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STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2014
~ FINAL ~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, March 20, 2014 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Pamela Bradshaw, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Ernest Hatmaker, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose (arrived @ 10:32 a.m.), and Diane Simon

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Steven Steinberg, Thomas Tallman, Thomas Wappner, and Dudley Wright II

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Tim Erskine, Anna Firestone, Sherry Harkness, Melvin House, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Sue Morris, Ellen Owens, Don Petit, Joe Stack, and Connie White

Assistant Attorney General: None

Public Present: Marisa Maxey (Air Evac Lifeteam), Jack Mix (DFD), Tim Pickering (Air Evac Lifeteam), John Ross (Westerville Fire Department), Angie Simmons (Air Evac Lifeteam), and Bradley Troy (Air Evac Lifeteam)

OPEN FORUM

Chair Daryl McNutt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt (Chair)	Present	Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Absent	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Absent
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present		

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. McNutt welcomed the new board member, Diane Simon. Ms. Simon is representing Seat #5 which is designated as the Trauma Program Manager. Ms. Simon replaces Vickie Graymire who resigned on January 30, 2014.

Trauma Overtriage and Undertriage Public Hearing

Chair McNutt called to order the public hearing of the Ohio State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The hearing was held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Room 134, Columbus, Ohio at 10:06 a.m., on March 20, 2014.

Chair McNutt asked that a roll call be made of the board members who are present.

Roll Call

Mr. Daryl McNutt (Chair)	Present	Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Absent	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Absent	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Absent
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Absent
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present		

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

Mr. McNutt requested that everyone sign the attendance sheet and for all witnesses planning to testify to complete a witness form.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive comments or testimony concerning the Board's intention to consider the amendment of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-14, commonly known as the "Trauma Triage Rules." Specifically, the Board was to consider the appropriateness of the proposed amendments to minimize overtriage and undertriage of trauma victims.

This public hearing was held pursuant to Chapter 4765.40 (b)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code. Any person may present his or her positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing, and may present evidence tending to show that the proposed amendments may increase overtriage or undertriage of trauma victims.

Witnesses with written testimony were asked to provide a copy to the EMS Division staff so that the written statement may be marked as an exhibit at this hearing.

No person present may cause to examine any person giving testimony except legal counsel for ODPS and members of the Board. Questions by ODPS Legal Counsel and members of the Board must be for the purpose of eliciting relevant and constructive information for the witness. This purpose will be repeated if the questioning goes beyond the limits.

Mr. McNutt stated that although someone may have registered to testify, they did not have to testify if they have decided not to or if what they wanted to say has already been said by someone else. Each witness was asked to limit their testimony to five minutes.

Each Board member was given a copy of the proposed rules, and copies were made available in the office of the Division of EMS. Copies were also available for those in attendance.

Mr. McNutt waived the reading of the rules, so that the hearing may move along.

Mr. McNutt recognized ODPS Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone, for the purpose of calling witnesses who have completed a record form and wish to comment orally on the proposed rules.

Ms. Firestone introduced the first witness: John Ross, Deputy Chief from the Westerville Fire Department.

John Ross's Testimony: Mr. Ross introduced himself as the Deputy Chief from the Westerville Fire Department and the Chair of the Trauma Committee's prehospital workgroup. Mr. Ross stated that the workgroup had made recommendations for the Ohio Trauma Triage guidelines that were not added by the Trauma Committee due to the timing of the Trauma Committee and workgroup meetings as well as the lack of a quorum present at the meeting on March 12, 2014.

The Trauma Committee's prehospital workgroup recommends adding "Vehicle telemetry data consistent with a high risk of triage" to all age groups to align with the CDC's Field Triage Guidelines and to decrease undertriage. This language was taken directly from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

There was a second recommendation that the workgroup was considering to present, but decided not to present it. It was to eliminate the third exception to the EMS transport to a trauma center. It could cause a shortage of local resources. It was, however, discovered that the reason that it was in rule was because the law requires it.

Ms. Firestone asked if there were any questions from the Board.

Mr. Resanovich asked for clarification as to the term "telemetry data". Mr. Ross referred the Board to the handout "Recommendations from the Expert Panel: Advanced Automatic Collision Notification and Triage of the Injured Patient". The handout includes the research on the data collected from OnStar® and such devices. The workgroup felt that if the data collected from such devices was available, it could be given to the dispatch center then passed along to the first responders for assistance when responding the patients' need. This is currently in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Mr. McNutt asked for other witnesses. There were none therefore the taking of testimony and evidence was concluded. Mr. McNutt thanked everyone for taking time to appear before the Board and for sharing information regarding the proposed amendments. The Board will carefully consider the testimony and information submitted at this hearing.

The hearing was concluded at 10:14 a.m.

Open Forum ~ None

REPORTS:

EMS Board Chair Report, Daryl McNutt (Chair)

Mr. McNutt thanked all for attending the EMFTS Board retreat and meeting in February.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Anna Firestone

Rules were presented to the Board for review and filing with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) and/or the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSI). All rules were provided to the Board prior to the meeting for review. DEMS staff presented the proposed changes.

1) *OAC Chapter 4765-2*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4765-2 package with the Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2) *OAC Chapter 4765-3 – Regional Physician Advisory Boards*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4765-3 package with the Common Sense Initiative Office with allowance for minor revisions following Legal Services' review. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2a) *OAC Chapter 4765-3 – Regional Physician Advisory Boards*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4765-3 package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review with allowance for minor revisions. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

3) *OAC Chapter 4765-18 – Accreditation of EMS Training Program*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4765-18 package with the Common Sense Initiative Office. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

3a) *OAC Chapter 4765-18 - Accreditation of EMS Training Program*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4765-18 package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review with allowance for minor revisions. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

4) *OAC Chapter 4766-2 – Medical Transportation/Ambulances*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4766-2 package with the Common Sense Initiative Office. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

4a) *OAC Chapter 4766-2 – Medical Transportation/Ambulances*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4766-2 package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review with allowance for minor revisions. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

5) *OAC Chapter 4766-5 – Medical Transportation/Air Medical*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4766-5 package with the Common Sense Initiative Office. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

5a) *OAC Chapter 4766-5 – Medical Transportation/Air Medical*

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Chapter 4766-5 package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review with allowance for minor revisions. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director, Melvin House

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS):

- Seat 3: ER Pediatrician – Dr. Wendy Pomerantz submitted her resignation on March 17, 2014. Letters will be sent seeking nomination for appointment from the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Ohio Osteopathic Association.
- Seat 4: Hospital Administrator – Letters seeking nominations were sent to the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Children's Hospital Association, and the Ohio Osteopathic Association have been mailed. Nominations were due by March 17, 2014. Replaces Gary Cates.
- Seat 10: EMS Provider – Additional names were requested. Nominations were received from the Northern Ohio Fire Fighters and from the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters and forwarded to the Director's office on March 3, 2014.
- Seat 5: Trauma Program Manager – Welcome to Diane Simon.

DEMS Staff Vacancies:

- *Administrative Professional 1 – Education Section.* Position has been filled.
- *Administrative Professional 1 – Certification Section.* Interviews are being scheduled.
- *Program Administrator 3 – Medical Transportation Section.* Recommendation sent to HR.
- *Program Administrator 2 – Fire/Education Section.* Interviews scheduled for next week.
- *Program Administrator 2 – currently seeking permission to fill.*

DEMS will continue to evaluate all positions to ensure that the division's needs are being met.

Website Update

DEMS continues to work towards improving the division and board webpages. Don Petit from the Director's office has been assigned to assist with updating/revising the EMS and Board webpage.

EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Ellen Owens

Ms. Owens reported CE exemptions requests for the period of February 20, 2014 through March 19, 2014. There were a total of four EMS exemptions; three are due to military deployment and one due to medical hardship. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the exemptions:

ACTION: Motion to approve exemptions. Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

EMFTS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee, Deanne Harris

Ms. Harris expressed the continued need for the community paramedicine legal statement to be placed on the webpage as approved at the October 2013 Board meeting. Ms. Harris received an e-mail from Dr. Hamilton Lempert from RPAB Region I. There seems to be miscommunication in if community paramedicine will be able to be implemented, if it against the current Ohio EMS scope of practice, or will a change in the ORC be required. This is creating tension that can be avoided by the legal statement.

EMS-Children Committee, Joe Stack – No report.

EMS System Development, Jim Davis

The Committee met briefly to discuss the request from the EMFTS Board retreat regarding requiring background checks at the time of EMS certification. The Committee would like to identify the follow:

- The issues that need to be resolved;
- The accuracy of the BCIs; and
- The frequency for which the BCIs are needed.

The Committee believes that there may be up to 17 other agencies currently requiring background checks. The Committee will reach out to those agencies to gather information.

The Committee also discussed the data component regarding creating the Annual Report and will be looking into the options available.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich – No report.

Education, Pam Bradshaw – No report.

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Specialty Care Subcommittee – No report.

Medical Oversight Committee (MOC), Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton stated that Dr. Tallman has expressed an interest in becoming the Chair for Medical Oversight Committee.

Medical Transportation Committee – Tom Allenstein – No report.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose – No report.

Resource Management, Mark Resanovich – No report.

Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton

As reported at the February 20th Board meeting, the Committee is planning to organize a stakeholders meeting with all the potential TCD system stakeholders. The Committee met with the Ohio Hospital Association regarding not only their assistance but possibly their sponsorship.

Those stakeholders that assisted in developing the TCD concept paper have been invited to attend the next TCD meeting. They will work together to create a list of everyone that should be invited to the TCD stakeholders meeting.

Staff are currently working to develop a letter to be sent to all Committee members requesting that they reach out to stakeholders requesting their assistance/sponsorship for the TCD event.

Trauma Committee (Tim Erskine)

There was no quorum at the last Committee meeting. Mr. Erskine asked the Board for additional questions regarding the proposed changes to the Ohio's EMS Trauma Triage Rules. Mr. Davis asked if the Trauma Committee was in support of Mr. Ross's suggested change. Mr. Erskine explained that the only reason the change was not incorporated into the initial revision was due to the Trauma Committee's lack of a quorum at the last meeting. They were only one shy from meeting the necessary quorum for a vote. All that were present were in agreement.

Mr. Resanovich asked by what authority the CDC has to add the language regarding *telemetry data*. Mr. Erskine explained that the OnStar[®] data relayed to the dispatch center is only additional criteria. It will not add additional regulations, and the data is provided for advisory purposes.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis – First. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 134 (Motorcycle Room), 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

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