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STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2011

Chaired by James Davis

Board Meeting Date and Location: May 18, 2011, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. James Parrish, Dr. Brian Springer

Staff Members Present: Alan Boster, Summer Boyer, Judy Celnicker, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aleta Dodson, Tim Erskine, Heather Frient, Thomas Gwinn, John Kennington, Tom Macklin, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Doug Orahood, Carol Palantekin, Bob Ruetenik, John Sands, Joe Stack, Yvonne Tertel, Toni Tester, Diane Walton

Guest and Public Attendance: Matthew Fuhrhop and Ross Miller, Ohio Army National Guard

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM following the National EMS Week awards ceremony.

Roll Call

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

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

***** Ms. Graymire Arrived 11:31 PM *****

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Davis opened the meeting following the presentation of the Ohio EMS and the Ohio chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Star of Life Awards presented during the National EMS Week ceremony. He said the Board will continue the award event again next year.

Lt. Matthew Fuhrhop and Ross Miller, members of the Ohio Army National Guard 52nd Civil Support Team (WMD), distributed an informational flyer regarding their services available to first responders when their local HAZMAT is unavailable. They can assist in identifying, monitoring, and determining medical treatment for unknown hazards, be deployed within ninety minutes, is available 24/7, and does not require Governor authorization. Their services are 100% free and they also provide training classes. Mr. Davis said the team is very active around high profile events and thanked them for their service.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Davis requested a motion to review and approve the Consent Agenda posted to the EMS website prior to the meeting, including the April 20, 2011 minutes and other items.

ACTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda items including: April 20, 2011 EMS Board minutes; EMS certifications and continuing education extensions granted for the period of April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Investigations, Robert Ruetenik for Melissa Vermillion

ACTION: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action(s) against certificate holder(s) which is pending or imminent court action under Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) and involve matter(s) that are required to be kept confidential under Revised Code 4765.102(B) at 11:36 AM. Pomerantz first. Marchetta second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
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Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
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***** Board returned from executive session 11:48 AM *****

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case 2010-132-E400, no new evidence was presented and the case is to remain closed. Dahl-Grove first. Mallory second. None opposed. Bradshaw, Davis, Resanovich abstained. Motion approved.

State Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham
Dr. Cunningham reported the following:

- At the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) chair meeting last week, Ellen Owens presented a proposal for conducting regional RPAB summits to promote more interaction with local EMS medical directors. The RPAB chairs will discuss the proposal with their respective members and let the Board know if there is an interest.
- The RPAB is actively seeking support for Senate Bill 129 that would provide qualified physician immunity. She encouraged the Board to support the bill as the benefits of it are not isolated to the emergency medicine community. It is important that medical staffs and hospital administrators are informed to support this bill as it provides protection for EMTALA-related care.
- The pre-hospital 12-lead EKG acquisition and transmission by EMT-Basics study that was conducted by Dr. Brad Cotton was published in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine.
- Dr. Cunningham reported that Ohio's State Medical Coordination Committee will meet Friday. The committee is tasked with developing a plan that will provide protocols for altered standards of care when resources are scarce.
- The Ohio Mission: Lifeline announced that the American Heart Association (AHA) has formally partnered with the Society of Chest Pain Centers to serve as a potential temporary accrediting body for STEMI centers until an organization is identified and established.

Dr. Cunningham attended the National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) mid-annual meeting as well as the EMS on the Hill meeting. Highlights included:

- The Federal Interagency on EMS (FICEMS) will decide where EMS should reside at the national level. All stakeholders were given surveys to complete and submit. NASEMSO favored the Department of Health and Human Services while maintaining the Office of EMS at NHTSA. Final comments were due to FICEMS May 15th. FICEMS did denote NASEMSO as the lead stakeholder in the process.
- The National EMS Education Implementation team received clarification from the National Registry that a paramedic student in a non-accredited institution must matriculate prior to the January 1, 2013 deadline in order to be able to take the NREMT paramedic exam and receive a National Registry card. If they matriculate on or after that date, they must be enrolled in a nationally accredited program to be eligible to receive a National Registry card.
- The Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS) committee presented two documents released in March: The EMS Incidence and Response Readiness Assessment (EMSIRRA) identified high-risk areas on interstate highways and paired them with the available local EMS resources. The Model Inventory of Emergency Care Elements (MIECE) is a target capabilities list allowing agencies to see EMS resources available in their area when looking at response plans. Dr. Cunningham will send these documents to Ms. Dodson to forward to Board members.
- The National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) is offering an implementation workshop for schools. Dr. Cunningham forwarded this information to the Division's Education Department and believes Ms. Mirarchi is in the process of scheduling a workshop in Ohio.
- The public safety broadband project is currently working with AT&T and Verizon as the vendors. States are cautioned about entering into long-term communication agreements with other providers who might solicit them.

Dr. Cunningham will attend a meeting next week at the Ohio Department of Health for the Modular Emergency Medical System (MEMS) cache, which is a disaster asset allowing patients requiring medical care but not hospitalization, to have a station for them. The group is working on revising the cache so it is compliant with the federal government.

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

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Heather Frient
Ms. Frient announced she will no longer represent EMS and the Board due to a shift in job responsibilities. Starting June 6th, BMV counsel Ann Vitale will represent EMS. Ms. Frient said her years with EMS and the Board have been wonderful. Mr. Davis wished her the best and thanked her for her work with the Board.

Ms. Frient said there was some confusion around a motion made and approved at the April 20, 2011 Board meeting that consisted of two different concepts requested by the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB). However, what came forward was one motion that combined the two concepts. The first part of the motion, to amend rule 4765-3-05 to include a qualification for medical director physicians who have completed an EMS fellowship and board-certified pediatricians who had completed a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship, is fine. Ms. Frient said there is some confusion regarding the second part of the motion seeking legislatively change to 4765.16 which currently requires any –continuing education (CE) course dealing with trauma care be developed in consultation with a trauma surgeon. Ms. Frient said it sounded like Dr. Cunningham was requesting an exception in that law for those who are already EMS medical directors that continue meeting the requirements of rule 4765-3-05. However, that was not how the motion was worded and she recommends modifying it. Mr. Davis requested a motion to withdraw the part of the April 20, 2011, motion seeking legislative change regarding trauma surgeon approval.

ACTION: Motion to withdraw the portion of the motion approved at the April 20, 2011 EMS Board meeting to seek legislative change to O.R.C. 4765.16 and its requirement for trauma surgeon consult on educational offerings pertaining to trauma. Pomerantz first. Shade second.

Mr. Davis said he, Dr. Cunningham, and other Board members were present at the Trauma Committee meeting held May 11th when this issue was widely discussed with a lot of push back from stakeholders. He thinks before moving forward with this motion, additional work needs to occur between the Trauma Committee and the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB). He opened the floor for discussion.

A discussion ensued that expressed frustration on the part of both the Trauma Committee members and the RPAB chairs. Mr. Resanovich said it was evident at the Trauma Committee meeting that some committee members were taken aback because no one had approached them saying requiring trauma surgeon approval of training was an issue. Ms. Graymire thought it was an error in collaboration. Both she and Dr. Steinberg believe trauma surgeons want to work with Dr. Cunningham and the RPAB to ensure the process works well.

Dr. Cunningham thinks some of the confusion was generated by issues that were put into the motion that the RPAB did not present or introduce to the EMS Board. She asked members to go back and read the document sent out on behalf of the RPAB which clarifies they were asking for consideration of an amendment of legislation or rule addressing only medical directors that meet the qualifications of 4765-3-05 from requiring trauma surgeon approval for CE training containing trauma content. Since then, the Trauma Committee wants an RPAB member on their subcommittee that plans to examine this issue. Dr. Steinberg said trauma surgeons see things that happen with trauma patients when EMS brings them in that sometimes aren't quite right and some of it has to do with education. Mr. Davis said if the law is opened, there is potential for it to become more restrictive on emergency medicine physicians, which would impact all medical directions in the

state. He respectfully requests the Board approve the motion on the floor, allow the Trauma committee and RPAB members to discuss this, and return to the Board with a workable solution.

Dr. Cunningham said there are other time-critical diagnoses in addition to trauma that should also be looked at (acute MI or stroke). Mr. Davis said the Board owes it to Dr. Cunningham and the RPAB to do due diligence before moving anything forward. If the Board pushes something forward in legislation that does not get approved, our credibility will be lost along with the momentum for doing good things for EMS.

None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Ms. Owens wanted to clarify that the one part of April's motion regarding changing of 4765-3-05 is still valid, but just not moving forward with the legislative change. Mr. Davis said the rules committee can go back and work with the doctors and bring a proposal back to the Board.

Interim Executive Director, Ellen Owens

Copies of her report were distributed. Ms. Owens discussed several legislative issues as follows:

- Legislation was recently introduced that opens up the public record laws to add federal law enforcement officers to the group of individuals who are eligible to have their familial information (personal addresses and phone numbers) protected. Ms. Owens said protection of familial information of EMTs and firefighters is already protected; however, the first responder level is not included in the definition of EMT. She has made contact with the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) to inquire if they have considered seeking to add physicians to the bill. She feels if physicians know their personal information is protected, it may be easier for the Division to obtain and compile medical director contact information.
- The legislation to allow EMS providers to dispense medication under restricted circumstances failed to pass in the last General Assembly when it was questioned by Representative Burke, a pharmacist. The Board of Pharmacy had also stated they were not familiar with the proposed language even though the Division had met with the Board of Pharmacy and the proposed language had been accepted by both parties. Ms. Owens said the DPS legislative liaison is working to get the language introduced in a bill in the current legislative session.
- The American Heart Association (AHA) is seeking to introduce legislation calling for the recognition of stroke centers and to establish protocols for the treatment, triage and transport of stroke patients. The bill was introduced in the last general assembly as HB 567. The Division met last year with various stakeholder organizations and all agreed the concept was good, but that the language in the bill was bad. The AHA has expressed its intent to seek to have the bill introduced in the current session starting with the same language proposed in HB 567. The Division met with stakeholders again and are compiling concerns and issues. A meeting will be held with the AHA to discuss our concerns and to ask for their consideration in amending the language of their proposed bill to address our concerns and to include all time-sensitive critical diagnoses and not just stroke. Board members are to forward any issues or concerns directly to Ms. Owens.

Ms. Owens reported that the grants program will have $3.5 million to distribute this year. The Division was concerned the amount would be reduced due to the current budget climate.

The Researcher II position interviews took place, and a candidate of choice has been recommended to Human Resource. Ms. Owens said Ms. Graymire was on the interview panel and agreed on the candidate selected.

Legislative Liaison, Andrew Spencer

A legislative update was provided in the Executive Director's report.

Certifications, John Kennington
No exemption requests were presented.

Education, John Sands
Ms. Mirarchi presented three certificates of accreditation renewal requests. She wanted to point out that the form has been revised so the last column says "additional information" instead of "contingencies". The information being presented is new due to a law change enabling the Board to grant a certificate of accreditation for five years if the school meets certain requirements.

ACTION: Motion to approve three five-year certificate of accreditation renewals. Mallory first. Bradshaw second. None opposed. Motion approved.

Linda Mirarchi reported that the Division, as recommended by the EMS Board's National Accreditation Committee, recently completely a dual accreditation site visit at a paramedic program with the Committee on Accreditation for EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) at Youngtown State University. Ohio's review was one day and the CoAEMSP portion took two days. Ms. Mirarchi said they received the findings from CoAEMSP that require a few tweaks. She will complete a survey for CoAEMSP on this process as Ohio is piloting this dual review process for the nation. On June 9, 2011, George Hatch, CoAEMSP Executive Director, will be at the Ohio Fire Academy at the Board's request to complete a free workshop for all program coordinators interested in applying for national accreditation.

Mr. Sands reported three CE sites had expired and presented one initial and twenty-three renewal CE sites for approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve one initial and twenty-three CE site renewals. Mallory first. Bradshaw second. None opposed. McNutt abstained from #23 (Whitehouse). Motion approved.

Mr. Sands wanted to clarify the scope of practice changes that were approved at the April meeting. One was at the First Responder level for capnography and the other was at the EMT-Intermediate level for the injection of lidocaine after the insertion of an intraossesous needle. Mr. Sands wanted clarification as to whether both of these took effect immediately or if they were to be included with the updated curriculum. Ms. Owens said at the last meeting the Board had stated the approval of administration of lidocaine was to become effective immediately, but did not think there was clarification on the timeline for addition of capnography to the scope of practice at the First Responder level. After discussion, it was decided there was no reason why both could not be done immediately.

Board Chair Report
Mr. Davis reported a bill was introduced requiring emergency medicine dispatching certification. The Board discussed this last month as it is part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) evaluation and recommendation. Mr. Davis suggested the Board be proactive and Mr. Kubincanek volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee on this issue.

A**CTION: Motion to approve formation of an ad hoc committee to look into emergency medicine dispatcher criteria and certification.** Shade first. Mallory second.

Mr. Kubincanek said he would like to create a public safety dispatcher course that combines EMS, law enforcement, and fire dispatcher courses into one. Ms. Owens clarified that currently, dispatcher training and certification is optional and falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education. The proposed bill, HB 223 would make dispatcher training and certification mandatory instead of optional, but leaves the oversight under the direction of the Department of Education. Ms. Owens also stressed the need to bring fire

and law enforcement to the table for the discussion as these groups will also be impacted. Currently the majority of dispatch is housed in law enforcement agencies. Mr. Davis said Mr. Kubincanek' charge is to do a SWOT analysis similar to what was done with TEMS. Whether or not it is implemented, dispatching is part of the NHTSA recommendation that the Board needs to review.

None opposed. Kubincanek abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis suspended the rest of the Board committee reports and asked for a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of considering employment matters under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1).

ACTION: Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of considering employment issues of the Executive Director of EMS under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) at 12:32 PM. Marchetta first. Shade second.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis	Here
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Here
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Here
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove	Here
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Here
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Mr. Craig Self	Here
Mr. Bruce Shade	Here
Dr. Brian Springer	
Dr. Steve Steinberg	Here

***** Board returned from executive session at 1:44 PM *****

No old or new business was brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Davis brought the meeting of the EMS Fire Board members to order at 1:49 PM.

Roll Call

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

Mr. Davis noted that a majority of the members were present, including Interim Executive Director Ellen Owens, and there was a quorum to conduct business. There were no disciplinary items to deliberate.

MINUTES

Mr. Davis requested a motion to review and approve the consent agenda items as appropriate to fire, including the minutes of the April 20, 2011 EMS Board meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda appropriate to fire, including the minutes of the April 20, 2011 EMS Board meeting. McNutt first. Mallory second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Davis reported a meeting was held regarding the fire reinstatement rules. In attendance at the meeting were representatives of the Ohio Fire Chief's Association, Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters, and the Ohio State Firefighters Association along with representatives of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training committee, Division of EMS staff and himself. The consensus of those in attendance was that the law and rules pertaining to firefighter certification and reinstatement should stay as written. Firefighters who failed to renew their fire certificates prior to the deadline may seek reinstatement and will be given due process as provided for in law.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought forward.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.