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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
October 17th, 2007**

Chaired by Carl Jordan

Board Meeting Date and Location: October 17th, 2007, Emergency Management Agency, 2855 W. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. William Mallory, and Mr. Michael Senter.

Staff Members Present: Dr. Carol Cunningham, Mr. Richard Rucker, Heather Reed Frient, Yvonne Tertel, Melissa Vermillion, Tim Erskine, Ellen Owens, John Kennington, Doug Orahood, Linda Mirarchi, Alan Boster, Thomas Macklin, Diane Walton, Aleta Dodson, Bob Ruetenik, Chuck Milam, John Sands, and Jacqueline Tunson

Guest and Public Attendance: Ms. Laura Tiberi, Mark DelPrgoust, Chris Shook, Andy Baillis, Jennifer Spilger, Tony Stringer, Daniel Beil, Vince Papa, Jerry Powell, Doug Lavenden, Dave Schmaltz, Lois Souder, John Hickey, Ken Schick, Lisa Nickles, C.C. Bittner, Tony Hutton, Daniel Helsel, and Bob Mahoney

Mr. Jordan called the October 17th, 2007, meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Roll Call

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

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Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. William Vedra	
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Dr. John Pakiela	Here
Mr. William Mallory	

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 19th, 2007, EMS BOARD MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to approve the September 19th, 2007, EMS Board minutes. Burgess first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

No comments brought forward.

Public Rules Hearing

Notice of hearing to solicit public comment on the following proposed rules to the Ohio Administrative Code: **Rescission** of 4765-1-01 (Definitions), 4765-7-01 (Definitions), 4765-7-02 (Accreditation of training programs), 4765-7-03 (Provisional accreditation of training programs), 4765-7-04 (Application for accreditation), 4765-7-05 (Offsite locations), 4765-7-06 (Notification to board), 4765-7-08 (Reinstatement of certificate of accreditation), 4765-7-10 (Validity of current certificates), and 4765-12-05 (Accreditation of training programs); and **Adoption** of 4765-1-01 (Definitions), 4765-7-02 (Accreditation of Ohio EMS training programs), 4765-7-04 (Application for accreditation), 4765-7-05 (Offsite locations), 4765-7-06 (Notification to board), 4765-7-08 (Reinstatement of a certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval), and 4765-7-10 (Reinstatement of revoked certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval).

Roll Call at 9:21 a.m.

Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire	Here
Ms. Charlene Mancuso	Here

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Ms. Reed Frient informed the Board that she had one additional change for the Boards consideration and stated that Ms. Owens discovered in 4765-7-02 (accreditation of Ohio EMS Training Program) that the very beginning of paragraph “A” which states “Except as provided in paragraph B of this rule” is leftover language from a prior draft and does not make sense with the rule that we have right now. She marked the amended version as state’s exhibit four, with the request to have the rule revised to delete the beginning portion.

ACTION: Motion to accept the above stated rules as written for final filing with JCARR with the noted revision to rule 4765-7-02. Burgess first. Groner second. None opposed. Motion approved.

A public hearing was held on the above noted rules and concluded at 9:32 a.m. A court reporter was present and full transcripts are available upon request.

CHAIR’S REPORT, CARL JORDAN

Mr. Jordan thanked the Board and EMS staff for their well wishes and cards while he was gone for the last three meetings with regards to his health and personal matters.

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

Dr. Cunningham stated the RPAB Chair meeting and All-Member meeting is scheduled for November 15th, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. respectively. Dr. C. asked the Board if they would like to have something placed on either one of the RPAB agendas to please get it to her by November 1st.

Dr. C. said she met with the CDC on October 16th, while they were in from Washington D.C. to do a site visit regarding Ohio’s Burden of Stroke study, and she felt their interview went really well. The CDC will be meeting with other participants, including some of the EMS agencies, over the next two days and Dr. C will update the EMS Board following the receipt of the CDC’s report.

Dr. C. said that Stephanie Reed of the American Heart Association has resigned and is in her last week of work but wanted Dr. C. to let the Board know that American Heart is now produced an on-line pre-hospital stroke recognition CD that is available for purchase.

Dr. C. informed the Board that she will be attending the National Association State EMS Officials Annual meeting at the end of October.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, YVONNE TERTEL

Ms. Tertel stated the transition from Karen Unver to her as far as case handling is basically complete. Ms. Unver does have three matters pending that she's working on mostly of an appellate nature. Ms. Tertel met with the investigations and education staff regarding backlog cases and hashed out a lot of different things and since then have made substantial progress in trying to weed through those matters.

EMS STAFF LEGAL COUNSEL, HEATHER REED FRIENT

Ms. Reed Frient updated the Board on some of the rules that are in the process of being amended. She filed a number of rules on October 12th, specifically clarifications to Chapter 4765-10 (investigative rules), the merging of the Trauma Registry (4765-4) and Incident Reporting (4765-13) rules, and the online continuing education rules (4765-7-11 and 4765-19-01). A public hearing for those rules will be held November 14th. There will also be a public hearing at the December 19th Board meeting regarding the Scope of Practice rules, research rule (4765-6-04) and potentially reinstatement rule (4765-8-18).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, RICHARD RUCKER

Mr. Rucker informed the Board of a memorandum that he received from the Governors Office requesting he send the attendance records to their office of all Board Members for the past two years. The Governor directed Aaron Pickrell, Office of the Governor, to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the statutory requirement in RC 3.17. He got the impression that those who are not in compliance will be removed.

The Ohio Revised Code 3.17 states:

"Any member of a board, commission, council, board of trustees of an institution of higher education, or other public body of the state, except a member of the general assembly or a judge of any court in the state, who fails to attend at least three-fifths of the regular and special meetings held by that board, commission, council, board of trustees, or public body during any two-year period forfeits the member's position on that board, commission, council, board of trustees, or public body."

Executive Director Rucker shared with the Board that he had gone over the retreat minutes from January trying to pick out all of the action plans that we said we were going

to accomplish for 2007 and beyond and listed them on his report for review and a reminder to the Board.

Action Plan: Mr. Rucker asked the Board and staff to take a look at what was said in January and see if we have accomplished what we need to in 2007, and if not, we need to hold each other accountable and make sure we're looking at the plan and moving toward the things that are important to EMS. Mr. Rucker said several accomplishments have been made on things we said we were going to do, but that there are a few things we still need to move towards.

STAFF REPORTS

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

Initial Approvals

	Name	Personnel	County
1.	LifeCare Medical Services	Program Coordinator – Phillip Hogsed Medical Director – Anthony Albano MD	Hamilton
2.	Pemberville-Freedom Fire Dept.	Program Coordinator – Mike Vajen Medical Director – Paul Walker	Wood
3.	Willard Fire Dept	Program Coordinator – John Weiss Medical Director – Veselin Dimitroy MD	Huron
4.	Middleton Township Emergency Medical Service	Program Coordinator – Roanne Jones Medical Director – Dr. Martin Pontasch, M.D.	Wood
5.	Greater Miami Valley EMS Council	Program Coordinator – Bill Mangas Medical Director – Dr. Randy Marriott, M.D.	Montgomery
	Total: 5		

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

Renewals

	Approval #	Exp Date	Name	County
1.	2198	8-18-2007	Perrysburg Twp Fire & EMS	Wood
2.	1173	9-30-2007	Rittman EMS	Wayne
3.	2065	9-30-2007	Robinaugh Medical Service	Logan
4.	2068	9-30-2007	Bloom Twp Fire Department	Fairfield
5.	1036	4-30-2007	Instructor Resources Inc	Medina
6.	1183	11-30-2007	Grandview Hospital	Montgomery
7.	2207	12-15-2007	Marion Fire Department	Marion
8.	2210	12-15-2007	Eaton Medical Transport, Inc.	Preble
	Total: 8			

same. Ms. Owens recommendation is that based on the technology being used and its capabilities, it appears the program can meet the existing rules and regulations, and suggested that the Board approve the program with the caveat that the education committee is currently working on rules and regulations for initial training and online and distance learning. The rules and regulations will be coming out in the next few months most likely, and any programs conducted will need to be in compliance with those rules.

Ms. Reed Frient said ORC 4765.16 was amended in order to create an exception to the general rule (which states that all initial training and continuing education training programs must be taught by an EMS instructor). Amended language now states “Except as otherwise provided in rules adopted by the Board...” This requires the Board to create rules providing for the times when initial training courses and CE courses may be taught by someone other than an EMS instructor. In accordance with this language, the Board filed the online continuing education rules (4765-7-11 and 4765-19-01). Now the Board must establish rule(s) that set some parameters on the types of online training (or other types of training not taught by an instructor) that the Board will allow for initial training. In summary, the Board has already created a rule for continuing education; now it needs a rule for initial training.

Ms. Owens said she felt that Cuyahoga was seeking a letter from the Division saying that, based on the proposal as presented, including the methods and formats used for teaching the program, the Board feels that the technology meets the current law and rules.

Mr. Rucker said he would write a letter to Cuyahoga College relaying this discussion and stating that the Board feels their request meets the current law.

Dr. Collins suggested including in the letter why the Board felt this program met the definition of being “taught”. In case other programs elect to do something similar, you can show how it was previously met. Not every program will meet the current law.

Mr. Rucker stated that the Education Committee needs to focus on drafting rules that set forth the format and methods by which accredited institutions can provide initial training in a non-traditional format (i.e., distance learning, online).

- **Extensions, John Kennington**

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

- **Certifications, John Kennington**

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

Mr. Kennington stated he received one letter requesting exemption due to medical hardship, but said the letter was rather vague, the gentleman stated he has been unable to fulfill his requirements for continuing education due to his medical hardship. The medical hardship was described as an injury to his arm and shoulder and brought it before the Board for a decision.

After a brief discussion the Board recommended gathering more information.

Mr. Kennington said he would contact the individual and bring it back before the Board at the next meeting.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the 952 active EMS Certifications issued for the period of September 1st, 2007 through September 30th, 2007. Collins first. Burgess second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Public Forum EMS Grants PowerPoint presentation, Mark Burgess

Mr. Burgess said the purpose of the public forum was to describe the current funding mechanism for the EMS grant program, to explain some of the issues concerning the funding and to collect feed back from providers and agencies that receive funding.

The philosophy has always been that we want to improve patient care. How do we do that? By giving agencies money to help purchase equipment and training. We also want to raise the standard of care in Ohio. We feel that everybody that comes through the state deserves a certain level of care and wherever that bar is we need to bring everyone up to that bar. We can give money to those agencies if we can identify them with the goal of providing a decent level of care statewide. By doing that we fund the agencies that are most in need, and how we determine who they are is part of the feed back.

Feedback is important. We have been talking about what to do for a number of years. We met in January for our Board Retreat, and the discussion on grants took up a number of hours. We want to serve you better and do the best we can, but we need your input.

Mr. Burgess shared with the audience that they have until November 30th, 2007, and if they chose not to speak now that they could send it to the Division of EMS.

Chief Hickey from Champion Township Fire Department stated that there is a lot of equipment they would like to have. For example, in 2006 he received \$7,000 and \$8,000 the next year and \$7,000 the following year. He inquired about an avenue where he could receive an \$18,000 grant to purchase a cardiac monitor, and then be ineligible for a two to three year cycle in order to purchase the expensive items that his department needs.

Mr. Burgess said he felt it was a good idea, but asked how we allocate the funds to be able to do that. He said if we give \$18,000 to one department, then some other departments that are getting \$3 or \$4,000 will not receive any grant monies.

Chief Bittner from Lakemore Fire Department stated that his community that has 2,500 hundred people. We started an EMS service in 1974 and were BLS until around 2001. When we started receiving the grants of five, six and seven thousand dollars, he stated he was able to train individuals to the paramedic level. Now his fire department has a full-time ALS paramedic fire-based EMS system. Without the money that is received every year through the EMS funding, he uses it to train individuals to the paramedic level and it's huge in his department. We are a bedroom community, and most of the individuals are as old as he or older. They do not have EMS levies or fire levies or commercial industry, and rely on 2% payroll tax and property tax to support our fire service. Without that money, there is no way we could ever be an ALS system. We are very thankful for that and he felt that people in smaller communities deserve the same care as those in larger communities and I think everyone agrees with that. He said it is nice to see that everyone is wearing their seatbelts more and more, but he didn't have a suggestion on how to generate money, but was pleading his case for his community of 2,500 people.

Chief Powell from Hillsboro Fire and Rescue said he seconded what Chief Bittner said. The real world impact of the grants translates to people being able to get care in a timely fashion. He's in a very rural county. They cover 250 square miles out of one station with 13 full time and 18 volunteer employees. He is representing some of the volunteer squad and departments that are at work now and was unable to attend. Grant monies help them to be able to get first responders on the scene quickly. Chief Powell said he would like the Board to know that they are truly grateful for the funding they receive.

Mr. Vince Papa from Norwich Township said he would like to see the balance of the funds for the refinement of service that they currently provide across the state. First and foremost would be education. He would like to see an education super highway come from the Division of EMS with a tiered focus on research from the data that comes in to Mr. Tim Erskine's office that the EMS providers are generating. We have a category of geriatrics where we have deficiencies and we're going to need education. If education comes from the Division of EMS whether it's via internet or on pre-can programs that instructors would have access to we would have continuity of education across all levels and all areas within the state. As far as grants are concerned, combining the them with educational resources raises the bar for education over time, increases the curriculum, and raises the bar each year. Instead of dispersing monies for education, a second tier grants could be creased for equipment and day to day operations that utilize those funds for the benefits for everybody in the state of Ohio.

Chief Tony Hutton from Kirtland Fire Department said that their area up in Northeast Ohio (Lake County) most of their budgets are driven by personnel 85 – 90% so they really count on the equipment portion of the grant. The majority of the money that they

spend in their area is on equipment. He stated he would hate to see that cut back, and stated he would rather see some of the research and other areas eliminated and focus on equipment and training because he felt those are the areas where the money is best spent.

Chief Bob Mahoney from Mentor Lake Fire Department said two other points – one there was a problem and this goes back to the carry over on funds we recently got caught up in the monitor purchasing situation. We purchased a monitor at the beginning of the year and it was kind of we took the money that we got from the state and kicked in to purchase a new one and the problem we have and where we're getting jammed and this is something that is perhaps a procedural thing that you need to look at is know one is shipping monitors. He has been waiting for nine months for his. The equipment still hasn't arrived so therefore he has no bill to send in to the division. So you need to look at the administrative side as sometimes it's just not possible to comply with the request that you make. Secondly, Lake County is very well developed the majority of all budget goes towards equipment and training. The other thing that is important and you need to consider is keeping the whole situation equitable for everyone.

Ms. Lois Souder from Apollo Career Center thanked the Board for their consideration in holding the open forum. She would like to have the Board considering expanding the amount of money directed toward first responders amount of money. When we look realistically at what has happened nationally certainly target areas are those individuals in uniform. If we don't consider looking at expanding the first responder monies for equipment and training. Who is going to be there to back us up particularly if we're talking about cutting minutes down for brain cells and for heart cells? If we're not going to go ahead and invest in those people that can get there quickly, then, what are we really accomplishing, because response time nationally are not decreasing?

Ms. Lisa Nickles from Rhodes State College stated that she is a volunteer for a local department within a village of about 800 people and has received grant monies that have been beneficial, but at the same time it's sad to say we have lots of training equipment that has been purchased that's not being utilized. Being in charge of a training program I look at what that department has and what we have access to and we're very fortunate in our institution that our institution has supported us greatly. But I also know that other places are not as fortunate in terms of their funds and availability to buy equipment to train with and to teach from an accredited institution stand point. Initially in the set up of the administrative rules and the law the accredited institutions were not included in the grant process, but felt that is an area that should be considered for some monies at some point.

Chief Mark Dellprgoust from Wooster Township Fire Department stated that they are a small combination department of five career and about 30 paid on call. We protect sixty-five square miles, eighty-five hundred individuals and make about 800 runs a year. Over the last eleven to twelve years through the grant process we've received \$80,000 dollars which has been tremendous. The training issues within our particular department and the

ability to send our young volunteers that are hungry for education off to paramedic training through this grant has been exceptional. Unfortunately, being a primarily paid on call volunteer department, members often get hired out from under us by career departments within a few years of their training. However, without the funds, many of the young EMT's could not go on to paramedic school.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the hard reality is that the money is going down and worst case scenario if your budget was cut in third would you rather see distribution to everybody or are there certain agencies that you would like to continue to get grants and which agencies would see may not be able to participate. Would you rather see the agency that really needs it get \$5,000, with some not receiving any or everyone maybe receiving \$500.

Ms. Souder said when you talk about maybe having your money over years combined to acquire an expensive piece of equipment, perhaps consideration should be given to a regional rotation of grants. This grant cycle Northwest Ohio gets it and the following year Southeastern Ohio and so on. If you divided the state into regions and every third year my region would be available for funds and that whole pocket would come to that region so that it would rotate around.

Captain Tony Stringer of Vandalia Fire Department stated in response to Dr. Cunningham's question said that the federal grant process we go through – stated they have gone through four years in a row and never received anything which is a lot of work. Neighboring departments have purchased work out equipment twice in that process while we're trying to get radios and other things to assist in being able to function. From Dr. Cunningham's point at least he can appreciate the process, he felt that the Board was fair said he would go through the process and be considered than to go through the process and never get anything out of it.

Chief Mahoney stated that since he raised the issue of being equitable and he agreed that he felt the system is equitable. He understood about the funding being cut if things are getting to the point where there has to be a change in the situation. If four priorities are identified, you may need to juggle which are more important, which are less, and change up the percentages that you're putting in to each one if that's possible. The second is if you're going to tell me that I'm not going if four priorities are identified, to receive any money, then he felt it's incumbent on the Board to at least make sure that he understands why. If you want me to submit data and I'm not receiving any grant monies, I don't have any reason to send it to you. It is a pain in the neck to go through the process to ship that data to your division. He will continue to pay his staff to do it with no benefit, provided that you come back and explain to me crystal clear exactly why what's happening is happening and a lot of times that doesn't happen. If we hear the state is passing out money, then everybody should be getting some. So you have those who will send you information because they're getting money. If that's not going to happen, it's going to be a sell job on your part to make sure that if I don't get it.

Executive Director Rucker commented and said that he didn't want individuals to forget that it is in law that you are required to send in your data and it is part of your responsibility to do that. In addition, if the grant money was not available you have to consider at least that you're helping EMS in the future by submitting that information because the information is used to make EMS better.

Dr. Collins said that when providers send the data in you are continuing the care of the patient for whom you are providing care, and you are allowing yourself and the state and other providers to increase elevating the level of care. Dr. Collins said he felt the philosophy that the only reason you're reporting is because of grant money needs to change. Because as a chief, as a leader, as a patient care provider are apart of a bigger process whereas you are helping us make decisions at the state level.

Mr. Rucker said there is a plan if it works out and he believes that it will. It is our goal to not only maintain the grants that we currently have now but to increase them. If we're able to get through a permanent funding source that we have on the table right now, we will be able to boost the grant money back to what it was a few years ago.

Mr. Doug Lavenden said he saw the figure for cots. He went to the workers comp university they had this year. If you call the workers' compensation, they will send individuals down and they will give you grant money to buy your cots. He stated he didn't know if some one could place something on the web site where one could finds this information. This would save money to be used on something else.

Mr. Burgess said one of the nice things about being in this position is that you find out all sorts of things and Ohio is fortunate to have a grant process like this, most states do not. It's something that Ohio is leading the way in a lot of things and it should be that way.

*******Break from 10:56 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.*******

*******Mr. Vedra arrived at 11:11 a.m.*******

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The committee has completed the final draft of the fire rules have. The committee met with the fire alliance and program directors around the state in August in an order to finalize the rules. The rules are scheduled for processing in the November meeting. Tuesday, December 11th at 10:00 a.m. is tentatively the date that has been set for the Public Hearing on the fire rules.

Web based testing is being taken to another level where as we will now be able to test firefighters, grade their test, and if they pass the test they will go immediately to the certification screen, fill out the information, submit it, and they will be certified before they leave the computer lab.

- **Trauma / Data, Tim Erskine**

The development of EMSIRS-2 continues and is still on track for a January roll out with the two year implementation schedule, and also the rewrite of the trauma registry data dictionary to align it with the new national standards for trauma registries.

- **Education Committee, Jim Holcomb**

The committee is working on changes of rules for online and accreditation and renewals.

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

The committee last met on September 18th.

Mr. Stack is working with Tricia Greenwald on developing surveys for collecting data required by HRSA for the EMSC Partnership Grant. The EMS Agency Survey was submitted to NEDARC (National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center) and approved. During the approval process, the Health Resources and Services Administration changed some of the language required in EMSC surveys, requiring another revision. The agency survey will most likely be released in early December.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee met September 14, and discussed pediatric altered standards of care. The next meeting will be November 9 in ODOT Conference Room B.

Mr. Joe Stack attended the All Hazards Leadership Committee meeting on September 27. This committee advises the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services on disaster preparedness and response issues. Mr. Stack is investigating a Psychiatric First Aid course as a possible continuing education offering to EMS providers.

Mr. Stack is attending the Safe Kids USA Conference in Washington, DC, in October. He also visited Carroll County Safe Kids on September 12 as part of annual site visits to all Ohio Safe Kids Chapters.

- **Homeland Security Committee, Mark Resanovich**

The committee has been divided into three different tiers in order to work on projects simultaneously. The hospital CHEMPACK group who is headed up by Dr. Collins met October 16th and Mr. Resanovich turned it over to him for comments.

Dr. Collins said the sub-committee is developing a training module that will be utilized by all hospital employees. The sub-committee will have representatives from hospitals, pharmacies, OSP and ODH. The committee is trying to address all the training needs that hospitals may have. The committee will be working with Thomas Macklin and developing his time line for delivery of the deliverables.

The new strategic plan that Homeland Security has put together specifically completing the objective 6.9 which has several points in there. Mr. Burgess has agreed to chair the sub-committee on the all hazardous response portion with EMS. A representative from Mr. Vedra's office attended the meeting and spoke on the strategic plan.

Tactical EMS still looking for someone to co-chair that group, but in the interim Mr. Resanovich is doing that.

HB 375 meeting has been scheduled for November 13th at 3:00 p.m. to discuss regionalization.

- **Grants Committee, Mark Burgess**

Mr. Burgess stated that the committee will take the information gathered during the open grants forum and discuss it at the November 13th grants meeting.

- **Medical Oversight Committee, David Fiffick**

The committee put out a 12-Lead EKG survey, we discussed the results of that survey there were 178 responses. The committee was looking to see primarily non-ALS services and asked what their highest level of service thinking it would be advanced or basic, but found out the vast majority is ALS that they responded to but don't know how often they're running ALS. But with the results and after a lengthy discussion the committee decided that they wanted to add the 12-Lead EKG interpretation for non-ALS units into the rules and into the Scope of Practice with the following criteria: obtaining a 12-Lead EKG for electronic transmission, there should be minimized delay in patient transport, and there should be no interpretation of the EKG. The 12-Lead EKG should be used in conjunction with destination protocols as approved by their local medical director. Those rules are being drafted now and will be sent to the rules committee. The committee is still working on the rules for the research project as they apply to outside the Scope of Practice and to the Scope of Practice matrix in general.

Ms. Owens stated that Ms. Reed Frient instructed her to relay the changes to the Scope of Practice rules to the Board; she stated the changes are fairly minimal. The committee asked that on the cover page that we add not only the ORC references, but also the Administrative Code rule references so that individuals know where the rules are since this is a quick view of it. The rules are intended to be placed on the web with links to the web page in order for them to click on it and go to the actual rule as well.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Scope of Practice rule with updated changes.
Burgess first. Davis second. None opposed. Motion approved.

- **Rules Committee, William Vedra**

The committee met on October 16th, and stated that November 16th is the day the Scope of Practice rules need to be filed. As the committee worked on the research rule (4765-6-04), they felt there were some gaps. As such, the committee added language to require an applicant to provide additional detail (i.e., specify the individuals of the agency who will be participating in the specified research project). New language clarifies that individuals participating in the study can only use an extended scope of practice for the approved agency; if they work at another place of employment, they cannot practice outside their traditional scope.

The committee also discussed proposed changes to rule 4765-8-18 (the reinstatement rule). The committee asked: if someone completes their continuing education before their expiration date but doesn't get their application submitted in time, can we do something to relieve them from having to take the reinstatement test? The reinstatement test supports the National Registry, and it would be beneficial if we could have a reinstatement fee that supported the Board's functions. The Board discussed the moratorium on new fees, and the fact that the Board could not go forward with a rule that would assess a reinstatement fee (even though the Board is authorized by law to charge application fees). The Board discussed the pros and cons of moving forward with a change to the reinstatement rule that did not include imposing a fee (i.e., the amendment would just create a grace period of ninety days). Making such a change would contradict the Board's previous decision to remove the grace period, however. The Board concluded that making such a change did not benefit the Division. Therefore, there was no advantage to changing this rule to incorporate an extension.

Mr. Davis stated that the Nursing Board has this system in place (pro-rated schedule of including recertifying your nursing license after the expiration date of your certification). Additionally, he asked whether the Director of Public Safety could petition the Governor's Office to request an exception to the moratorium on new fees. He said, in essence, the providers are paying a fee already, albeit to the National Registry. Mr. Davis said that allowing a fee would go towards the Division and Board's funding. Not only would it help the staff and the Board, but it would also help over a hundred providers a year who, for whatever reason, have made a mistake and allowed their cards to expire.

Mr. Jordan asked where the initial time frame of 90 days came from and whether it had something to do with the length of time it took us to process paperwork.

Mr. Kennington said previous rules allowed for a ninety-day period of time following an individual's expiration date before the individual's card lapsed. During that time period, the certificate holder could ask the Board for a non-functioning extension or could simply complete their continuing education and submit their paperwork before they would actually be in a situation where they had to reinstate. It was brought to the Division's attention that this was not the right way to go.

Executive Director Richard Rucker said he was certainly in favor of the rule and felt it would not hurt to seek a response from the Governor's Office. Mr. Rucker said he would talk to the Director of Public Safety about this issue.

Mr. Davis recommended tabling the issue until a response is received from the Department of Public Safety regarding the request to the Governor's Office.

ACTION: Motion to table the issue until a response from the Department of Public Safety regarding the request to the Governor's Office is relayed to the Executive Director of EMS. Davis first. Fiffick second. None opposed. Motion approved.

*****Lunch Break 11:56 a.m. – 12:52 p.m.*****

GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

Goldman Proceedings were called to order at 12:53 p.m. on October 17th, 2007.

Roll Call

Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
Mr. James Holcomb	Here
Mr. David Fiffick	Here
Ms. Charlene Mancuso	Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz	Here
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. John Kubincanek	Here
Mr. Mark Mankins	Here

Ms. Pamela Bradshaw Here
Dr. John Pakiela Here
Ms. Vickie Graymire Here
Mr. Michael Senter
Mr. William Vedra
Mr. William Mallory

A majority of the Board members were present. Four adjudication proceedings were held for EMS Case Number 2006-84-602, Kathy G. Weaver, Reinstatement Applicant Number 76484, EMS Case Number 2006-515-101, Richland W. Manteau, Jr., EMS Certification Number 95499, EMS Case Number 2007-14-305, Adam J. Knitter, EMS Applicant Number 165139 and EMS Case Number 2007-43-304, Terrance J. Colton, EMS Certification Number 24431.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of proceedings in the aforementioned matter in the Board office.

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence. The social security number that is on the case will be redacted. Burgess first. Pakiela second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Since no further evidence was submitted to the Board, the Goldman Proceedings were closed at 12:58 p.m.

ACTION: Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation in the matter of EMS Case Number 2006-84-602, Kathy G. Weaver, Reinstatement Applicant Number 76484, EMS Case Number 2006-515-101, Richland W. Manteau, Jr., EMS Certification Number 95499, EMS Case Number 2007-14-305, Adam J. Knitter, EMS Applicant Number 165139 and EMS Case Number 2007-43-304, Terrance J. Colton, EMS Certification Number 24431, by roll call vote at 1:00 p.m. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Carl Jordan Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta Here
Mr. Mark Burgess Here
Mr. James Holcomb Here
Mr. David Fiffick Here
Ms. Charlene Mancuso Here
Dr. Wendy Pomerantz Here

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Mr. Daryl McNutt	Here
Dr. Jonathan Groner	Here
Dr. Thomas Collins	Here
Mr. James Davis	Here
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Mr. Mark Mankins	Here
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Mr. William Mallory	

*******Board returned from Executive Session at 1:07 p.m.*******

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2006-84-602, Kathy G. Weaver, Reinstatement Applicant Number 76484, the board pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4765-8-19, moves to deny Ms. Weaver's application for reinstatement of a revoked EMT-Paramedic certificate to practice. As such, Ms. Weaver's EMT-Paramedic certificate to practice shall remain revoked. Ms. Weaver was granted intervention/treatment in lieu of conviction for Theft of Drugs, in violation of Ohio Revised Code § 2913.02(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony. Pomerantz first. Burgess second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2006-515-101, Richland W. Manteau, Jr., EMS Certification Number 95499, the Board finds that Mr. Manteau violated the conditions of a consent agreement issued by the board in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(8), therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Manteau's certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2007-14-305, Adam J. Knitter, EMS Applicant Number 165139, the board finds that Mr. Knitter failed to submit documentation of his criminal conviction as required pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4765-8-02(E). The board moves to deny his application for certification as an emergency medical technician. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2007-43-304, Terrance J. Colton, EMS Certification Number 24431, the Board finds that Mr. Colton committed

fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a 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 requirements to renew his certificate to practice in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(A), 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(2)(b) and 4765-17-02, therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Colton's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

*****Mr. Vedra returned at 1:11p.m.*****

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

• **Trauma Committee, Dr. Crow**

Thanked everyone who was a part of the web-based Trauma triage program developed for the Division of EMS, and felt it turned out quite well. Dr. Crow said they are near the finished product for the geriatric workforce who spent the last eight months, and possibly a year looking at Trauma triage criteria based on the elderly. The committee has two tasks that they will be working on over the next several years: over-triage and under-triage. The committee will be split in half and have half the committee work on what we can come up with years: over-triage and under-triage so hopefully in the next year you will see the information if we can come up with anything on over- and under triage and the recommendations. February is the date set for the trauma systems development retreat. Unique patient identifiers are a real ecclesial of the trauma system. The percentage of records that are duplicated in the system is approximately 20%.

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing educational Consent Agreements and Investigation Issues by roll call vote at 1:34 p.m. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Carl Jordan	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Here
Mr. Mark Burgess	Here
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 Mr. William Mallory

*******Board returned from Executive Session at 2:21 p.m.*******

2007-1-102	2007-40-101
2007-45-102	2007-55-102
2007-217-203	

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreements for the above listed cases. Pomerantz first. Mankins second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

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ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the above listed case. Pomerantz first. Groner second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of case number 2007-377-308, the Board accepts the voluntary relinquishing of the first responder accreditation and moves to renew the EMT-Basic accreditation contingent upon submission, with 60 days and prior to initiating a new class, written policies which clearly and accurately reflect the requirements outlined in OAC 4765-7-02(A)(17) and (19) and the EMT-Basic curriculum objectives, and a plan for ensuring student and class files document successful completion of course requirements prior to issuance of a certificate of completion for the EMT-Basic and instructor courses. The program is required to submit copies of advisory committee minutes on an annual basis. Pomerantz first. Burgess second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of case number 2007-378-308, the Board moves to renew the first responder accreditation contingent upon submission, within 60 days and prior to initiating a new class, written policies which clearly and accurately reflect the requirements outlined in OAC 4765-7-02(A)(17).

Renewal of the EMT-Basic and EMT-Intermediate accreditations contingent upon submission, within 60 days and prior to initiating a new class,

- written policies which clearly and accurately reflect the requirements outlined in OAC 4765-7-02(A)(17) and (19) and the curriculum objectives, and
- a plan for ensuring student and class files document successful completion of course requirements prior to issuance of a certificate of completion, and
- signed affiliation agreements for the use of any equipment, not owned by the institution, necessary to meet the skill objectives of the EMT-I curriculum.
- A plan for ensuring all course materials is developed under the direction of a physician that specializes in emergency medicine.

No classes may be conducted at any off-site location that has been approved by the Board. Pomerantz first. Mancuso second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of case number 2007-328-308, the Board moves to renew the First Responder accreditation contingent upon submission, within 60 days and prior to initiating a new class, written policies which clearly and accurately reflect the requirements outlined in OAC 4765-7-02(A)(17). Issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the EMT-B and EMT-I accreditation and authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a Consent Agreement. Pomerantz first. Mancuso second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of case number 2007-320-308, the Board moves to renew the First Responder accreditation contingent upon submission, within 60 days and prior to initiating a new class, a plan for ensuring student and class files document successful completion of course requirements prior to issuance of a certificate of completion. Issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the EMT-B accreditation and authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a Consent Agreement to renew the EMT-Intermediate accreditation. Pomerantz first. Burgess second. None opposed. Fiffick, Bradshaw and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of case number 2007-388-308, the Board moves to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in regards to the request for off-site approval. Pomerantz first. Mancuso second. None opposed. Fiffick and Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments brought forward.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jordan asked everyone to submit at least one individual's name that you feel might be considered for the Center of Excellence

OPEN FORUM

No comments brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Burgess first. Resanovich second. None opposed.
Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.