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**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2007**

Chaired by Carl Jordan

Board Meeting Date and Location: December 19, 2007, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mark Marchetta, Ms. Charlene Mancuso, Dr. Thomas Collins, and Mr. Michael Senter

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

Guest and Public Attendance: David Miller and Melinda Steele, Cleveland EMS; District Chief Dennis Clark, Cincinnati Fire

Mr. Jordan called the December 19, 2007 meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

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

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2007 EMS BOARD MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to approve the November 14, 2007 EMS Board minutes.

Holcomb first, Vedra second. None opposed. Motion approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT, CARL JORDAN

Mr. Jordan thanked all the committee members, Mr. Rucker, and EMS staff members for their assistance while he was the Chair. He said it was a pleasure and he will still be a part of the Board, just operating in the audience. He was pleased with all the work the committees accomplished in the past two years. Even though not everything on the agenda was completed, the Board is a lot farther along than he expected it to be due to the hard work of all the committee members. He thanked everyone for making the Chair look good. The Board members, EMS staff and audience members gave a round of applause.

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

Dr. Cunningham presented six reappointment applications for Regional Physician's Advisory Board (RPAB) approval: Dr. Hamilton Lempert and Dr. Phillip Oblinger (chair)-Region I, Dr. Thomas Krzmarzick-Region II, Dr. Michael Humphrey and Dr. William Tucker-Region III, and Dr. Eileen Baker-Region VII.

ACTION: Motion to approve the reappointment applications for members of the Regional Physician's Advisory Board: Dr. Hamilton Lempert and Dr. Phillip Oblinger of Region I, Dr. Thomas Krzmarzick of Region II, Dr. Michael Humphrey and Dr. William Tucker of Region III, and Dr. Eileen Baker of Region VII. Burgess first, Davis second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham attended the RPAB Region VII meeting. Dr. Eileen Baker, who has served as the chair for several years, will step down as chair effective January 1, 2008. She will remain part of the Board. Dr. Michael Zorko has been elected as their new Chair. Dr. Cunningham wanted the minutes to reflect the Board's thanks for Dr. Baker's service.

Dr. Cunningham attended the National EMS Stakeholders meeting to get input on the new educational standards. The team felt everything went fairly well and will be meeting

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with the Executive Council of NASEMSO (National Association of State EMS Officials) in a couple of weeks.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, YVONNE TERTEL

Ms. Tertel was very happy to report that the case review process is continuing to become much more streamlined. The process is very respectful of everyone's schedules and yet gets the work done.

Starting in January, 2008, hearings are being scheduled.

At last month's Board meeting, it was brought up that Mr. Prokop had filed to have his convictions expunged. Apparently the counsel for Mr. Prokop has withdrawn that request.

EMS STAFF LEGAL COUNSEL, HEATHER REED FRIENT

No report was given.

***** Dr. Wendy Pomerantz arrived at 10:08 a.m. *****

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, RICHARD RUCKER

Mr. Rucker provided a copy of the letter to Director Tiberi of Ohio American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) thanking them for the use of their facility for the October meeting per the Board's request.

The Governor's office has approved all of the Board appointments as submitted. Mr. Rucker offered congratulations to Mark Burgess, Dr. Tom Collins, James Davis, Dave Fiffick, Vickie Graymire, and Jim Holcomb.

A new employee with the Division of EMS, Lorrie J. Laing, will be coming in as the Chief of Operations. A new organization chart for the Division of EMS was distributed. Ms. Laing was formerly the Administrator of the Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO) since August of 1997. The Administration has decided to elevate GHSO to a Division and due to that, Director Guzmán will be announcing a Director for that position. Mr. Rucker is pleased to have Ms. Laing reassigned to the Division of EMS with the wealth of experience she brings. Ms. Laing has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and a Master of Science in Industrial Technology.

Drew Dawson, Director of the Office of EMS for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will be speaking at the EMS Board Retreat on Thursday, January 17, 2008, with an update on national scope and the educational agenda for the future.

STAFF REPORTS

Ellen Owens announced a new Administrative Assistant I, Katherine Toole, is joining the Division next Monday in the Education Section.

Recommendation of Continuing Education Site Approvals, Ellen Owens

Initial Approval

	Name	Personnel	County
1.	Oxford Fire Department	John Detherage, Program Coordinator Michele Nagaele, Medical Director	Butler
2.	Association of Medic EMS Professionals	David M. Gerhart, Program Coordinator Timothy Scroggins, Medical Director	Medina
3.	Lincoln Heights Fire Department	Lt. Ronald S. Tillman, Program Coordinator Hamilton Lempert, MD, Medical Director	Hamilton
4.	Stonelick Township Fire Rescue	Mark S. Johnson, Program Coordinator Robert W. Lambert, Medical Director	Clermont
5.	New Lebanon Fire Department	Krista Ables, Program Coordinator Judith Royer, Medical Director	Montgomery
	Total: 5		

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

Renewals

	Approval #	Exp Date	Name	County
1.	1197	11-30-2007	Clemente Ambulance Service	Mahoning
2.	2004	1-30-2008	Ross Twp Fire Dept.	Butler
3.	2206	12-15-2007	Beverly-Waterford Twp. Rescue Sq.	Washington
4.	1191	11-30-2007	Litchfield Fire & Rescue	Medina
5.	2064	9-30-2007	Madison County Emerg.Med. Dist.	Madison
6.	1199	1-30-2008	Mary Rutan Hospital	Logan
7.	2000	1-30-2008	Mogadore Fire Detp	Summit
8.	1115	5-31-2007	Pickaway Twp F.D. & EMS	Pickaway
9.	1168	9-30-2007	University Heights Fire Dept.	Cuyahoga
10.	1185	11-30-2007	Wood County EMS CE Trg Prg	Wood
11.	2011	1-30-2008	Highland Twp. Vol. F.D.	Defiance
12.	2075	1-30-2008	Newark Division of Fire	Licking
13.	1103	4-30-2007	Prairie Township Fire Department	Franklin
14.	2014	1-30-2008	Bradner EMS	Wood
15.	2076	1-30-2008	Chagrin Falls Suburban Fire Depart.	Cuyahoga
16.	1192	11-30-2007	University Hospital Case Medical Ct.	Cuyahoga
17.	1188	11-30-2007	Monroe Fire Department	Hamilton
18.	1193	11-30-2007	University Hospital Geneva Med. Ct.	Ashtabula
19.	1194	11-30-2007	University Hospital Bedford Med. Ct.	Cuyahoga
20.	1182	11-30-2007	Mason Fire Department	Warren

Off-Site Training Requests

New rules effective November 29, 2007 no longer require an accredited institution to obtain approval to conduct classes at off-site locations unless the institution is under disciplinary action by the Board.

Consents Entered Into the Record

In the matter of Case # 2007-279-308, Stark State College of Technology, Accreditation #008, enter into the record a signed Consent Agreement for First Responder, EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic levels of accreditation.

• Extensions, John Kennington

ACTION: Motion to ratify extensions that were processed for the period of March 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007, as requested. Burgess first. Graymire second. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the request for exemption regarding continuing education for one individual serving on active military duty. Fiffick first. McNutt second. None opposed. Motion approved.

• Certifications, John Kennington

ACTION: Motion to ratify the 841 active EMS Certifications issued for the period of November 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007. Mallory first. Bradshaw second. None opposed. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• Firefighter and FSI Committee, Doug Orahod

The public hearing on the rules was held December 11, 2007. Other than a few comments and concerns, the meeting went well. The rules are scheduled for JCARR on January 7, 2008, and the rules would go into effect January 24, 2008. Mr. Orahod will attend the Homeland Security session on January 8, 2008, to give a fire rollout along with a briefing on the rules and processes. This is a historical moment in the fire service in Ohio as these are the first law changes since 1992.

Mr. Jordan thanked Doug Orahod and the Fire Committee for all their hard work put into bringing this to the point where it is now. He also thanked Mr. Horton and Doug for the two-day retreat in Violet which helped to get us to this point.

Mr. Mankins said the normal meeting for the fire committee is the second Tuesday of the month; however, most of the fire committee will be out of town for a training session. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 134.

• **Data, Tim Erskine**

The rules regarding the administration of the clinical data systems were overhauled and the references to the committees were eliminated. They still need to have committees overseeing them and it was felt that having the Board appoint the committee members would be a better way of handling this. At yesterday's Incident Reporting System Advisory Committee (IRSAC) and Trauma Committee Advisory Subcommittee (TRAS) meetings, members who have been active participants were able to discuss the composition of each of the committees. Mr. Erskine distributed a list of proposed members of the Data Committees. The members listed on the document have expressed interest in continuing to work and would provide a good institutional memory to continue along the path they have been following. An air medical representative will be determined later.

Mr. Erskine asked that the Board move to approve the IRSAC members, but table the TRAS members until they can be run past the Trauma Committee as, by law, they have oversight of the Trauma Registry. Their next meeting is January 9, 2008, and should have this back before the Board at the January Retreat.

ACTION: Motion to approve appointment of the following individuals to the IRSAC Committee: Brian Rogers-Public EMS, Dudley Wright-Volunteer Fire Chief, Herb de la Porte-Private EMS, Mike Senter-Board member, Ray Friedman-At Large, and Todd Truesdale-Fire Chief (Paid). Fiffick first, Holcomb second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Jordan asked whether the members listed are the ones who attend the majority of meetings and Mr. Erskine said that was correct. Mr. Erskine said these individuals have been active for the past several years and have the areas of discipline needed. Mr. Jordan cautioned that the Board member appointed to this committee needs to be vitally active and present at meetings, and in choosing Mr. Senter as that member, he needs to be used sparingly in other Board assignments. Mr. Jordan said the Board has a tendency to have a small number of members who do a lot of work. He stressed this is a very important committee as it is being restructured with the intention of assuming a lot of work down the road. Mr. Senter is a good choice as he is local and will be able to easily attend meetings. When choosing other Board members for other committees, keep in mind Mr. Senter needs to be available for this particular committee.

Mr. Erskine reported that the EMS Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS-2) will be online starting January 1, 2008.

The Trauma Registry committee is continuing to work on a new trauma registry data dictionary to align with the National Trauma Data System Dictionary.

The 100th research request of the year was fulfilled today from the data system. It has been a good year for getting useful information out of the information.

OPEN FORUM

District Chief Denny Clark from Cincinnati, Ohio, introduced himself. He acknowledged all the good work the Board does and thanked them for consideration and approval of Cincinnati Fire as an initial training site for Paramedics. He assured the Board that the Cincinnati Fire Department is 100% behind the concept of training their Paramedics in-house. He assured the Board they would meet or exceed the Board's expectations as well as their own department's expectations for providing a quality education site in Cincinnati.

Mr. Davis thanked District Chief Clark for the professionalism and hospitality shown him and EMS Staff member Linda Mirarchi during their visit and wished them luck. Mr. Rucker encouraged Board members if they have an opportunity to go out with one of the EMS staff members that it would be advantageous for them. He knows everyone is busy, but it is important to know what the staff is doing. Mr. Rucker said members could be notified when staff would be in their area.

- **Education, James Holcomb**

Mr. Holcomb said there was only one more rule to be completed 4765-7.09. It has one more review and will then go to Rules, Legal, and all that follows. Another one completed is the continuing education program. The committee will be ready to begin again next year.

- **EMSC, Dr. Wendy Pomerantz**

The EMSC Survey of Pediatric Pre-Hospital Care policies and equipment, which has finally been approved by the National EMSC Data Analysis Research Center, will be sent out in January to select EMS agencies, approximately twenty-three from each region. For incentive, extra mannequins will be disbursed to participants.

The EMSC Survey of Inter-Facility Transfer agreements and guidelines are almost complete and will go out soon.

EMS staff member Joseph Stack completed and submitted the application for a third year funding for the EMSC partnership grant.

There is a new committee in Ohio called the Ohio Injury Community Planning Group (Ohio ICPG) and they met for the first time on November 9, 2007. This group is from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and it's a large interdisciplinary group formed to implement some of the recommendations from the injury prevention guidelines that were

put out when the trauma rules came into effect. Christy Beeghley is currently the Chairperson. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please join us.

The EMSC mannequin grant was finalized and the mannequins were distributed in November, 2007. Thirty (30) pediatric intubation mannequins and thirty-six (36) newborn mannequins were awarded. There are still some available. The newborn mannequins are currently being recalled, but will be redistributed shortly. The remaining mannequins will be used as incentives for other things, one of which is to develop a system for voluntary facility categorization for pediatrics.

The Ohio Safe Kids coalition is working with the legislative liaison of ODPS and local Safe Kids Coalition to promote child passenger safety. Ohio Safe Kids applied for a legislative grant for booster seat implementation. However, the booster seat legislation is still sitting in committee right now.

The Geriatric Trauma task force is trying to determine if there is a difference in care in Ohio for pediatric trauma patients as there was for geriatric patients.

The next EMSC meeting is March 18, 2008.

- **Grants, Mark Burgess**

Copies of the proposed applications for the grant process were distributed to the Board. Due to changes in the funding mechanism and how unspent funds are recovered by the office, grants will revert back to a reimbursement process similar to what we had in the past. The money will only be disbursed quarterly, which is one of the issues requiring discussion. No topic was specified in the Priority II injury prevention grant as has been done in the past. Basically we want to see what is out there. Priorities III and IV remain the same.

In regard to all the applications regarding research, we want to make the application or the agreement assigned by the agency to include language allowing the final report to be public record and that it follow a structured format as described by the Division of EMS. The committee could not find this in the application, but think it might be contained in the actual agreement/contract that is signed. Staff continues to research that. These need approved today so staff can move forward with them in January.

Mr. Resanovich asked why it was changed to reimbursement from receiving the money up front. Mr. Burgess deferred to Alan Boster to discuss this in more detail. Mr. Boster indicated fiscal procedures changed where monies are now only received quarterly. A hardship application form has been created for those agencies to submit if they need the money immediately. Out of about 100 agencies surveyed, only 3 or 4 have needed the money upfront. There is a mechanism in place for them to get it in advance if they really need it, which is different from the old reimbursement process. Mr. Rucker said part of the problem is the way the money is coming in now. Before the money was always in the

fund, but now, the fund is essentially empty until the quarterly disbursements are received, so this change had to be made.

Mr. Resanovich expressed concern that what happened in the past when they had the reimbursement type agreement will occur again: monies will be awarded and monies will be unspent. Then the Board will have to fight to keep those dollars in EMS. Mr. Rucker indicated that hasn't changed a great deal because part of the problem now. We have to go back and collect the money because the same agencies that didn't spend it before are not providing the documentation or invoices indicating that the funds were utilized.

Mr. Burgess said there are currently thirteen agencies that have not reconciled to a total sum of \$23,500. Mr. Boster said as of the end of June, 2007, when the invoices were due, there were 180 who were late, totaling over \$1 million for which invoices had not been submitted. The primary difference from the past is that the awarded dollar amounts are less. Any money left over will now carry over into the next year since we won't have those large excesses we used to have, like \$2.5 and \$1.8 million. Mr. Boster believes we won't have trouble from anyone looking at it and saying you're not spending your money. At the most, any carryover should be under \$1 million. In some ways, that will be advantageous for EMS in that we'll have more money and might allow us to have more money next year for those that don't actually use it.

Mr. Resanovich questioned whether the Board had already addressed the issue of disqualifying people who haven't complied with the grant process at a previous Board meeting. Mr. Rucker said the Board had, and those individuals weren't eligible for grants the next year, and this is still being done. Mr. Boster said there are approximately thirty (30) EMS agencies who still have not returned invoices maybe as far back as 2005 or 2006. He said even if they are three or four months late, every effort is made to be generous with the time to get it in. Mr. Jordan questioned whether the grant funds that rollover to the next year will stay earmarked for that particular priority, or could they be kept in the grant fund and used for any type of priority. Mr. Boster said this is a general grant fund. All four priorities come out of that fund as dictated by the Board, so however the Board decides to do it, it could be split up that way among Priorities II, III and IV.

ACTION: Motion to approve the grant applications with language inclusion for public records pending Ms. Reed Frient's input. Burgess first, Pomerantz second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Burgess indicated there would be two topics for the Board retreat, one of which is the decrease in funding available and the results of the Open Forum. He asked members to think about it and come up with some direction for the Grants Committee to proceed with the allocation of funds.

- **Homeland Security, Mark Resanovich**

The committee now has a signed MOU from the Ohio Department of Health to outline the funding stream for the CHEMPACK hospital piece.

There are three separate workgroups working within the Homeland Security Committee: Hospital, All Hazards Response, and Tactical EMS. Dr. Collins heads the Hospital workgroup. They didn't meet yesterday as they are working on the next deliverable which has to be sent to ODH per the MOU. Several teleconference calls will be held over the holiday period in order to complete that deliverable so it can be sent January 7, 2008. This is the second deliverable that needs to be in place within our timeline. The group is basically working on the protocol and the deployment procedures for the CHEMPACK for hospitals.

The All Hazards Response group for EMS is being headed by Chief Burgess. They met yesterday and there is a deliverable that needs sent in for Homeland Security under Director Bill Vedra. Normally committee meetings are not held on the Tuesday before the Board retreat, but the All Hazards Response group will be meeting in order for us to complete the work for the deliverable to the committee. Mr. Resanovich received approval from Mr. Rucker for the group to meet on January 15 at 2:00, enabling members to still work half a day at their place of employment.

Mr. Resanovich reported Mr. Rucker asked him to give an hour presentation on what's happening in Homeland Security at the upcoming Board Retreat. Mr. Resanovich plans to break out the three groups at that time and explain where they are heading, what the deliverables are, and what our responsibilities are once EMS has an MOU with the Ohio Department of Health, and what can be expected over the next year. He thanked Tom Macklin and Elizabeth Kitchen for their time, effort and work they have put into meeting some of these deliverables, along with the expertise they bring. In order to meet the deliverables of the MOU, one group will have to meet prior to the Board retreat just to meet those timelines. Mr. Rucker reminded Mr. Resanovich to have the Board Secretary make extra hotel reservations for those involved.

Work will begin in January on the question of Tactical EMS. Mr. Resanovich asked for any member interested in serving to e-mail him and thanked those who have already responded. A small presentation will be given at the Retreat where he will give some examples and ideas, but is really looking for the Board's vision and direction on how the committee should proceed and what the end goal is.

- **Medical Oversight, Dave Fiffick**

Mr. Fiffick was unable to attend the meeting yesterday and Dr. Collins chaired it in his absence. As Dr. Collins was unable to make today's meeting, Mr. Fiffick deferred to Ellen Owens to give the report. Ms. Owens said the topics at the November meeting were the rule to allow changes in the scope of practice for research projects and how those would be approved, and the updates for First Responder, Basic, Intermediate and

Paramedic levels. Those were finalized by the committee and forwarded to the Rules committee for the review. The Rules committee did have some questions for clarification on the intent of the rules and they met yesterday with the Medical Oversight committee. Language changes were made and Melissa Vermillion is typing those up for final review by both committees. Ms. Owens expects it should be coming to the Board at the January Retreat for review and approval.

- **Rules, William Vedra**

Mr. Vedra had essentially the same report as Medical Oversight. The Rules and Oversight met and worked on scope of practice for changes to be made.

- **Trauma, Tim Erskine**

Dr. Crow was not able to be in attendance today due to work commitments.

A final report from the Trauma Committee's Geriatric Trauma Task Force was in the Board Packet. Mr. Erskine said this is the culmination of approximately a year and half's work researching the data that is in the Ohio Trauma Registry. While attempting to find indicators for geriatric patients to be sent directly to a trauma center that would not necessarily be present in the adult population, it required they also determine who is old. It was determined that age 70 was the optimal age at which you could consider a trauma patient to be a "geriatric" trauma patient. Several indicators were found that are not currently in the adult triage criteria that should be placed into separate geriatric criteria. The indicators are: any patient the age of 70 or over with a Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) less than 15 with a suspected traumatic brain injury and a systolic blood pressure of less than 100 (it was found that relative hypotension is more of an indicator of potential mortality than absolute hypotension); falls, even from a standing position, with evidence of a traumatic brain injury; and, geriatric struck by a motor vehicle, known or suspected femur or humerus fracture as a result of a motor vehicle crash and multiple body regions injured (the body region selection is spelled out in the body of the report).

The Trauma Committee asked that the Board move to update the trauma triage criteria to include geriatrics in the Administrative Code. Dr. Pomerantz asked that if criteria are changed, will the committee follow up to see if they make a difference. Mr. Erskine said monitoring the changes is part of the unwritten game plan and also is looking into the potential impact based on applying these criteria to patients who were not taken to trauma centers in 2006, and how many of them would now fall under the trauma patient category. Dr. Pomerantz also asked if there is a better way to determine who is "do not resuscitate" (DNR). Mr. Erskine indicated there has been a problem of large numbers of geriatric patients dying at trauma centers and not knowing their DNR status. With the new trauma dictionary based on the National Trauma Data Standard, whether they had a DNR prior to their injuries or after their injuries will be included and DNR status will be tracked; however, it will be awhile before that is in place. Dr. Pomerantz stressed the importance on figuring out how many exist and had concerns over the data being skewed. Mr. Erskine said this report was based on significant mortality, motor vehicle crash with

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the long bone fracture in the non-geriatric adult population, with a mortality rate of approximately 7.2%, and it's 16.6% in the geriatric population. Mr. Burgess asked whether there should be an education component for this if it goes into the administration code. Mr. Erskine replied yes, saying some of these are not as straight forward. It's easy to say multiple body regions injured, but explaining that to pre-hospital provider so they understand what constitutes the body regions that were studied here will obviously take an educational program.

Dr. Cunningham asked what kind of time frame would be needed to include these recommendations in the Ohio Trauma Triage Power Point presentation that we are getting ready to put on the EMS website. Mr. Erskine said technically as soon as the Board would approve putting them into the Administrative Code, we could start moving that way. However, through perhaps we are being legally premature. Dr. Cunningham felt editing the Power Point rather than having a separate program would be a better way to get all the information out there. Dr. Cunningham said it might be done by adding one or two slides. Dr. Pomerantz asked whether these changes could be considered "suggested" until they become part of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Erskine said that could be done and once it goes through the rules writing and JCARR, go back and modify it. Dr. Pomerantz said that would answer the question about education, we could just start on it now. Mr. Rucker said good point. Dr. Cunningham doesn't want to delay it and noted that there is no reason to create a whole new program when it's all Ohio Trauma Triage. Ms. Graymire said the only issue would be that people would download the information from their computer and might not receive the updated information in the future.

Mr. Davis asked how information from the hospitals or any of the receiving facilities will be received, stressing both the hospital and EMS sides need to be on the same page. Mr. Erskine said this would be another prong of the educational strategy. Primarily through the emergency physicians who are seeing the patients so that they would understand who it is that are now included in the "you've got to get them to a trauma center" group. Members of the Trauma Committee who are appointed by the OHA have a very good information dissemination system. The distribution of information about the additional trauma triage criteria has not been thoroughly contemplated other than we need to make sure that the pre-hospital providers and the emergency departments understand there are new triage criteria. Ms. Graymire said the Trauma Committee would probably look at it similar as to when they rolled out the first triage rules and had to make sure everybody knew about them (hospital, EMS). Mr. Burgess suggested partnering with ACEP. Mr. Jordan wanted to verify that as much as the Trauma Committee would see to the physician's educational aspect of this document, that they are asking the Board to take on the same for the EMS side.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to accept the triage criterias and add them to the current triage rules. Pomerantz first, Burgess second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Erskine said the Trauma Committee would write the rules and develop an appropriate educational package that targets both pre-hospital and in-hospital providers. Mr. Burgess suggested the Trauma Committee work with both the Education Committee and Dr. Cunningham.

Mr. Erskine wanted to note that from this single document, there will be two peer review articles published as a result. They are currently both in draft form. He has reviewed the first article which will be submitted to the Journal of Trauma, "Defining Geriatric Trauma Patient". The complete working of that article was funded by one of the research grants from last year. The other article is being written by the members of the task force with the triage criteria separately and should also be published in the Journal of Trauma as well. Dr. Pomerantz thought we should strive for something higher and more prestigious to get more press that way. She thinks it's something that's unique and certainly doable in other areas as well, and it's one of the advantages of having a statewide trauma registry. Dr. Cunningham requested the articles be distributed electronically to the Board members. Dr. Cunningham said this is a great example of the benefits that our citizens will see from the tax dollars they pay, and as far as she knows, this is the first time ever that the Division has done a research project that may be published in a peer review panel. Once the article is published, she suggested a letter should be written to the governor to inform the state administrative and elected officials about this accomplishment of the Division of EMS. Mr. Rucker said he has already shared this information with Director Guzmán and they want us to work with Communications here at Public Safety to get a news release out. Mr. Burgess asked that the format by which these articles are being published be shared with Alan Boster so that when we put that with the research grants, we're using the same standardized forms.

The Trauma Committee has two more task forces. One is to examine the legislative mandates of the trauma system, over and under triage. This has been attempted several times before without success. The efforts are being redoubled and focused. The second is regarding the creation of a unique ID so that a patient can be tracked through the systems, from EMS through acute care to rehab, in order to link them together in our data systems. Significant headway is already being made on this task.

Mr. Erskine said the funding has fallen through on the Trauma Retreat and are examining other options. Mr. Rucker said we will need to move forward with that and handle it very similar to how we're handling our retreat for our Board. It will just be the cost of doing business.

Mr. Jordan said since we are running a little ahead of schedule, we should move onto disciplinary action against certificate holders.

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 R.C. 121.22(g)(3) and involves matters that are

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required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(b). Fiffick first, Burgess second.

Mr. Jordan called for a roll call vote at 11:05 a.m.

Roll Call

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*******Board returned from Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. *******

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2007-432-308, the Board moves to renew the EMT-Basic accreditation contingent upon submission, in writing, within 60 days and prior to starting a new class, a plan for ensuring student records will include documentation of meeting curriculum requirements prior to issuance of a certificate of completion. The Board further moves to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing at the Paramedic level and authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a Consent Agreement. Pomerantz first, Burgess second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb Abstained. Motion passed.

***** Dr. Pakiela arrived at 11:30 a.m. *****

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2005-259-308, the Board moves to approve the request to conduct an EMT-Basic class at the requested off-site location. The approval is based on the institutions demonstration of improved student outcomes since its renewal in 2005 and in the interest of the safety of the high school students. This approval is only for the class scheduled to begin in January 2008. The institution must submit a class schedule to show how the extra time will be spent. Pomerantz first, Burgess second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion passed.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2005-95-308, the Board authorizes the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a Consent Agreement. Pomerantz first, Burgess second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion passed.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2005-469-401 inclusive through 2007-348-101, the Board moves to accept the proposed Consent Agreements. Pomerantz first, Groner second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion passed.

*****Lunch Break 11:36 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*****

GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

Good afternoon. My name is Carl Jordan, Chairman of the State Board of Emergency Medical Services. Let the record show that these proceedings were called to order at 12:30 p.m. on December 19, 2007, at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board Present for the proceedings are:

Roll Call

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

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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	Here

It will be noted for the record that a majority of the members of the board are present. There will be two adjudication proceedings today. The proceedings are in the matters of EMS Case Number 2007-150-304, Christopher S. Young, EMS Certificate Number 89686, and EMS Case Number 2007-124-101, Michael A. Pelegreen, EMS Certificate Number 19528.

These proceedings shall be an affidavit-based adjudication relative to a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents in the aforementioned cases and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act. As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the cases, these proceedings will be held before the board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. Pursuant to the *Goldman* decision, the individuals named do not have the ability to present written or oral testimony today, but may be present.

You have already received sworn affidavits and exhibits for the Goldman Proceedings along with your board packet. The affidavits contain the evidence and testimony upon which you will deliberate. I trust that each of you has had the opportunity to review the affidavits and accompanying exhibits. If not, you may review them now.

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 board office. May I have a motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case into evidence?

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. Pakiela first, Mallory second. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the board, these proceedings are now closed at 12:32 p.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, we will now proceed with the proceedings by deliberation on the sworn affidavits and exhibits. A written copy of the board's decision will be mailed to the respondent.

ACTION: Motion to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial to deliberate on the matters of EMS Case Number 2007-150-304, Christopher S. Young, EMS Certificate Number 89686, and EMS Case Number 2007-124-101, Michael A. Pelegreen, EMS Certificate Number 19528, by roll call vote at 12:32 p.m. Resanovich first. Fiffick second. None opposed. Motion approved.

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*******Board returned from Executive Session at 12:36 p.m.*******

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2007-124-101, Michael A. Pelegreen, EMS Certificate Number 19528, the Board finds Mr. Pelegreen was convicted of *Falsification*, a first-degree misdemeanor and *Theft*, a first degree misdemeanor, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c). The Board concluded these misdemeanors involve moral turpitude. Furthermore, he failed to notify the Division of EMS of a conviction, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4765-9-01(M) therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Pelegreen's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Pomerantz first, Burgess second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2007-150-304 Christopher S. Young, EMS Certification Number 89686, the Board finds that Mr. Young

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 4765-15-03, therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Young's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Pomerantz first, Burgess second. None opposed. Fiffick, Holcomb abstained. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fiffick said the Board nominations for next year needed finalized.

ACTION: Motion to nominate Mr. Mark Burgess as Chairman of the EMS Board and Mr. James Davis as Vice-Chairman of the EMS Board. Resanovich first, Groner second. None opposed. Burgess, Davis abstained. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rucker, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Davis met earlier regarding the upcoming Board retreat agenda and logistics. Mr. Davis stepped forward to handle food arrangements for the retreat Mr. Davis plans on having a light breakfast, snacks and lunch for everyone at a cost of \$10 per person. He and Mr. Rucker agreed on a number of thirty (30), which includes Board members and EMS staff. If anyone has special dietary needs, please contact Mr. Davis. Dr. Cunningham asked if dinner reservations could be made and Mr. Davis said he could take care of that if he knew the type of establishment at which the Board would like to dine and the number attending. Mr. Holcomb said he could take care of the dinner reservations by finding some local businesses in the area with reasonable costs.

Mr. Davis pointed out that from 2005 to now, the three year trend in certifications is actually dropping. First Responder, Basics and Intermediate all have lost several hundred providers during that time. The Paramedic levels have increased on the initial certification, but actually decreased on renewals. He wasn't sure if this trend will continue and if it needed to be addressed at the Retreat. Mr. Jordan said a study was recently done on retention and recruitment which was addressed at last year's retreat. It is a recognized trend and there were a number of suggestions that were tied to education as well employment opportunities. Mr. Jordan thought it might not be a bad time to review the issue again. Mr. Rucker said we are in the process of hopefully moving forward on some of the recommendations with education, but have been waiting for the money to do that.

Ms. Owens said most of the schools are not indicating decreases in enrollment; they are either stable or increasing. During the accreditation process, particularly for renewal in the paramedics, they are finding many of them are moving on into nursing or entering other careers, which might account for some of the non-renewal at that level. 9-11 created a major interest and the numbers increased at that time, but are now falling off again. Ms. Owens said many years ago a survey of people who chose not to renew was done. Most of the reasons normally given were continuing education, lack of time, or moving on to further their education. Another survey could be done, particularly online, of those who aren't renewing to see if there is a new trend.

Dr. Cunningham said one trend she's heard of is that the schools are producing a lot of graduates, but there is a shortage of full-time EMS jobs in Ohio. She said Tennessee is actively recruiting full-time EMS providers, particularly the city of Memphis, where they are offering \$20,000 to \$30,000 starting bonuses. Dr. Cunningham knew of at least five people from Lake County who are headed to Tennessee. She said Dr. Joe Holley, Tennessee's state EMS medical director, made a comment to her that they've had a big recruiting push and the largest percentage of providers filling their backlog are from Ohio.

Mr. Rucker said one of the comments made at the annual EMS officials meeting from National Registry was that only approximately 50% of the EMT's that complete the EMS curriculum course actually take the test and go on to practice. Mr. Fiffick has heard from instructors that a lot of paramedics are renewing, but not actively functioning. He said here are a lot of people who have cards and it appears like we have a lot of paramedics, but they're not working.

Mr. Davis mentioned that the National Registry is going to require a National Accreditation course. Mr. Rucker said that information was sent out and all the Board should be aware of this. Dr. Cunningham said the NHTSA expects to finalize the education standards in 2008, but the agenda for the accreditation of programs is way down the pike. Mr. Rucker said it is 2012. Ms. Owens said programs will need about a five-year lead time to keep their national accreditation. Dr. Cunningham's concern about the national accreditation program is that the programs bear the cost of the site visits, which could have a huge impact on our rural programs.

Mr. Jordan said one other thing that might be affecting the numbers, especially on the first responder level, is that it is difficult to retain volunteers. Initially you recruit them, get them under your wing, then they find they don't have adequate time to continue. He said most local fire chiefs will say pretty much the same thing, that volunteer numbers are down and they're continuing to decrease. Mr. Jordan doesn't know if there are any immediate answers in reversing the trend with most households needing two incomes to support a household. Mr. Rucker said this discussion is on the agenda for the retreat as well.

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Mr. Jordan recognized a special guest in the audience, former EMS staff member Mike Glenn. Mr. Glenn said he and his family were back in Ohio for the holidays and spoke about his new job and experiences in Germany.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Burgess first, Dr. Pomerantz second. None opposed.
Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.