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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2011**

Chaired by James Davis.

Board Meeting Date and Location: August 17, 2011, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Mr. James Davis, Mr. Geoff Dutton, Ms. Joyce Fischer, Ms. Vickie Graymire, Ms. Deanna Harris, Mr. John Kubincanek, Mr. Daryl McNutt, Mr. William Mallory, Dr. John Pakiela, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, Mr. William Quinn, Mr. Mark Resanovich, Mr. Craig Self, Mr. Bruce Shade, Dr. Brian Springer, Dr. Steve Steinberg

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mark Marchetta, Mr. James Parrish

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Judy Celnicker, Dr. Carol Cunningham, China Dodley, Aleta Dodson, Tim Erskine, John Kennington, Jeff Leaming, Tom Macklin, Linda Mirarchi, Joe Montgomery, Sue Morris, Doug Orahood, Ellen Owens, Carol Palantekin, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Yvonne Tertel, Toni Tester, Melissa Vermillion, Anne Vitale, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Anne Bacon, MedCorp; Julie Bellville, Ohio Senate; Jay Clevenger, Ohio Fire Academy; Elise Geig, Strategic Health Care; Lynn Haas, Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Suzanne Hoholik, Columbus Dispatch; Kyle Parker, Ohio Board of Pharmacy; Greg Smith, Medina Hospital

OPEN FORUM

James Davis called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Roll Call

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

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

PUBLIC RECORD

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Davis requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were posted to the EMS website prior to the meeting, including the June 15, 2011 minutes.

ACTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda items including: June 15, 2011 EMS Board minutes; EMS certifications and continuing education extensions granted for the period of June 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011; and certificates of Approval and Accreditations for the period June 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011. Pomerantz first. Pakiela second.

Aleta Dodson requested that John Kennington's name be stricken from the June and July certification period as it was a test entry.

None opposed. Abstained From Certificate of Approval Renewal: Pakiela #3086, Copley Fire Department and #1236, Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department; Pomerantz #1238, Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Motion passed.

Mr. Leaming attended the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association's annual conference and there was a lot of discussion regarding leaving abbreviated transfer forms at hospitals and drug exchanges. Kyle Parker, Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, said he believes questions around this issue are originating due to some hospitals changing the way they conduct business. Normally, a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Form 222 is required for a drug exchange, but Mr. Parker said that as long as the agency provides their run sheet to the hospital where the patient is going, the form is not needed. He clarified the following: an abbreviated form is acceptable if the Board of Pharmacy has reviewed it prior to its use as the form needs to include certain information (patient name, drug used, etc.), an empty vial does not need to be presented to the pharmacy if they have emergency department witnessed paperwork, a cache can be used if the hospital utilizes the automatic dispensing machines that can track medications administered to patients transported to the hospital by EMS and their drug replacement via a one-to-one exchange at the hospital the patient was transported to, and a DEA Form 222 is required if the agency does not have a relationship with the hospital or when the hospital that resupplies the medication is not where the patient was transported. These issues can be resolved if an EMS agency has possession of their own DEA license.

***** Bradshaw, Quinn Arrived 9:15 AM *****

Dr. Pakiela said several agencies have tried to add fentanyl to their drug license and it was problematic. Mr. Parker said when the "just in time protocol" initially went statewide, there were concerns because fentanyl is a high-risk drug; however, Dr. Cunningham wrote a letter, with approval of the EMS Board, to the Board of Pharmacy which resolved the issue.

***** Kubincanek, Shade Arrived 9:19 AM *****

Mr. Parker reported that the 15-step addendum process for an agency to add medications to their drug license is being revised. An electronic form will be available for medical directors to sign and notarize which should improve the processing time.

Dr. Dahl-Grove asked if they can get a copy of the Board of Pharmacy's list of current medical directors. Mr. Parker said a public records request can be done and an Excel spreadsheet will be e-mailed. Mr. Davis said that will be done as an action item.

Greg Smith from Medina Hospital is scheduling a meeting in Medina County with fire chiefs, medical directors, and hospital pharmacists to discuss the changing policies of some hospitals regarding drug

transfers. Mr. Parker will attend. Dr. Cunningham requested Mr. Smith contact Dr. Feltoon with the details of the meeting so the RPAB Region IX members can be notified.

***** Graymire Arrived 9:26 AM *****

Investigations, Melissa Vermillion

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action(s) against certificate holder(s) which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) and involve matter(s) that are required to be kept confidential under Revised Code 4765.102(B) at 9:27 AM. Pomerantz first. Mallory second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Roll Call

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Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
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Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
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***** Board returned from executive session 9:57 AM *****

2009-456-102	2011-722-E300	2011-921-E500	2011-1011-E100
2011-677-E100	2011-824-E300	2011-939-E100	2011-1018-E300
2011-710-E300	2011-838-E300		

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreement(s) for the above listed case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2010-397-E100	2011-942-E500	2011-1015-E100
2010-404-E100	2011-999-E100	

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2011-678-E400	2011-898-E400
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases and refer to local medical director/department. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2003-508-304 2005-282-102/2006-367-602	2007-394-503 2007-179-304	2008-610-304 2008-697-501
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases and reopen if reappplies. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2003-363-102 2004-244-102/2006-483-102 2006-462-102 2006-541-308 2007-85-308	2007-458-101 2008-39-101/2002-65-101 2008-416-304 2008-483-304 2008-595-304	2009-480-101 2010-407-BE500 2010-478-E100 2010-524-E100	2011-637-E500 2011-663-BE100 2011-673-E100 2011-704-BE100
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed cases; individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2011-734-E100

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearing(s) for the above listed case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2011-906-E100	2011-943-E100
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ACTION: Motion to close the above case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2011-945-E300

ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for granting permission for the Attorney General to negotiate a consent agreement for the above case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2011-953-E300

ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for granting permission for the AG to negotiate a consent agreement to include a written reprimand, a one-year suspension of the EMT-Intermediate program, a consent agreement will require submission of an educational improvement plan, bi-annual reports, and a requirement that the institution appear before the Board for approval in order to resume EMT-Intermediate program for the above case(s). Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

2011-656-E100 2011-965-E100 2011-974-E100	2011-987-E100 2011-988-E100 2011-989-E100	2011-1021-E100 2011-1023-E100 2011-1024-E100	2011-1042-E100 2011-1043-E100 2011-1044-E100
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2011-975-E100	2011-991-E300	2011-1028-BE100	2011-1048-E100
2011-977-BE100	2011-993-E100	2011-1032-E500	2011-1049-E100
2011-978-E100	2011-996-E100	2011-1034-E100	2011-1050-E100
2011-979-BE100	2011-1003-E100	2011-1035-BE100	2011-1053-BE100
2011-981-BE100	2011-1005-BE100	2011-1036-E100	2011-1057-BE100
2011-983-E100	2011-1012-E100	2011-1037-BE100	2011-1058-E100
2011-984-E100	2011-1013-E100	2011-1039-E100	2011-1062-BE100
2011-985-E100	2011-1016-BE100	2011-1041-E100	2011-1063-E100

ACTION: Motion to close the above cases due to 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. Dahl-Grove first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Davis welcomed Director Leaming, thanked those who assisted in the interview process, everyone who applied for the position, and the Board for their direction in the process.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Leaming thanked the Board, Director Tom Charles, and Deputy Director Joe Montgomery for their endorsement of his employment. He looks forward to the challenges and would be remiss if he did not mention that Ellen Owens did a remarkable job as interim director, and Richard Rucker for his years of service to the Division.

A copy of Mr. Leaming’s report was distributed. Highlights included:

- He has been meeting with key stakeholders and committees, and plans to foster collaborative relationships with the Fire Marshal, Homeland Security, and the Emergency Management Agency.
- Mr. Leaming attended the Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association conference along with Director Charles and Governor Kasich.
- The purchase of the trauma registry software will be delayed approximately six months due to the Fiscal section’s concern over the Controlling Board’s approval with the purchase process being used.
- Director Leaming reported staff changes that included Liz Earley being hired as the Researcher II.
- DPS Assistant Director Craig Mayton facilitated a meeting with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and members of the EMS Board and Trauma Committee to foster a relationship and explore collaborative efforts in the Ohio trauma arena. Mr. Davis said it is evident ODH does not have plans to be the trauma leader for Ohio, and EMS will utilize the NHTSA evaluation to look at what items could be accomplished without legislative changes. Mr. Erskine will schedule a follow-up meeting.

State Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham forwarded an article from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) highlighting the Division’s participation and contribution to the burden of stroke project in Ohio. The Department of Homeland Security recently released their Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendation Progress Report for 2011 in advance of the tenth anniversary.

In the last month, Dr. Cunningham attended the Department of Homeland Security Executive Leadership Program, the Department of Homeland Security EMS NIMS meeting, and the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative Reunion. While there, Rich Serino, FEMA Deputy Administrator, commended Ohio’s EMS initiatives to prepare communities for disaster and our connection with local EMS agencies.

She reported the Center of Homeland Defense and Security extended an invitation to the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS to be included in their Hall of Fame. Dr. Cunningham said the invitation was representative of a commendation to all the Board members, committees, and staff for their support to communities in Ohio. The induction requires Ohio EMS has a patch or coin and she is working with the Director's office to make this happen.

Future meetings for Dr. Cunningham through December include the Department of Homeland Security First Responder Resource Group, a federal workshop with the DEA regarding drug shortages, the EMS Committee of the Transportation Research Board during the EMS Services and EMS Systems Safety Strategy and Solutions Summit, and the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) annual meeting. Dr. Cunningham and Mark Resanovich will participate in the American Israel Education Foundation EMS and Homeland Security mission in December and will provide a presentation to the EMS Board at the retreat in February. Dr. Cunningham is scheduled to speak about this experience at the Ohio ITLS Emergency Care conference in February 2012.

Dr. Cunningham will provide a written report for the October Board meeting as she was excused by the EMS Board to attend the Department of Homeland Security's Executive Leadership Program.

Assistant Attorney General, Yvonne Tertel
Ms. Tertel had nothing to report.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anne Vitale
Ms. Vitale reported she will no longer represent the Division of EMS, and Winston Ford will assume her duties on August 29th. Lora Manon will provide the required Ethics training to Board members at the October Board meeting. Ms. Manon will coordinate with Ms. Dodson.

EMS Legislative Liaison, Andy Spencer
Mr. Spencer was not in attendance but an updated legislative report was distributed. Mr. Davis discussed some legislative issues as follows:

- HB 223 relates to the ad hoc committee created by the Board to look at the telecommunication issue regarding dispatcher qualifications and continuing education.
- Mr. Davis was contacted by the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association and informed that they will support HB 244 (vaccination) but not the firearm qualification in HB 288.
- He pointed out that HB 169 deals with "what is substantially related to the applicable profession" for disciplinary action which is a conversation our Board has frequently discussed.

Board members requested the legislative report include the name of the bill sponsor and to receive it electronically. Ms. Dodson will coordinate with Mr. Spencer.

Certifications, John Kennington
Mr. Kennington presented six certificate holder requests for exemption of their current continuing education (CE) requirement due to active military service (certification numbers 17934, 69254, 128704, 137516, 141747, and 144680).

ACTION: Motion to approve six requests for exemption from current continuing education requirements due to active military service (certificate numbers 144680, 141747, 137516, 69254, 17934, and 128704). McNutt first. Quinn second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennington received an inquiry that if a certificate holder's spouse is deployed overseas and they were moving with them, could they receive exemption for their current continuing education

requirements. He said he has never received a request of this nature and wanted to present to the Board for discussion. Dr. Pomerantz asked whether there are enough on-line options to get the CE and Mr. Kennington said there are for EMS, but maybe not for fire. Dr. Pomerantz said if we provide this for deployed military personnel, she sees no reason why it wouldn't extend to their spouses. Mr. Quinn agrees that the impact of moving a family due to deployment is sometimes more difficult on the family.

ACTION: Motion to approve exempting CE hours for certificate holders whose spouses are deploying overseas, and the certificate holder is moving with them. Quinn first. Springer second.

Mr. Resanovich asked if our rules permit the EMS Board to take this action, and Mr. Kennington said he did not know. Mr. Davis suggested this motion be tabled until the next meeting to provide legal counsel the opportunity to research the matter, and he also asked Mr. Kennington to ask this individual to submit a formal request.

Mr. Kennington brought up the issue of applications received without the required Declaration of Material Assistance (DMA) forms during 2007-2010 that have not been processed as there was no established procedure to manage this situation. The DMA form was required for anyone applying for certification as a result of Senate Bill 9 (Patriot Act). Mr. Leaming's concern was the individuals were "pending" and could still practice. Legal counsel advised Mr. Kennington to contact the individuals with one last chance to submit a DMA. Only two of the 120 applicants re-notified submitted a completed DMA form. Mr. Kennington said these two individuals cards were unable to be renewed in 2010 and their certifications needed to be updated. Due to these mitigating circumstances, he requested the Board consider a motion to waive the CE requirement to allow them to renew their cards.

ACTION: Motion to exempt the two certificate holders (Certificate numbers 81306 and 87918) from continuing education and bring them up-to-date on their current certification. Bradshaw first. Steinberg second. None opposed. None abstained.

With a procedure in place to handle such issues, Ms. Vitale is hopeful they can get language to repeal the requirement of the DMA form. She said if an individual even accidentally checks "yes" on the form, the state requires their application be denied. The individual can write to DPS for the record to be reviewed, and Mr. Kennington knows of only one person who is appealing.

Mr. Kennington then presented two requests for exemption from continuing education (CE) due to mitigating medical circumstances. Both certificate holders were involved in auto accidents and disabled for a lengthy time. The individuals could not attend classes because it would jeopardize their disability and staff recommendation is to approve.

ACTION: Motion to exempt two certificate holders (Certificate numbers 66660 and 136711) from continuing education due to medical hardship. Shade first. Quinn second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennington presented another request for CE exemption due to medical hardship for an individual who was injured lifting a patient. However, the individual could have fulfilled their CE requirement before their expiration date, and the staff's recommendation was to deny the exemption. Mr. Resanovich said if the individual requested the CE exemption prior to the expiration of their certificate, then a different consideration by the Board could have been warranted and asked Mr. Kennington to inform the individual of this fact.

ACTION: Motion to deny request for CE exemption due to medical hardship. Shade first. Kubincanek second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Ms. Harris asked Mr. Kennington a question posed by the Ohio State Firefighters Association (OSFA) to require the online renewal drop down menu to include their employer affiliation so the Division could develop a roster showing how many members are in a department. Mr. Kennington said that has always been there and he has spoken with Mr. Roberts in regard to his roster. The Division shows Mr. Robert's agency has twenty-three members and Mr. Roberts says he has forty-five. Mr. Kennington said if individuals do not mark their affiliation, then the Division has no way of knowing who they work for, nor can an accurate member listing be provided to departments. Mr. Kennington said the bottom line is Ohio is a non-affiliated state, and only about 50% of those recertifying mark an affiliation. He said it is in rule that individuals disclose their affiliation; however, the Division has never pursued them because it would be a major undertaking. Mr. Davis asked Ms. Harris to take the information back to OSFA; if the OSFA decides to submit a request to make the field mandatory, then the issue can be brought back to the EMS Board for consideration.

Education, John Sands

Ms. Mirarchi read into the record a signed Consent Agreement in the matter of Case #2011-867-E300, Pickaway-Ross Career Technology Center, Accreditation #214, for the First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and Paramedic levels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dispatch Committee, John Kubincanek

Mr. Kubincanek said the committee meets September 15th at 9:00. The House Bill being introduced on emergency dispatching adds credence to the committee. Deanna Harris and Bruce Shade have expressed interest to be on the committee and more volunteers are needed. He and Ellen Owens have been working to identify other stakeholders (police, air, etc.) that might have an interest in being members.

Education Committee, John Kubincanek

The final drafts of the continuing education (CE) curriculum and scope of practice were approved and have forwarded to the Medical Oversight Committee (MOC) for review. A sunshine paragraph was added to the curriculum stating that training programs have to teach the new curriculum beginning September 1, 2012.

With the state-approved maintenance of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) paramedic certification, the contact hours required to provide this information does not change Ohio's EMS scope of practice. A notice will be posted on the website and program directors will be notified. All changes are reflected in the scope of practice rules (Chapters 12, 15, 16, and 17).

Other projects the committee is working on include a mentorship program, EMS Instructor program, and review of the Public Safety Instructor Course training program. A presentation was made to the committee by Katherine Hevener of the Governor's Task Force and Captain Piwtorak from the Liberty Township Fire Department regarding a special needs registry program (Liberty Township received an award in May based on this work). An ad hoc committee was formed to develop training tools to disseminate this information. The committee will look at special needs from pediatric to geriatric. Dr. Cunningham said the Regional Physician Advisory Board could encourage this, but is not sure every system has the resources required to work on this. Challenges include how to implement without mandating training and keeping the registry updated. Ms. Graymire will forward the contact information of person who worked on the special needs goal for the Trauma Framework to Mr. Kubincanek.

EMSC Committee, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz

The EMS Committee met yesterday reported the following:

- The site visit for the Pediatric Preparedness Program to Geauga Medical Center was rescheduled for September 29th-30th. Lake Health System has applied to participate in the program.
- Dr. Dahl-Grove, Dr. Pomerantz, and Dr. Amyna Sabir helped revise the pediatrics section of the American College of Emergency Physicians' Ohio EMS Medical Director course.
- Response rates from the survey of the EMS agencies and hospitals that was required for performance measures concerning transfer guidelines and agreements were 62% for EMS agencies and 52% for hospitals. Detailed results will be available on the Ohio EMSC website.
- A Pediatric Disaster Preparedness stakeholder meeting will be held in October at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) focusing on integrating pediatric practices into existing statewide plans.
- Ohio EMSC is working closely with Rainbow Babies' and Children's Hospital on the 2011 Ohio Pediatric Trauma Symposium. Dr. Amyna Sabir and Joe Stack will present *Emergency Departments: Pediatric Preparedness Program*.
- The committee voted yesterday to recommend Lynn Haas to the EMSC committee.

ACTION: Motion to approve Lynn Haas as a member of the EMSC committee. Pomerantz first. Dahl-Grove second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Fire and Fire Safety Committee (FFSI), Doug Orahood for Jim Steele

The committee continues working on the Pro Board certification and the practical skill sheets should be available on the website by the end of the week so schools can begin working into their fall curriculum. They are finalizing the evaluator training manual and will provide to schools who will do a "train the trainer" on how to train the evaluators in practical skills testing for Ohio certification.

The committee is working on three phases of the testing module (functionality of test in the new database, ability for Division staff to see behind the scenes to ensure individuals have passed both the FF I and FF II standards, and ability to send test questions securely to subject matter experts for review). These should be completed by January 2012.

Homeland Security Committee, Mark Resanovich

The committee is still looking for members from the northwest and southeast parts of the state. Mr. Resanovich said the committee met last Friday and worked on altered standards of care, including emergency dispatch, and are reviewing how other states are handling.

► Specialty Care, Dr. Brian Springer

Dr. Springer reported the Specialty Care committee met July 20th but did not have a quorum. Those in attendance felt strongly the Board should look at credentialing or endorsements instead of certification. A lengthy discussion ensued and items discussed included the challenge of legislative support for certification, endorsement as an alternative, areas of focus [air medical, critical care, HAZMAT, and TEMS], and outside sources for testing. Dr. Springer said the scope of practice, educational content, and other issues still need defined for endorsements and wanted approval from the Board to move forward.

ACTION: Motion to seek Board approval for the committee to focus on obtaining endorsements for paramedics as opposed to seeking certification. Springer first. Kubincanek second.

Mr. Davis said instead of having a Specialty Care Paramedic certification, there could be subspecialty endorsements under the Paramedic certification. Mr. Resanovich said it is like a CDL drivers' license with endorsement for HAZMAT or air brakes. A lengthy discussion ensued and issues discussed included concern that endorsements would not require proper skills like a certification, but would not

have the resistance and pitfalls that can be associated with certification. An endorsement allows the Board to supervise the training and testing requirements without worrying about managing the entire process (testing, curriculum, etc.), grandfathering, continuing education, unfunded mandates, and can those not affiliated with a fire department receive endorsement. The motion was tabled because the Specialty Care Committee meeting had no quorum.

Dr. Springer recommended Dr. Maloney be added to the Specialty Care committee. Dr. Maloney is from the Cleveland Metro Health System, is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Toxicology. He has a significant interest in HAZMAT, and has been recommended by Dr. Thomas Collins, a former EMS Board member.

ACTION: Motion to approve Dr. Maloney as a member of the Specialty Care committee. Springer first. Dahl-Grove second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Medical Oversight Committee, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove

In April, the committee discussed the request of IV initiation without transport and had requested legal research for drafting a Board position paper. Ms. Vitale said she is investigating.

Linda Mirarchi presented the new curriculum and scope of practice rules. MOC members had minor changes, but approved the draft rules and referred back to the Rules Committee.

The committee discussed aligning provider titles in the Ohio Administrative Code with the national guidelines. (The new titles will be Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT (AEMT), and Paramedic). Currently the term "EMT" is used broadly in rule to refer to all EMS providers in Ohio. The EMS community needs to be educated and advised on the upcoming changes, and the Board needs to set a date for when the new titles take effect.

ACTION: Motion to revise EMT terms to be reflective of the national terminology. Dahl-Grove first. Pakiela second.

There was confusion over when the rule changes could be made. Ms. Mirarchi believed they could not make changes until after September and Ms. Vitale thought they were waiting to find out if there was going to be one general term to use besides EMT. Ms. Vitale said the law takes effect on September 29th and have ninety days to prepare those changes, which can be made now.

None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Dr. Cunningham will draft an article for the SIREN to explain the change in titles.

Dr. Dahl-Grove said John Sands is working on the 12-lead EKG training module. There have been some delays due to website design issues, but this should be resolved toward the end of the week.

The committee received a request from a medical director regarding use of the i-STAT[®] system. It has been referred back to the requestor for clarification on the situations for which they want to use it. Mr. Davis asked for elaboration on the i-STAT[®] system, and Dr. Pomerantz said the device can test BMP, cardiac markers, blood glucose, and CHF markers. The i-STAT[®] takes ten minutes to run cardiac markers and would not be useful for short transports, but could potentially change triage and treatment plans for lengthy transports. Mr. Davis said the devices can also measure elevated potassium levels in renal dialysis patients. He thought perhaps a study could be done on this similar to the 12-lead EKG acquisition and transmission study which resulted in changes to the Ohio EMS scope of practice.

National Accreditation Committee, Linda Mirarchi for James Davis

Ms. Mirarchi reported the committee did not meet. HB 128 was approved, allowing for the sixth priority grant allowing assistance for entities operating paramedic training seeking national accreditation. In February, a query was sent to EMT-Paramedic schools regarding their intent to seek national accreditation. She reported only thirteen have not responded and of those thirteen, five do not offer paramedic programs, two are in the process of closing their programs, which leaves eight unknown.

Recruitment/Retention Committee, Daryl McNutt

Mr. McNutt said the committee will meet in September.

Research and Grants, Daryl McNutt

The committee met yesterday. Tim Erskine and his staff made a presentation on the collection of data, data requests being made, and how that data is being used.

With the passage of HB 128, it establishes a new order for grant priorities as well as establishing two new priorities. They are as follows:

- Priority 1 – Training and equipment remain the same
- Priority 2 – Changed to research, test, and evaluate medical procedures and systems related to adult and pediatric trauma care
- Priority 3 – Changed to injury prevention research
- Priority 4 – To research, test, and evaluate procedures and promote rehabilitation, retraining, recruitment, and reemployment of adult or pediatric trauma victims
- Priority 5 – New priority to conduct research, test, or evaluate one or more of the following:
 - a) Procedures governing the performance of emergency medical services in Ohio
 - b) Training of emergency medical service personnel (the staff of emergency medical service organizations)
- Priority 6 – New priority for the grant award years occurring not later than June 30, 2017, and shall be given to entities that operate EMS training programs at the paramedic level and are seeking national accreditation of the EMS training program at the paramedic level.

The Grants committee approved the new draft rules, pending ODPS legal review, and forwarded to the Rules Committee.

The committee agreed on funding levels for Priority 2 through 6 and as follows: Priority 2 - \$200,000; Priority 3 - \$190,000; Priority 4 – \$120,000; Priority 5 - \$100,000; and Priority 6 - \$40,000. All funding levels are based on a total funding level of \$3.5 million dollars. If seatbelt fines collected are less, all priorities will be reduced proportionately.

Staff and the Grants Committee will create new application forms for Priority 5 and 6. Applications and grant focus areas will be approved at their December meeting. One grant focus area suggested by the Trauma Committee chair for Priority 2 is an assessment of Ohio's Trauma system. In order to have the rules and applications in place, it is essential that the Board discuss this due to the short timeline required to approve the new rules.

ACTION: Motion to approve the grant priorities and funding levels: Priority 2 - \$200,000; Priority 3 - \$190,000; Priority 4 – \$120,000; Priority 5 - \$100,000; and Priority 6 - \$40,000. McNutt first. Shade second.

Dr. Pomerantz said the former Priority 4 moved up to the Priority 2 and added the words “evaluation” and “systems”. Priority 3 is injury prevention, Priority 4 is rehabilitation, and the evaluation of EMS training was moved from Priority 2 to 5.

Mr. Davis gave a brief history on the new verbiage in Priority 2. Several months ago the Trauma Committee requested to have the American College of Surgeons (ACS) evaluate the trauma system in Ohio, which the Board agreed to explore. Mr. Davis said there was never a Board motion to do a statewide trauma assessment because the issue of funding needed resolved as the Division cannot do it. Outside sources such as the Ohio Hospital Association could contribute, which would require legal review, or it could be funded fund it through the EMS Priority 2 grant. While Mr. Davis thinks it is an important issue, legislation was changed specifically to help fund programs seeking national accreditation (Priority 6). He would like to know why the Priority 2 increased to \$200,000 and Priority 6 funding is only \$40,000. Mr. Davis wants to ensure the Board does not misrepresent the graciousness of the legislators or short-change the schools relying on these funds. Dr. Pomerantz said during the Grant committee meeting they were told Priority 6 only needed \$40,000. Ms. Mirarchi said that currently there are ten schools eligible for reimbursement for the cost of the national accreditation process, and \$40,000 would not cover the expenses incurred. Initial calculations were based upon dividing the cost for the total by the number of schools that would apply over a multiple year period; however, it appears more schools than expected are seeking accreditation in the first year.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Graymire to explain how Priority 2 increased to \$200,000, which is significantly higher than any amount ever mentioned. Dr. Pomerantz and Ms. Fischer said during the committee meeting Kathy Haley, Trauma Committee chair, said Priority 2 focus would need \$200,000 to \$250,000. Ms. Graymire said Ms. Haley did not say that much money would be needed. She said it costs about \$70,000 for the application. Mr. Erskine said Colorado held one four years ago and budgeted \$120,000, all of which was spent for the application and visit, but this included approximately \$50,000 in preparing the PRQ. Mr. Davis said the Board needs to determine whether a statewide trauma assessment should be funded through a grant request and if this priority is funded appropriately or not.

Members discussed many concerns in depth including how to calculate and ensure enough funds are available to reimburse the schools pursuing national accreditation, if the cost of an ACS survey of the state trauma system be justified to taxpayers in the current economic climate or if outside funding for this be sought, if we are prepared to do an ACS survey with other competing projects (TQIP, data system), and the potential conflict of interest for committee/Board members wanting to submit for the ACS grant. Dr. Pomerantz said most grant applications are not funded fully and a lot of indirect costs are cut by the committee if they don't feel they are worthwhile (i.e. 20% of someone's salary, \$50,000 in printing, etc.).

The Board was in agreement that the most important thing is to ensure the commitment made to the EMS education institutions for national accreditation is fulfilled. Dr. Steinberg agrees with the Board's concern, but said the TVC feels very strongly that the ACS review of Ohio's trauma system would aid in moving the trauma system forward.

***** Mr. Resanovich left at 1:15 PM *****

Dr. Pakiela suggested recalculating the funds and revisions were agreed to as follows: Priority 2 - \$138,000; Priority 3 - \$131,000; Priority 4 - \$129,000; Priority 5 - \$127,000; and Priority 6 – \$125,000.

ACTION: Motion to amend the grant priority amounts in the original motion to: Priority 2 \$138,000; Priority 3 - \$131,000; Priority 4 - \$129,000; Priority 5 - \$127,000; and Priority 6 – \$125,000. Pakiela first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis returned to the original motion to accept the grant priorities and funding including the amended motion above.

None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Dr. Pomerantz said the committee requested the RFP for Priority 2 be released early in November to provide extra time needed to complete a PRQ. Mr. Boster deferred to Ms. Vitale as the rule is not completed and was not sure that would preclude putting an application online. Ms. Vitale will discuss this issue with Fiscal. Ms. Graymire said the ACS assessment is a comprehensive look at EMS and Mr. Erskine said it is an entire systematic overview that looks at the infrastructure.

ACTION: Motion to have the request for Priority 2 grant RFP released by November 1, 2011, or as early as possible. Dr. Steinberg first. Shade second.

Mr. Dutton raised the concern that if the Priority 2 funds are released early in the cycle for the ACS survey, how can we ensure Priority 6 funds for the schools will not run out of money. Mr. Boster said once an award letter is sent out, we are obligated to fund that amount. Priority 6 is uncharted territory as we have never done anything like this. Mr. Dutton said typically for a grant, you cannot submit and get reimbursed until after the grant period is over with in terms of rolling the money over. Mr. Boster said through extensions they have the ability to do that within the fiscal year limitations. August 30th is the last date funds can be disbursed at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Boster said the unique aspect of the law for Priority 6 is that retroactive to February 2010. If a school started the accreditation process after February 2010, they can get reimbursed for the 2012-2013 cycle. August 30, 2013 would be the final date that grant money could be received for the first year of Priority 6.

None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis wanted to clarify whether the Board is sending a specific request for a Priority 2 research project based on a statewide trauma assessment or if they are funding Priority 2 with the intention to see if anyone applies knowing that we have an interest in having this project done. Dr. Steinberg said if permitted, a specific focus on performing a statewide assessment of the trauma system should be attached to Priority 2. Mr. Boster said that this can be done. He needs to know what specific items need included, and he will put in the application form.

ACTION: Motion to have the focus of Priority 2 be on the assessment of the Ohio trauma system. Steinberg first. Shade second.

Mr. Dutton asked about the process for the development of the RFP/RFQ and whether the Board would have an opportunity to review it before it is distributed. Ms. Graymire said the PRQ documents are online at the ACS website. Mr. Davis thought Mr. Dutton was asking if the priority will focus on a statewide trauma assessment and how input from stakeholders can be received without giving preferential knowledge of the requirements for a winning bid. Dr. Steinberg said a few of the TVC members expressed interest in submitting an application. Interested parties will need to recuse themselves from any discussion or vote regarding the grant evaluation or award process. Mr. Davis said that seems acceptable as everyone knows that if they or their organization has an interest, they cannot be a part of the discussions or evaluations. Mr. Erskine will create the focus language for the application, and the reviewers of the grants will be out-of-state experts. Ms. Graymire said she and Ms. Haley have already recused themselves.

Fischer opposed. Harris abstained. Motion passed.

Rules Committee, William Mallory

The committee did not meet but will be busy with upcoming rule revisions reported here today.

Strategic Planning/NHTSA Committee, Craig Self

The strategic plan was distributed in the Board packet. The purpose of the plan is to provide the Board with the focus of work for the next five years. The committee requests approval of the goals, mission, vision, and values. A communication plan was distributed to the Board that defines how the plan would be communicated internally and externally. There are two dashboard versions: an external one for the website to track major goals, and an internal one with the action plans.

ACTION: Motion to approve the goals, mission and vision values, in the Strategic Communication Plan as contained in the Board packet. Self first. Pakiela second.

A lengthy discussion ensued and items addressed included:

- Mr. Davis clarified that the recommendation to combine OMTB and the Division of EMS is from the 2011 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) assessment for Ohio to generate a comprehensive system for EMS that is all inclusive and under one umbrella. The EMS Board is not initiating this and higher level conversations are taking place regarding combining the Boards and agencies. The majority of Board members felt bringing the OMTB under EMS would make the Ohio system all-inclusive. Currently Ohio is the only state in the nation that has two separate agencies overseeing EMS. There is also some overlap in the organizations that hold seats on both Boards.
- Mr. Shade wanted wording in 4.1.1 changed from “develop a plan for legislative action combining the current functions, authorities, and resources for licensing and regulation of all EMS patient transport resources in a single agency in Ohio” to “consider developing a plan...”. He said private providers have great concerns regarding merging the two Boards. Mr. Self said the wording was specifically written in 4.1.1. so the plan could be rejected.
- Mr. Shade felt private providers could be harmed with a merger and they need the chance to discuss the issue with whomever the decision makers are. They are held to a certain standard in terms of what equipment is in their vehicles, a standard to which public providers do not have to adhere.
- This could impact public service which has not had to go through the ambulance licensing process.
- The majority of members felt having oversight for air medical services is necessary given the lack of restriction of who can operate in Ohio. Dr. Steinberg said there is a feeling among the trauma and emergency medical services community that air medical services is a tragedy waiting to happen.
- Ms. Graymire wanted the trauma model framework document to include the strategic plan as it will alleviate the Board from having to refer to two different documents. Mr. Self thought it had been incorporated, but cannot include the entire framework or the strategic plan would be too voluminous.

Mr. Davis said if the Board wants changes to the language in the document, now is the time to do so. Dr. Pakiela recommended the Board approve the plan as written as it follows the guidelines that the NHTSA report outlined. There was confusion over the motion and Mr. Davis asked Ms. Dodson clarify it. She said it is to approve the strategic plan document as drafted and distributed.

Mr. Quinn wanted to make a point of order that a motion was made and seconded to accept the plan. He said Ms. Graymire and Mr. Shade’s amendments should be individual motions and voted on before finalizing the vote on approving the strategic plan.

ACTION: Motion to add the trauma framework goals and direction into the Strategic Plan document. Graymire first. Self second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to modify the wording in section 4.1.1 of the Strategic Plan to “consider the development”. Shade first.

Mr. Davis said since there was no second, the motion is moot.

Ms. Graymire wants to ensure everyone involved in the Strategic Plan document is represented in the acknowledgements. Mr. Self said the organizations in the acknowledgements were members of the committee. He said if they want to acknowledge all the organizations the Board members represent, he is not sure how to do that. He will confirm with Ms. Owens that no one is omitted.

Mr. Davis went back to the original motion on the floor to accept the Strategic Plan as amended.

None abstained. Shade opposed. Motion passed.

Copies of the plan to realign Board committees with the Strategic Plan were distributed for review. Mr. Davis would like Board members to review and will put it on the agenda for October.

Trauma Committee Report, Tim Erskine for Kathy Haley

Mr. Erskine reported that in 2005, the committee worked on developing geriatric trauma triage rules as a distinct population, which was approved by the Board. It is finally in publication in the Pre-hospital and Disaster Medicine journal. Mr. Erskine will distribute the article electronically to Board members. Mr. Davis congratulated Mr. Erskine as co-author and for all his work on the project. With the Board's approval, Dr. Cunningham would like a copy sent to Rick Hunt, the director of injury prevention at the Center for Disease Control. Mr. Davis asked Ms. Graymire if a copy should be sent to Representative Carney who was instrumental in helping increase the availability of research staff here and she agreed.

Trauma Visionary Committee (TVC), Vickie Graymire

Ms. Graymire reported Lynn Haas and her committee are working on metrics to measure data and have created a timeline. The metrics will look at three components (structure, process, outcome) to assess our system's performance. Ms. Graymire said the timeline for implementation of the metrics will be pushed back six months due to the delay of the software purchase. She would like the metrics sent out to the Board members for comment and they will be discussed at the Trauma Committee meeting.

American College of Surgeons Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP)

The committee is looking at being able to view our data in a more strategic method so it can be risk adjusted. Ms. Graymire said Dr. Steinberg agreed to investigate the TQIP program, which is an offshoot of a broader program (the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP)). Dr. Steinberg said the only methodology available to risk adjust data was TRISS, which was from the 1980's, and no longer provides an accurate portrayal today. The TQIP staff in Chicago will make a presentation on using TQIP on a statewide basis after the September 14th TVC meeting. If Ohio chooses to employ TQIP, it would provide risk adjusted outcome data for trauma centers that could be used internally for quality improvement and to fulfill legislation requirements that this information be reported to the public.

Model Trauma Framework – Goal #8

One initiative within Goal #8 is to develop a Joint Registry Oversight Committee (JROC) to oversee all data. JROC would be an oversight committee, with TRAS and IRSAC as its subcommittees. The TVC asked Ms. Harris to head the initiative, and she read the purpose of JROC: “To work toward developing a single data repository that links multiple state databases in order to pull meaningful data with standardized process and without duplication of efforts.” Mr. Davis asked Ms. Graymire what type of committee she is requesting, and she said JROC should report directly to the Board.

Dr. Steinberg said the TVC believes is important to link the data being entered into IRSAC, TRAS, and the Rehabilitation databases to achieve the goals of the trauma system in Ohio. Ms. Graymire said when they say "data" that also includes linking with other databases, such as the coroner and crash reports, which is a long range plan for the data repository. Members expressed concern regarding creation of another committee that would task Division staff, whether the Division can house more data, the Division has been criticized for not utilizing data it already collects, the time and manpower required to collect and warehouse more data, and the creation of a list of other data sources that exist that can be utilized on an as-needed basis versus warehousing data at EMS.

Mr. Davis suggested this be tabled until October and asked Ms. Harris to do more research on how this should be structured. Ms. Graymire and Dr. Steinberg said the group is struggling with their authority to continue moving forward and want assurance from the Board that no one will be upset that this process is going on. Anne Vitale clarified that when she advised JROC to hold public meetings, she was under the impression it was already a Board-approved committee. Until it is, phone calls can continue, but no action can be taken until the Board approves it. Mr. Davis said JROC will stay a workgroup under TVC for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Leaming said the Board retreat will be held February 15, 16, and 17, 2012 at the State Fire Marshal facilities, which was Ms. Dodson's suggestion. He feels the venue is large and spacious and conducive for the retreat unless anyone has an objection. Dr. Pomerantz asked where it was located and Mr. Davis said it is north of the Pickerington retreat held several years ago.

Mr. Davis reported that Brian Pfeffer has been actively deployed again by the military.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn with the exception of the Fire Board members, who will remain for discussion of fire issues. Pomerantz first. Dahl-Grove second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Davis brought the meeting of the EMS Fire Board members to order at 2:05 PM.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Ms. Joyce Fischer	Here
Ms. Deanna Harris	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. William Mallory	Here
Mr. James Parrish	
Mr. William Quinn, Jr.	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	

Mr. Davis noted that a majority of the members were present, providing a quorum, and Executive Director Jeffrey Leaming was also present.

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary actions against fire certificate holders which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) and involves matters that are required to be kept confidential under Revised Code 149.43 at 2:07 PM. Harris first. Fischer second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis Here
 Ms. Joyce Fischer Here
 Ms. Deanna Harris Here
 Mr. Daryl McNutt Here
 Mr. William Mallory Here
 Mr. James Parrish
 Mr. William Quinn, Jr. Here
 Mr. Mark Resanovich

*******Fire Board returned from Executive Session at 2:14 PM *******

2011-949-F100	2011-986-F300	2011-992-F100
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director accept the above Fire case(s) consent agreement(s). Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2010-97-F100	2011-799-F300	2011-863-F100
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close(s) the above Fire case(s). Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2008-284-701	2010-603-F100	2011-663-BF100	2011-729-F100
2009-217-701	2010-605-F100	2011-675-F100	2011-746-F100
2010-407-BF500	2011-662-F100	2011-704-BF100	

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above case(s) as the individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreement(s). Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2011-751-F100	2011-901-F100
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director Issue Notice(s) of Opportunity for Hearing(s) for the above Fire case(s). Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2011-819-F500	2011-997-F500	2011-1000-F500
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ACTION: Motion recommending the Executive Director propose consent agreements for the above reinstatement case(s). Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2011-913-F500	2011-914-F500	2011-915-F500
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director Issue Notice(s) of Opportunity for Hearing(s) for the above reinstatement case(s). Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2011-954-F100	2011-1001-F100	2011-1014-F100	2011-1038-F100
2011-958-F100	2011-1002-F100	2011-1016-BF100	2011-1040-F100
2011-960-F100	2011-1004-F100	2011-1017-F100	2011-1053-BF100
2011-961-F100	2011-1005-BF100	2011-1025-F100	2011-1057-BF100
2011-970-F100	2011-1006-F100	2011-1026-F100	2011-1060-F100
2011-976-F100	2011-1007-F100	2011-1028-BF100	2011-1062-BF100
2011-977-BF100	2011-1008-F100	2011-1029-F100	
2011-979-BF100	2011-1009-F100	2011-1035-BF100	
2011-981-BF100	2011-1010-F100	2011-1037-BF100	

ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director close the above Fire cases due to one of the following reasons: inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions that have previously been deemed “not involving moral turpitude”, local non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction. Mallory first. McNutt second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

CERTIFICATIONS

Mr. Kennington presented three applications for exemption for CE due to active military service, same as was presented on the EMS side earlier (certificate numbers 137516, 69254, 17934, and 128704).

ACTION: Motion to approve seven requests for exemption from current continuing education requirements due to active military service. McNutt first. Quinn second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennington presented one certification (number 16560) for exemption of current continuing education requirements due to medical hardship as presented earlier on the EMS side.

ACTION: Motion to approve exemption from current CE requirements due to medical hardship. McNutt first. Fischer second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennington presented a request for exemption due to medical hardship that was granted on the EMS side; however, the individual did not renew their fire card. Mr. Kennington gave a brief overview of the individual’s therapy and circumstances for time off from work. The staff recommendation is to deny the exemption. This individual is a Level II firefighter who can retest, do the continuing education and get reinstated. Mr. Kennington said the individual does not want to take the test.

ACTION: Motion to deny request for medical exemption for current CE requirements. Quinn first. Mallory second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

No new or old business was brought up.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the Fire Board members’ portion of the meeting. McNutt first. Quinn second. None opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.