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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2008**

Chaired by Mark Burgess

Board Meeting Date and Location: September 17, 2008, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Pamela Bradshaw, Mr. Mark Burgess, Dr. Thomas Collins, Mr. James Davis, Mr. David Fiffick, 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. Michael Senter, Mr. William Vedra

Board Members Absent: Ms. Vickie Graymire, Dr. Jonathan Groner, Dr. John Pakiela

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Tim Erskine, Thomas Gwinn, John Kennington, Carol MacDowell, Thomas Macklin, Chuck Milam, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Doug Orahood, Ellen Owens, Millie Pontious, Richard Rucker, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Yvonne Tertel, Katie Toole, Melissa Vermillion, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Michelle Bubemyre, St. Clair Township-New Miami Life Squad; Debbie Walker, Sycamore Township Fire Department

Mr. Burgess called the September 17, 2008 meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Roll Call

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2008 EMS BOARD MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to approve the August 20, 2008 EMS Board minutes with amendment of changes to reflect proper name of two medical associations. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Motion approved.

*******Mr. Vedra arrived at 10:03 AM*******

STAFF REPORTS

Chair's Report, Mark Burgess

Mr. Burgess said an ad hoc committee to focus on the National Registry accreditation issue is being created.

Mr. Burgess presented Carl Jordan with a plaque in honor of over eight years service on the EMS Board. Mr. Jordan is an outstanding individual who has added a lot to the Board. This is his last meeting, and he will be missed.

State Medical Director, Dr. Cunningham

The Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) chair meeting was held last week. The draft revisions of the RPAB rules were reviewed. The All-Member RPAB meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 1:00 PM. Each region's chair will give an annual update for activities in their area.

Dr. Cunningham is sorry to report that there will not be an update on the GIK study at the January Retreat that was introduced last year. The study was unable to be continued as an insufficient number of hospitals agreed to participate.

Dr. Cunningham spoke about the Geriatric Trauma Triage guidelines at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation on September 6th and at St. Rita's Trauma Symposium on September 12th.

The draft of the educational standard instructor guidelines is posted at the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) website, and she encouraged members to look at those. The deadline to make comments is September 26th.

Along with Mr. Rucker, she will be attending the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) annual conference. She will do a presentation on Ohio's activities for the past year as well as moderate a discussion on air medical services issues. The state of Colorado recently won a court decision stemming from a lawsuit supporting their ability to regulate which vendors come into their state.

Dr. Cunningham was unable to attend the NAEMSE conference that was held last week. Ms. Bradshaw attended and shared her comments on national accreditation from a vocational school perspective. National accreditation will be an expensive process. A major difference is her school currently has a 10 to 1 ratio, and they require a 6 to 1. In the draft paper, their national accreditation will require fewer skill sets for the practical exam, only two to three, compared to the current twelve. Twelve states have mandated accreditation in 2008, one of those being New York, a state which is not currently a national registry state. She has CDs for anyone who would like to view them. Ms. Bradshaw will check to see if anyone or just NAEMSE members can comment on the draft.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Heather Frient

No report was given.

EMS Legislative Liaison, John Lang/Tonia Fitros

No report was provided from the legislative liaison team.

Mr. Erskine discussed House Bill (HB) 601 that was introduced in July to rewrite the Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) legislation using the Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST). There was plenty of support, but some specific wording in the bill slowed the process down and he believes it will have to be reintroduced early next year. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will be responsible for drafting the implementation rules. Mr. Erskine clarified that the MOLST/POLST acronyms are Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) and Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST). Use of the term MOLST gives nurse practitioners and physician assistants the ability to assist patients in filling out the forms.

******* Ms. Tertel arrived at 10:15 AM *******

Executive Director's Report, Richard Rucker

Mr. Rucker received an e-mail from George Hatch, Executive Director of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) in response to the letter the EMS Board sent asking for reciprocity of our state accreditation process. Mr. Hatch said the request will be presented at their next scheduled Board meeting. Once Mr. Rucker receives feedback, he will update the Board.

Per the Board's request, Mr. Rucker looked into the overlap of the new BMV Next of Kin registration with the EMS ICE position paper. The Next of Kin information was incorporated into the ICE position paper and copies of the revised ICE position paper were distributed for review and discussion.

ACTION: Motion to approve the revised ICE position paper incorporating the BMV Next of Kin registration. Collins first. Jordan second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Rucker reported that Lorrie Laing resigned her position as EMS Chief of Operations to take another position in the field of highway safety, which she has been involved in for twenty years. Mr. Rucker announced that John Sands will be promoted to that position.

The next town hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Due to feedback received from previous town hall meetings and the volunteer community, it was decided to hold an evening session to better meet the needs of our constituents. It will be held at the Washington County Career Center in Marietta, Ohio.

Booklets containing current Board and committee rosters, as well as EMS staff contact information, were distributed to Board members. Mr. Rucker commented that the information will be constantly changing and updated sheets will be distributed to members when needed.

EMS personnel participated in a joint national preparedness month outreach program last weekend at local Target stores in the Columbus area. Along with members of the Columbus Division of Fire, the American Red Cross, and FirstLink Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), information regarding disasters was distributed to the general public.

Mr. Rucker reported that Ms. Frient indicated there was a filing error on some of the rules: reinstatement (4765-8-16 and 18), grants (4765-5-02), and trauma (4765-14-01, 02, and 06). These rules will be heard at the November Board meeting instead of the October meeting.

Principal Assistant Attorney General, Yvonne Tertel

Ms. Tertel reported on the EMS side there are a few Report and Recommendation reports that will be presented at the next board meeting.

She reported there are a few challenging cases on the education side and commended Mr. Sands for addressing them. There are a few disciplinary issues pending for education.

Ms. Tertel reported the disciplinary process on the fire side is going well and the staff is able to handle fire and EMS cases concurrently.

Education, John Sands

Mr. Sands said there were no initial accreditations to approve.

Accreditation Renewals

Approval #	Exp. Date	Name	County	Level(s)	Contingencies	
1.	320	8/31/2008	Maplewood Career Center	Portage	EMT-B	None
2.	113	7/31/2008	EHOVE Career Center	Erie	FR, EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P	None

ACTION: Motion to approve the above listed renewal accreditation site(s) without contingencies. Fiffick first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

2008 Statistics: Total Accredited Institutions - 94 Certificates of Accreditation Renewed To Date – 23
 Certificates Expiring in 2008: 33 Initial Certificates of Accreditation – 10
 Certificates of Accreditation Reinstated – 1
 Certificates of Accreditation Inactivated - 5

Certificate of Approval Renewal(s)

	Approval #	Exp Date	Name	Contingencies	County
1.	2108	08-31-2008	Northcoast Polytechnic Institute	None	Lorain
2.	2227	05-18-2008	Harrison Community Hospital EMS	None	Harrison
3	1247	09-30-2008	Rossford Fire & EMS	None	Wood
4.	2241	08-17-2008	Public Safety Instructors, LLC	None	Clermont
5.	1271	11-30-2008	Doctor's Urgent Care	None	Clermont
6.	1272	11-30-2008	Patient Transport Services, Inc.	None	Clermont
7.	2110	09-30-2008	Northern Union Joint Fire & EMS	None	Union
Total: 7					

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

Mr. Sands said there were no initial approvals, offsite programs, expired, relinquished or reinstatements to report.

Mr. Sands entered into the record signed consent agreements of the following cases: 2008-165-308, Southeast Ohio EMS District Accreditation number 327 for the EMT Basic level and 2007-166-308, Gallia-Jackson-Vinton JVS Accreditation number 114 for the EMT Basic level.

2008 Statistics: New Programs – 18 # Certificate of Approvals due to renew in 2008: 157
 Renewals – 103 # Certificate of Approvals left to renew in 2008: 60
 Reinstatements – 0
 Inactivated - 5

Certifications, John Kennington

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

ACTION: Motion to approve one (1) request for exemption regarding continuing education for individuals serving on active military duty during the certification period. Davis first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the 1,349 active EMT Certifications issued for the period of August 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008. Pomerantz first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Data, Tim Erskine

No report was given.

Education Committee, James Holcomb

Mr. Holcomb reported the committee reviewed the instructor rules and all the chapter rules for 4765-18 and will present for approval next month. Only three or four questions were received from the EMS website, two of which are in your packet.

Some time was spent discussing the passing percentages per the Board's request. To remain in compliance, the renewal rule, OAC 4765-7-07, requires EMS programs to maintain an 80% overall passing rate over the 3-year accreditation cycle.

The statewide passing rates for the time period March 7, 2007 - September 16, 2008 are:

Certificate Type	First Time	Overall
First Responder	76%	79%
EMT-Basic	69%	77%
EMT-Intermediate	73%	83%
EMT-Paramedic	58%	76%

All levels, except the Paramedic level, hover around the national pass rate averages. The Ohio Paramedic pass rates are on 4-6 points below the national averages. It was recommended that language be added to the rule that requires either a 65% first-time passing rate or an 80% overall passing rate to meet compliance. It appears the addition of the 80% overall pass rate has had an impact on consent agreements. In January 2006, there were 64 accredited institutions in consent agreements and last year there were 53 institutions in consent agreements compared to 32 consent agreements at present.

The committee is looking at the EMT Intermediate curriculum which will be based on the national curriculum when it is published.

EMSC Committee, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz

The committee held their planning meeting yesterday and thanked the Washington Township Fire Department for the use of their facilities. The committee addressed results of the recent survey of EMS agencies and hospitals, as well as other important issues. Diana Fendya from the EMSC National Resource Center was in attendance.

Mr. Stack presented results from the EMSC 2008 EMS Agency Survey results on Medical Direction, funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. The prehospital performance measures included online/offline medical direction and pediatric equipment on ambulances. This presentation was the last in a series of reports, specifically focusing on pediatric equipment and online/offline medical direction in the pre-hospital setting.

The measure itself reads, “the percentage of pre-hospital provider agencies in a state that have the essential pediatric equipment and supplies as outlined by the AAP/ACEP joint guidelines for BLS and ALS ambulances”. These joint guidelines were issued in 1996. The new list is scheduled to be available by early spring. Mr. Stack will post the current list on the EMS website.

Below is a chart showing the percentage breakdown out of the 109 responses of what types of service responded:

	BLS Only	ALS Only	Both ALS & BLS
109 responses	12%	46%	42%

Trends observed from these results indicated that BLS didn't have the smaller pediatric airway sizes, some BLS are carrying less than 50% of the required equipment, and ALS are carrying 90% of all required items.

Mr. Davis said perhaps this information should be shared with the Ohio Medical Transportation Board (OMTB) since they regulate equipment carried on ambulances. Mr. Stack indicated they only regulate private services. Mr. Davis still felt the information would be valuable to assist them in writing violations. Dr. Pomerantz said the survey was only for transporting patients during an emergency response.

ALS only had an 85% response rate on transport monitors, which raises concerns because a heart monitor is required to be ALS certified. Dr. Cunningham said the most alarming thing is there are BLS squads that do not carry infant and child masks and bags, and that the airway management of choice for those patients is oxygen administration via bag valve mask over intubation.

The survey results showed 18% of the BLS vehicles and 21% of the ALS vehicles carry all the required equipment. Overall, only 20% of all agencies carry the entire required equipment list (BLS – 22%; ALS – 19%).

Dr. Pomerantz will look into delving deeper into specific areas that were found lacking and use for designing future grant priorities, perhaps focusing on pediatric equipment. Dr. Pomerantz will also look into breaking the survey results down by regions. There was discussion about reworking the survey to examine changing multiple items in range of sizes to either required or recommended and to measure equipment by service type rather than by vehicle agency. Dr. Pomerantz will work with the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) on revising the survey. She will forward the list of survey recipients to Board members and if they are familiar with any agency who has not responded, she encouraged them to speak to them now about responding to the survey.

Mr. Burgess commented that the survey certainly raises questions and Dr. Collins asked whether these results could cause loss of grant money. Dr. Pomerantz said as long as we are showing progress and working on the deficiencies noted, that would not occur.

Firefighter and FSI Committee, Phil McLean (Richard Rucker)

The committee approved the updated fire training objectives for the Firefighter I and Firefighter II courses and continue to work on reformatting the check off list for all levels. The committee completed discussion on live fire training and the NFPA 1043. They are forming a committee to work on additional hours for the instructor course to ensure that every instructor understands this standard.

Grants Committee, Carl Jordan

The committee did not have a meeting and had no report.

Homeland Security Committee, Mark Resanovich

The draft of the All Hazard Disaster survey has received 185 responses and the results should be compiled in approximately two weeks. Those results will then be shared with the Board.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) sent a new grant proposal for the next grant cycle for CHEMPACK training, tabletop exercises and full scale drills. Mr. Resanovich asked Mr. Rucker for more information on the various deadlines and reports, and if the EMS staff has the capability to perform all the functions. This will be revisited at the next Board meeting.

At the last meeting, Carol Jacobson gave a presentation on a patient tracking system. It is a web-based system for mass casualties utilizing information, either from a bar code, scanner, number or driver's license, to track a patient from the first contact all the way through hospital to rest home or morgue. There will be a training session October 29th at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) facility at 10:00 AM that Mr. Resanovich will attend.

Elizabeth Kitchen and Tom Macklin are preparing the final draft of CHEMPACK guidelines for host and non-host hospitals. Dr. Cunningham and other physicians are working on the medical piece to ensure compliance and proper protocols. Duodote® will not be listed as they are not contained in the CHEMPACK kit at this time. The final draft will be presented to the Board next month.

The Tactical EMS (TEMS) committee has scheduled an all-day meeting for October 20th at the Ashland Fire Department from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Mr. Resanovich indicated a lot of initial TEMS committee members showed enthusiasm, but have not been attending recent meetings. He will ask again for their commitment, and otherwise assign someone else in their place. A revised committee list will be put together.

Medical Oversight Committee, Dr. John Pakiela (David Fiffick)

The State Board of Pharmacy regulates vaccine and TB testing on drug licensures and have been receiving requests from EMS services to put these medications on their drug license. This is

outside the scope of practice (ORC 4765-6-03) and should be reiterated through the EMS website that EMTs can only do these vaccinations during declared emergencies or exposure. There has been confusion on this rule (ORC 4765-6-03). Paragraph (a) [health emergencies] and paragraph (b) [exposure to nerve agents] will be split from the current rule 4765-6-03 into 2 different rules (4765-6-03 and 4765-6-05). Basically, paragraph (a) would remain as rule 4765-6-03 and paragraph (b) would become new rule 4765-6-05.

The committee discussed how research projects will be handled internally. This will go to the Medical Oversight Committee (MOC) to determine whether it falls in the scope of practice and the Research committee will determine whether it falls within the rule. The two committees will discuss it, and the Research committee will then present to the Board.

The Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) position paper draft 4.0 was distributed to members. A few modifications were made and will be presented next month to the Board for approval. There has been a lot of discussion on this, and the MOC has received a lot of comments from the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) and others.

Recruitment & Retention Committee, Mr. Daryl McNutt

Mr. McNutt said they are still recruiting other members for the committee. The Recruitment and Retention webpage should be on the EMS website next week. There will be a link to Sherrod Brown's legislation for firefighter loans, which Mr. Erskine will email to all agencies.

Research Committee, Dr. Tom Collins

The committee did not meet this month and there was no report.

Rules Committee, William Mallory

Mr. Mallory distributed a packet of rules for review (Chapters 4765-2, 4765-3, 4765-6, 4765-10, 4765-12, and 4765-18), which will be voted on at next month's Board meeting.

Trauma Committee, Tim Erskine

Several workgroups have been created:

1. The Over/under Triage Workgroup will study ways to measure and minimize over/under triage of trauma patients, and should be a long standing group.
2. The Assistance Performance Workgroup will develop a set of reports to be developed from EMSIRS and Trauma Registry to monitor the performance of the statewide trauma system.
3. The Trauma System Plan Development Workgroup will create a state trauma system plan using the results of the trauma system self assessment.
4. The Distractive Driving Workgroup will investigate if methods exist to measure and reduce the incidence of distracted driving.
5. The Secondary Triage Workgroup (emergency department) will study over triage at non-trauma hospitals. The committee has requested that the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA), the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP), and the Ohio Committee on Trauma (OCT) from the

American College of Surgeons (ACS) work together to develop guidelines for hospitals to assist them in creating their own facilities definition of a trauma patient to minimize this preventable over triage. While the Trauma Committee has identified the problem, they have requested these outside entities to do this particular work with distribution coming through the OHA. If the Trauma Committee were to create these guidelines, it is outside the EMS Board's jurisdiction to do this. Secondly, any guideline coming out of any governmental agency becomes a defacto rule. The Trauma Committee did not want such a perception. They want this to be a guideline, not a rule.

The Geriatric Trauma Workgroup has been disbanded since the rules have been progressing and a manuscript has been drafted for submission to a peer review.

The Trauma Committee had two items they wanted to present to the Board as motions. The first is that the Trauma Committee reviewed and supports the Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) paradigm and recommends the Board support the implementation.

The second is the recommendation that the continuing education (CE) requirements for EMTs that currently specify two hours of trauma triage and transportation issues be amended to "requiring eight hours on trauma issues including triage and transportation protocols". Mr. Erskine said the Trauma Triage online training would not come near the required two hours. Mr. Sands gave an update regarding getting the online trauma triage course on the website. He said the Omni-Path vendor cannot guarantee whether this online training program can work from their link and has not yet received a definitive response. After discussion, the Board decided to send this to the Education committee for review.

Mr. Davis asked if the Trauma committee is aware of the work that Dr. Bass in Maryland just recently published regarding over triage. Mr. Erskine said it was sent to all committee members for review. Mr. Davis asked if there was any possibility of mirroring their work with our statistics to see if we have a similar response. Mr. Erskine said that article was based on surveys, the bulk of which was based on attitudes, impressions, and reasons for transferring or not transferring the geriatric trauma patient, rather than clinical data. Mr. Erskine will look into what data mining they did in the Maryland trauma registry and see if we can mirror that in the Ohio trauma registry. Mr. Davis thought they also looked into specific things such as mechanism of injury and fatality in the same vehicle and air medical transport, finding that the majority of those people were treated and released within 24 hours of admission. Mr. Erskine said it was a 50/50 split on what they were using (surveys and data mining). Mr. Burgess suggested the Education committee can do this after they are done with some of their current projects.

******* Lunch 11:18 AM – 12:00 PM *******

OPEN FORUM

Director Henry Guzmán of the Ohio Department of Public Safety updated the Board on the power outages from Sunday's hurricane winds after taking a tour of Ohio with Governor

Strickland. Initially, 2 million residents were without power, but that has been reduced to 800,000. Power is first being restored to hospitals and emergency first responders, then large employers, and residential grids of 5,000 customers or more. Some power will not be restored for at least four more days. The storm struck at a time when the utility companies had sent employees down to the southern states to assist with those areas. Power companies have brought in help from other states. There are concerns regarding health outbreaks due to spoiled foods, potential looting, and safety when people are using generators and candles. To date, seven fatalities have been reported. They are requesting EMTs to perform minor triage to keep people from overwhelming emergency rooms in southern Ohio, where 90% of Cincinnati customers were without power. The state's Emergency Operating Center (EOC) remains operational and will continue to monitor the situation and provide assistance during this state of emergency.

GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

The Goldman Proceedings were called to order at 12:10 PM.

Roll Call

Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Mr. James Davis	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	
Dr. Jonathan Groner	
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
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	Here
Mr. William Vedra	Here

A majority of the Board members were present. Two adjudication proceedings were held in the matters of EMS Case Number 2008-2-101, John A. Thornton, EMS Certification Number 89470 and EMS Case Number 2008-60-304, Phillip A. Watson II, EMS Certification number 104730.

The Board reviewed evidence, including exhibits and affidavits from EMS investigators and/or staff, associated with the aforementioned cases. 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 matters 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 cases and the disciplinary action recommended from case review.

Ms. Tertel said these are straightforward affidavits. Both respondents failed to respond to the Division regarding their cases, Mr. Thornton for moral turpitude, and Mr. Watson II for a continuing education audit. Through case review, the recommendation is to revoke their certificates to practice as emergency medical technicians.

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases 2008-2-101 and 2008-60-304 into evidence. Jordan first. Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the Goldman Proceeding was closed at 12:15 PM.

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

ACTION: Motion to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters by roll call vote at 12:16 PM. Davis first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

***** Board returned from private session at 12:20 PM *****

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2004-2-101, John A. Thornton, EMS Certification Number 89470, the Board finds that Mr. Thornton failed to report his conviction and failed to submit documentation of his criminal conviction as required pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4765-9-01(m), was convicted of misuse of a 911 system, Delaware City Ordinance 537.12, a fourth degree misdemeanor, and disorderly conduct, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 2917.11(b), a minor misdemeanor, and concludes his misdemeanor convictions involve moral turpitude, which violates OAC Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Thornton's certification to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2008-60-304, Phillip A. Watson II, EMS Certificate Number 104730, the Board finds that Mr. Watson committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for the renewal of his certificate to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirement to renew his certificate to practice in violation of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Sections 4765-10-03(A), 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2)(b) and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Watson's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

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 121.22(G)(3) and involves matters that are to be kept confidential under Revised Code 4765.102(B) at 12:55 PM. Davis first. Collins second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
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******* Board returned from Executive Session at 1:10 PM *******

2007-191-101	2008-438-101
2007-365-102	2008-462-102
2008-219-101	2008-483-304
2008-425-102	2008-504-305

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreements for the above listed case(s). Pomerantz first. Mallory second. None opposed. Davis abstained 2007-191-101; Collins abstained 2008-462-102; Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2004-27-102	2005-518-304
2005-341-304	2007-244-102
2005-401-304	2007-334-101
2005-419-304	

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s) and reopen if subject(s) reapply. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2008-463-101	2008-489-101
2008-467-302	

ACTION: Motion to close the above cases. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2008-329-401	
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ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s) and refer to local medical director/department. Pomerantz first. Bradshaw second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2004-78-405	2005-157-101
2004-334-000	2007-469-101
2004-363-403	2008-289-101
2004-404-101	

ACTION: Motion to close the above listed case(s). The individuals have met the stipulations in their Consent Agreement. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

2007-270-304	2008-378-102
2008-237-401	2008-423-304

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

2006-147-101	2008-509-305
2008-484-101	2008-510-101
2008-485-101	2008-519-305
2008-487-101	2008-521-101
2008-500-305	2008-522-101
2008-508-101	2008-523-101

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. Jordan second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

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ACTION: Motion to send letter to individual to advise discipline previously issued stands as is. Pomerantz first. Jordan second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board will develop an ad hoc committee to examine the issues surrounding national accreditation. Mr. Marchetta suggested that Dr. Cunningham poll the medical directors about their commitment to the national accreditation at the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) November meeting. Dr. Cunningham said it is on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board Position Paper, “*Healthcare to Paramedic*”, was reviewed. A discussion regarding what associated health programs should be kept for credit. Linda Mirarchi said there are two schools offering this bridge program, and a third is on the way. Mr. Resanovich did not see the connection to EMS Paramedic of some occupations such as the occupational therapist and radiological technicians. Mr. Marchetta said the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4765-6-02(e) allows for acceptance of previous training of the student by documenting the student’s

competency in the objectives through written and practical testing for the paramedic program. He said the position paper was an attempt to close the opened-ended nature of the rule. The courses students could test out of were minimal, and they still needed to complete the majority of the paramedic curriculum. The only requirement is that the program director and medical director approve the credit.

Mr. Davis stated that paramedic and nursing school involve two complete different methods of learning. The LPN to Paramedic program allows for them to test out of pharmacology, but LPNs cannot give medication unless they sit through a pharmacology class. This guideline helps other areas of the state who are attempting to attract nurses and others into volunteer service. Mr. Davis suggested getting input from nurses who have gone through this process. Ms. Bradshaw said as long as the program coordinator looks at each student on a case by case basis, she is agreeable with this avenue. If the program director has some guidelines to follow, these would be helpful to them. Ms. Mirarchi said ORC 765-6-02 is generic. When doing site visits, she has not come across any other healthcare professional other than an RN who has received such credit. It is not an abridged course, so one either has the competency or not. Ms. Bradshaw said respiratory therapists could be included as they have to complete a two-year program and probably do more in emergency program on airway management as opposed to RNs. Mr. Davis said if the Board is going to put something in writing regarding these other disciplines, the Board owes it to a fair amount of people who have been paramedics who have lost their certificate through either expiration, ability to retest or timeline to retest to consider them as well. Mr. Fiffick said you have to look at the individual, not just their occupation, to determine which courses from which they can become exempt through proficiency testing. They still have to be functioning and performing these skills to be eligible for exemption. Mr. Collins said perhaps this needs to be sent back to the Education committee for review of the guidelines, looking specifically at the PA, RN, LN and Respiratory Therapist.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn with the exception of Fire Board members, who will remain for the fire disciplinary process. Pomerantz first. Vedra second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

The Board members representing fire remained to handle disciplinary matters.

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 121.22(G)(3) and involves matters that are to be kept confidential under Revised Code 121.22(G)(5) and 149.43 at 1:00 PM. McNutt first. Mallory 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

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

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

2008-285-702 2008-347-307	2008-447-702
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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.

2008-375-706	2008-507-706
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ACTION: Motion recommending that the Executive Director issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the above Fire case(s). Mankins first. Mallory second. None opposed. Holcomb, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

The Board members said the fire committee designees suggested that they be informed of fire disciplinary action. Ms. Tertel said they could address any specific trends, but could not discuss specific cases. Ms. Vermillion said cases are listed in the SIREN by individual name and they could see it there. Mr. Davis said he appreciates the work investigations does, and how they break down discipline categories for both fire and EMS in order to see the consistency. Mr. Orahood believes a breakdown report would satisfy the fire committee designees. Mr. Davis said if their issue is with their representatives, they need to address that with Board members. Mr. Davis stated that he is comfortable informing the fire committee that the state staff is treating them fairly, especially with regards to permanent revocation issues. The Ohio Professional Association of Firefighters (OPAFF) would like to see mock scenarios which demonstrate the

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process used when deciding whether or not to revoke a certification. Ms. Vermillion said she will be giving a scenario-based presentation to the OAPFF in November. Mr. Jordan said educating them about the process is the best way.

ADJOURNMENT

The Fire Board members meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.