are utilizing EMS providers and hiding them under the auspice of other job titles while allowing them to perform duties that may or may not be appropriate. He asked Ms. Frient to look into whether there is some action the Board needs to take on this. Ms. Frient stated that she would research EMS and Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) laws and rules. She hopes to provide an update on this issue at next month's meeting. Dr. Cunningham said members will need to focus in on the law and the process, irregardless of personal feelings regarding the death penalty process. Dr. Collins agreed with Dr. Cunningham that members need to look at it from the perspective of the EMTs and ensuring they are not violating the scope of practice. He suggested looking at the Board of Pharmacy rules as well because there is language regarding EMTs being able to administer emergency drugs. The article will be in next month's Board packet.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM.