



**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**MEETING MINUTES  
February 15, 2017**

**~ FINAL~**

**Board Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

**Board Members Present:** Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Susan Kearns, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, George B. Snyder, Dr. Thomas Tallman, and Dudley Wright.

**Board Members Absent:** Steven Jones

**DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:** Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Dave Fiffick, Thomas Gwinn, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Ellen Owens, Johanna Pickett, Bryan Reardon, Carol Savage, Jack Smith, Joseph Stack, and Michael Wise.

**Assistant Attorney General:** Trista M. Turley

**Public Present:** Pam Bradshaw, Bonnie Stich, and Diane Simon

**EMFTS Board Meeting**

**Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. James Davis (arrived 10:17am)	Absent	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

**Open Forum** ~ None

## Consent Agenda

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board meeting minutes from December 14, 2016, December and January certifications and Certificates of Approval.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the EMFTS Board meeting minutes from December 14, 2016, December and January certifications and Certificates of Approval.***

Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Calcidise– Second. None opposed. No abstain. Motion approved.

## EMS Summary Suspension Request

Mr. Allenstein, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:03 a.m. on February 15, 2017 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

### Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. James Davis (arrived 10:17)	Absent	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

It was noted for the record that a majority of the members of the Board are present. The Board reviewed two cases to determine if there is clear and convincing evidence to warrant a summary suspension of each of the Respondent's certificate to practice, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4765.112. These proceedings were in the matter of:

- EMS Case Number 2016-487-BE100, James F. Risner, EMS Certificate Number 162854
- EMS Case Number 2016-621-BE100, Carl E. Murray, EMS Certificate Number 119679

The Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for review prior to the meeting. The affidavits and exhibits contained the evidence upon which the Board will deliberate. The Board was entrusted that they have had the opportunity to review the affidavits and accompanying exhibits.

Mr. Allenstein recognized Assistant Attorney General Trista Turley for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of each case.

- **EMS Case Number 2016-487-BE100, James F. Risner, EMS Certificate Number 162854.** Mr. Risner is a certified EMT. He was indicted on rape charges in December 2015. In November 2016 he plead guilty to a first degree felony rape where the victim was under 10 years old at the time of the offense. He was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison and is now a Tier III sex offender. The Division of EMS believes that any continued practice would present danger of immediate and serious harm to the public should he be released; therefore, the recommendation in this matter is for a summary suspension.

- **EMS Case Number 2016-621-BE100, Carl E. Murray, EMS Certificate Number 119679.** Mr. Murray is a certified paramedic and was employed by the Union Township Fire Department from 2006 through 2016. He plead guilty and was sentenced on January 27, 2017 to four felony counts; 2 counts of theft of drugs which is a fourth-degree felony and 2 counts of tampering with drugs which is a third-degree felony. The drugs in question were fentanyl and morphine. He has been sentenced to four years community control and is barred from obtaining a job in the emergency medical services field either as an employee or volunteer or any type of job that would put him in contact with morphine or fentanyl. The Division of EMS believes any continued practice would present a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public; therefore the recommendation in this matter is for a summary suspension.

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Ms. Harris– First. Ms. Rose – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. James Davis (arrived 10:17)	Absent	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

**ACTION**  
***In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-487-BE100, James E. Risner, III, EMS Certificate Number 162854, the Board shall issue an Order to summarily suspend Mr. Risner’s certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician at any level. There is clear and convincing evidence that Respondent’s continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and that the certificate holder has been convicted of Rape, a felony of the first degree. The Board Order shall include a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112 and Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a).*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**ACTION**  
***In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-621-BE100, Carl E. Murray, EMS Certificate Number 119679, the Board shall issue an order to summarily suspend Mr. Murray’s certificate to practice as a paramedic or as an emergency medical technician at any level. There is clear and convincing evidence that Respondent’s continued practice presents a danger to immediate and serious harm to the public and that the certificate holder has been convicted of two counts of theft of drugs being felonies of the fourth degree, and two counts of tampering with drugs being felonies of the third degree. As part of Mr. Murray’s sentence, he is prohibited from working in the emergency medical services field. The Board order shall include a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.112 and Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a).*** Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None Opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

## **Report and Recommendations**

Mr. Allenstein introduced himself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on two report and recommendations:

- In the matter of EMS Case 2015-382-BE100, Thomas D. Watson, Certificate Number 110628
- In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-516-BE100, Brody J. Davis, EMS Certificate Number 158859

The Respondents did not file objections to the Report and Recommendations in the aforementioned cases. Mr. Allenstein recognized Assistant Attorney General Trista Turley for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the cases and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

- **In the matter of EMS Case 2015-382-BE100, Thomas D. Watson, Certificate Number 110628.** Mr. Watson was certified as an EMT paramedic until June 21, 2016 when his certificate expired. He submitted a renewal application on June 9, 2016. A summary suspension was issued at the Board's October 2016 meeting. In July 2015, Mr. Watson was a member of the Rossford County Fire Department where he was associated with the "Explorer Program". It is a program for teenagers and young adults (ages 14 to 21) interested in firefighting. He was not formally an advisor to the program; however he volunteered time to provide instruction to members. Through his volunteer work with the Explorers, Mr. Watson developed a "mentoring" relationship with a young woman in the program who apparently had a difficult home life. On or about June 28, 2015, the young woman went to Mr. Watson's home to talk about some issues she was having and apparently fell asleep together. The next day Mr. Watson had sexual intercourse with the young woman who was 17 years old at the time. The young woman reported the incident to the police and stated that she had tried to leave when Mr. Watson grabbed her by the arm; thus preventing her to leave and proceeded to begin kissing her and then engaged in sexual intercourse. At the hearing Mr. Watson denied that the young woman ever tried to leave or resist him and he did not know she was 17 years old. He was indicted on charges of rape and sexual battery of a minor on or about July 2015 and was convicted of a third degree felony of attempted felonious assault. At the hearing there was testimony from the investigating police detective from Rossford Police Department and from the Division of EMS Investigator. Mr. Watson brought a co-worker character witness who attested to no inappropriate behavior and presented two letters of recommendation from captains under which he has served under as a firefighter. The recommendation is that the Board refuse to renew and permanently revoke Mr. Watson's certificate.
- **In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-516-BE100, Brody J. Davis, EMS Certificate Number 158859.** Mr. Davis currently holds a basic EMT certification. As of the hearing he was a lieutenant in the Pomeroy Fire Department and part-time EMT basic for Meigs County EMS and an ER technician at Holzer Medical Center. From 2011 to 2015 Mr. Davis was a deputy with the Meigs County Sheriff's Department and was forced to resign his position due to the incident. On or about May 9, 2014 Mr. Davis responded to the scene of a reported stolen vehicle found abandoned and flipped over in a creek. At the scene, Mr. Davis recovered a .22 caliber rifle from the truck. He ran the serial number through the National Crime Information Center database. and the weapon did not have an entry in the system. Deputy Davis apparently did not wish to process the inventory paperwork on the firearm and gave it to an individual at the scene. He did not mention the recovery of the rifle in his narrative report. The Meigs County Sheriff's Office investigated this incident and the investigation was transferred. On September 10, 2015, Mr. Davis plead guilty in the Athens

County Court of Common Pleas to Grand Theft When the Property is a Firearm or Dangerous Ordinance and to misdemeanor dereliction of duty. He was placed in a diversion program for the felony conviction. He was stripped of his OPOTA Peace officer certificate. The Hearing Officer found that he plead guilty and was convicted in Athens County. The Division of EMS requested that this be declared to be moral turpitude. The Hearing Officer disagreed with the assessment and believed his actions to be negligence and did not rise to the level of moral turpitude. The Hearing Officer recommended suspension of his Basic EMT certificate for the duration of the time that Mr. Davis is in the diversion program; three years' probation during which Mr. Davis must inform the Division of EMS of any arrests within 10 days of arrest and must disclose convictions on his record to EMS employers; provide an updated BCI&I background check at the time of his first renewal following suspension and at the end of the probationary period.

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Ms. Harris– First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

The Board returned from private session at 10:31 am.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-382-BE100, Thomas D. Watson, EMS Certificate Number 110628, the Board shall issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to refuse to renew Respondent's certificate to practice and permanently revoke his certificate to practice.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

***ACTION In the matter of EMS Case 2015-516-BE100, Brody J. Davis, Certificate Number 158859, the Board shall issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to suspend Mr. Davis's certificate to practice until he submits documentation to verify successful completion of the Athens County Diversion program. If the suspension is lifted, Mr. Davis shall be placed on three (3) years' probation and comply with the terms of probation, which include the following: notify the Division of Emergency Medical Services of any arrests within ten (10) days, disclose any and all convictions to any EMS employers, provide a BCI & I background check at the time of his first renewal following the suspension and also within three (3) months of termination of the probationary period.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Resanovich–abstained. Motion approved.

### **Goldman Proceedings**

Mr. Allenstein, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:32 a.m. on February 15, 2017 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

#### **Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

It was noted for the record that a majority of Board members were present. There were four adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

- EMS Case Number 2012-601-E100, Blaine P. McDaniels, EMS Certificate Number 160560
- EMS Case Number 2015-539-E500, Angel Carriers LLC, Service Code Number 50-527-5
- EMS Case Number 2015-614-E300, Todd P. Henderson, EMS Certificate Number 123184
- EMS Case Number 2015-646-E300, Scott A. Newvine, EMS Certificate Number 134428
- EMS Case Number 2016-367-E500, Thistledown Racetrack, LLC., Service Code Number 18-052-4
- EMS Case Number 2016-377-E500, Frank R. Kubas, EMS Certificate Number 128342
- EMS Case Number 2016-384-E100, Joshua M. Gift, EMS Certificate Number 139870

The proceedings were an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondent in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the case, these proceedings were held before the Board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but may be present to hear the proceeding and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceedings in the Board packet. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Office of the Division of EMS.

Mr. Allenstein recognized Assistant Attorney General Trista M. Turley for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and the recommendation for disciplinary action.

- **EMS Case Number 2012-601-E100, Blaine P. McDaniels, EMS Certificate Number 160560.** Mr. McDaniels is currently certified as an EMT and first applied in August 2010. During the application process it was discovered that Mr. McDaniels had been convicted of 2 counts of felony vandalism which is a fifth-degree felony. In 2013 Mr. McDaniels entered into a consent agreement whereby he was granted a certificate to practice as an EMT basic, subject to probationary terms. He violated the terms by not providing the Division of

EMS with a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation Background Check within three years of the execution date of the consent agreement. When asked why he did not provide the BCI&I he informed the Division of EMS that he had additional convictions on his record. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. McDaniel's certificate to practice.

- **EMS Case Number 2015-539-E500, Angel Carriers LLC, Service Code Number 50-527-5.** Angel Carriers, LLC is a licensed non-emergency medical transportation provider. The EMS inspector conducted an unannounced inspection on March 25, 2016. When the inspector arrived at Angel Carriers' listed headquarters in Poland, Ohio he found the building vacant and he discovered that Angel Carriers had moved their physical location to Youngstown, Ohio and began operating without notifying the Division of EMS. Angel Carriers faxed a change of address notification to the Division of EMS on March 23, 2016; however, the organization had been operating out of their new headquarters without the knowledge of permission of the Division of EMS before that date and had not been inspected. This was not the first time there had been difficulty with this organization. Previous issues include outstanding violations for failure to pay re-inspection fees and failing to check employee driving and criminal background records. The recommendation is a written reprimand and a \$1,500 fine to be paid within 90 days of the journalization of the adjudication order.
- **EMS Case Number 2015-614-E300, Todd P. Henderson, EMS Certificate Number 123184.** Mr. Henderson is certified as a paramedic. He submitted an application for certification renewal on August 3, 2015, on which he attested that he completed all continuing education requirements and that the information he provided was true and accurate. On or about September 15, 2015 the Division of EMS conducted a random audit of Mr. Henderson's continuing education hours and found that he only had documentation of 60 hours of the 86 required continuing education hours. He was given an opportunity to submit additional documentation; however, he did not. The recommendation is to revoke his certificate to practice.
- **EMS Case Number 2015-646-E300, Scott A. Newvine, EMS Certificate Number 134428.** Mr. Newvine is certified as a paramedic. On or about July 10, 2015 Mr. Newvine electronically signed and submitted a renewal application for his EMT certification. He attested to completing all of his continuing education requirements and attested that the information he provided was true and accurate. The Division of EMS conducted a random audit on September 15, 2015. Mr. Newvine did not respond to the Division of EMS's attempts. The audit was sent by certified mail and a return receipt acknowledging delivery was returned to the Division of EMS in October 2015. The recommendation is to revoke his certificate to practice.
- **EMS Case Number 2016-367-E500, Thistledown Racetrack, LLC., Service Code Number 18-052-4.** Thistledown Racetrack, LLC is a licensed medical transport organization. On June 18, 2016 an EMS field inspector conducted an unannounced inspection of the transport service and found one vehicle that was unlicensed by the Division of EMS at the time of the inspection. The vehicle had been decommissioned for maintenance and repair; however, the Security Supervisor admitted that the vehicle had been used on at least two occasions while unlicensed. Furthermore, a second vehicle had been ordered to be placed out-of-service until re-inspection, due to the fact that the emergency brake was not operating properly and the fire extinguisher was overdue for annual maintenance. The repair records submitted show that the vehicle had been driven 92 miles between the time of inspection and the time of repair. The recommendation is a written reprimand and a \$1,500 fine to be paid within 90 days of journalization of the adjudication orders.
- **EMS Case Number 2016-377-E500, Frank R. Kubas, EMS Certificate Number 128342.** Mr. Kubas was a certified paramedic. He resigned from the Euclid Fire Department on September 2, 2016. Mr. Kubas had several documented drug incidents. On July 13, 2016 he was convicted of an OVI. On August 31, 2016 EMS responded to a call at Mr. Kubas's home for unresponsive male who overdosed on heroin. Subsequently he entered into an outpatient treatment program. The recommendation is to revoke his certificate to practice;

however, an alternative would be a suspension for at least two years at which time he may apply for reinstatement.

- **EMS Case Number 2016-384-E100, Joshua M. Gift, EMS Certificate Number 139870.** Mr. Gift was certified as an EMT; however, he was summarily suspended at the December EMFTS meeting. On July 18, 2016, Mr. Gift plead guilty to and was convicted of a first-degree misdemeanor of sexual imposition due to touching a teenager inappropriately over her clothes. Mr. Gift is now registered as a Tier I sex offender. He failed to report and provide documentation of his conviction. The recommendation is permanent revocation of his certificate to practice.

Each Board member received the affidavits of the case prior to the meeting to review, and AAG Turley briefly presented a summary of the cases where no hearing was requested.

Having heard AAG Turley's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case into evidence.*** Ms. Calcidise – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:46 a.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the proceedings continued by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondent.

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

***ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

### **Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

The Board returned from private session at 11:29 a.m.



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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of In the matter of EMS Case Number 2012-601-E100, Blaine P. McDaniels, EMS Certificate Number 160560, the Board shall issue an adjudication order finding Mr. McDaniels failed to adhere to the conditions of a consent agreement in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(6); therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. McDaniels's certificate to practice. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.*

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-539-E500, Angel Carriers LLC, Service Code Number 50-527-5, the Board shall issue an adjudication order finding that Respondent commenced operations from a new headquarters prior to receiving an inspection in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4766-3-04(B). In determining the appropriate sanction, the Board also notes Angel Carriers, LLC's past instances of noncompliance and obstruction of the Board's attempts to conduct inspections. Therefore the Board moves to issue a written reprimand and the Respondent must pay a fine of \$1500.00 within ninety days from the date the adjudication order is entered into the Journal. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.*

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-614-E300, Todd P. Henderson, EMS Certificate Number 123184, the Board shall issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Henderson violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3) and 4765-17-02 by attesting on his application that he completed all continuing education requirements and subsequently failed to demonstrate completion of all continuing education; and that Mr. Henderson's certificate to practice be revoked. Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.*

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-646-E300, Scott A. Newvine, EMS Certificate Number 134428, the Board finds that Mr. Newvine failed to document the continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore he failed to meet the renewal requirements, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3) and 4765-16-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Newvine's certificate to practice. Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.*

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-367-E500, Thistledown Racetrack, LLC, Service Code Number 18-052-4, the Board finds that Respondent operated a vehicle without a valid permit in violation of Ohio Revised Code 4766-07; and that Respondent failed to take a vehicle out-of-service until it passed re-inspection in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4766-2-08. Therefore the Board moves to issue a written reprimand and the Respondent must pay a fine of \$1500.00 within ninety days from the date the adjudication order is entered into the Journal. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.*

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-384-E100, Joshua M. Gift, EMS Certificate Number 139870, the Board finds clear and convincing evidence that Respondent's continued practice as an emergency medical technician presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and that the certificate holder has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Furthermore, the Board finds by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Gift violated Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.06(A)(4). Specifically, on July 18, 2016, Mr. Gift was convicted of Sexual Imposition, a first-degree misdemeanor. Mr. Gift was designated a sex offender by the court. The acts underlying the offense involve Mr. Gift recklessly having sexual contact with a person who is thirteen years of age or older but less than sixteen years of age by touching the victim outside of her clothing. Additionally, the Respondent failed to report and provide documentation of his conviction(s) in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-9-01(M). Therefore, the Board hereby Orders that the Respondent's certificate to practice in the State of Ohio, at any level, shall be permanently revoked. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.*

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-377-E500, Frank R. Kubas, Certificate Number 128342, the Board shall issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Kubas is not able to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness, physical illness, or habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair the ability to practice. Therefore, Mr. Kubas' certificate to practice in the State of Ohio at any level shall be revoked for at least two (2) years. After two years, Mr. Kubas may apply for reinstatement and demonstrate that he has received adequate treatment and that he is free of any substances that may impair his ability to practice.* Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

**EMS Investigations**

***ACTION:*** *Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B).* Mr. Wright– First. Dr. Tallman– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

***ACTION:*** *Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements.* Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Rose– Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-197-BE100	2016-629-E300	2016-707-E300
2016-382-E300	2016-634-E300	
2016-542-E100	2016-658-E300	
2016-582-E300	2016-670-E100	
2016-603-BE100	2016-700-E300	
2016-623-E300	2016-702-E300	

***ACTION:*** *Motion to close the following cases. The following cases have been recommended to be closed due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC.* Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Kearns - Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-616-E300
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**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individual services issues for audit. Re-open if renew:** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Kearns– Second. Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-12-E300	2016-687-E300
2016-682-E300	2016-698-E300
2016-686-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individual entered into Consent Agreements with the Board and have not met the requirements of the Consent Agreement. Their respective certificates to practice have expired. Re-open if re-applies.** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Kearns– Second. Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-513-BE100	2014-262-E300
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**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements:** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Kearns - Second. Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-431-BE100	2013-658-E300
2013-244-E100	2014-375-E100 ( <i>Sealed File</i> )
2013-452-BE100	2015-417-E500
2013-595-E100	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases; the Board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies.** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Kearns - Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-395-E300* <i>Rescind</i>	<i>NOH</i>	2016-654-E300 <i>EMR</i>	2016-680-E300 <i>Paramedic</i>
<i>Paramedic</i>		2016-655-E300 <i>EMT</i>	2016-691-E300 <i>Paramedic</i>
2016-641-E300 <i>Paramedic</i>		2016-660-E300 <i>EMR</i>	2016-697-E300 <i>AEMT</i>
2016-645-E300 <i>Paramedic</i>		2016-677-E300 <i>EMT</i>	
2016-646-E300 <i>EMT</i>			

**ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to the following cases:** Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-104-BE100	2016-635-	2016-674-E300	2016-699-E300
2016-274-BE100	E300( <i>Extension</i> )	2016-676-E300	2016-705-E300
2016-366-E500	2016-649-E300	2016-679-E300	
2016-554-E300	2016-652-E300	2016-681-E300	
2016-590-	2016-659-E300	2016-683-E300	
E300( <i>Extension</i> )	2016-663-E300	2016-685-E300	
2016-624-E300	2016-672-E300	2016-689-E300	
2016-633-E300	2016-673-E300		

**ACTION: Motion to rescind revocation of EMT certification; continue with consent agreement.** Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Kearns – Second. Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-218-E300
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**Other:**

**2015-458-E100 \*\*Motion to accept proposed consent agreement & rescind NOH\*\*.** Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Kearns – Second. Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons; inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed “not involving moral turpitude”, continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-679-BE100	2016-650-E100	2017-15-BE100
2016-425-E100	2016-651-E100	2017-26-E100
2016-437-BE100	2016-695-E300	2017-32-E100
2016-512-BE100	2016-701-E100	2017-33-E100
2016-547-BE100	2016-703-E100	2017-34-E100
2016-605-BE100	2016-704-E100	2017-35-E100
2016-620-E100	2017-2-E100	
2016-627-E300	2017-3-E100	
2016-628-E300	2017-4-E100	
2016-643-E100	2017-5-E100	
2016-645-E300	2017-6-BE100	

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-218-E300, Tracy A. Kozee, Certificate Number 138236, the Board shall issue an adjudication order replacing the Board’s January 12, 2017 order and withdrawing the allegations contained in the July 8, 2016 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Ms. Kozee’s certification shall be deemed active and shall be treated as if the January 12, 2017 Adjudication Order did not occur.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

**REPORTS:**

**Chair Report, Tom Allenstein**

Mr. Allenstein presented Ms. Harris with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service as Chair of the EMFTS Board.

Mr. Allenstein reported that this Board does a large amount of business and the Board members need to be engaged. The Board members work for the citizens of the state of Ohio. Committees are tasked with many items and then bring it to the Board for approval. He requested that all Board members review the information sent to them prior to the meetings. The Board retreat was rescheduled due to low attendance.

Mr. Allenstein questioned whether or not he should step off of the Case Review Committee since he is the Chair of the Board and may be the tie breaker on matters voted upon by the Board. Mr. Wise reported that there is not a legal issue and that Mr. Allenstein may remain on the committee.

Mr. Resanovich suggested that he would like to step down from the Case Review Committee; however, he would remain on the committee while a replacement can be found and provide a smooth transition.

### **EMS Legislative Liaison, Dan Fitzpatrick**

A legislative update was provided in the Board packet to all of the EMFTS Board members. House Bill 7 is a re-introduction of HB 559 from the last general assembly – The Medical Malpractice Litigation Improvement Act. One component is specific to EMS is that this bill would establish a different liability standard for emergency medical care in the event of a wide spread disaster event.

House Bill 26, the transportation budget which funds the larger divisions of the Ohio Department of Public Safety is being monitored.

House Bill 38 would increase the penalties in a situation where a person caused the death of a first responder or committed an aggravated assault on a first responder.

### **State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

The next RPAB Chair meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

Applications were received from Dr. Julie Tome for RPAB Region 8 for membership with the Regional Physician Advisory Board. Dr. Cunningham requested a motion to approve Dr. Julie Tome for RPAB Region 8.

***ACTION: Motion to approve Dr. Julie Tome for membership with the Regional Physician Advisory Board for Region 8.*** Mr. Davis – First. Dr. Tallman– Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

RPAB Regions 7 and 8 are still in need of RPAB membership.

The change in the Summa Health emergency physician contract has had no significant impact on the RPAB Region 5 membership. They have five members at this time. The EMS agencies were surveyed and their respective former medical directors who were employed at Summa have agreed to stay temporarily. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has placed all of their residency programs on probation and this action may impact their ACS trauma designation. The impact for EMS will be monitored by the Trauma Committee. Their ACS site visit is March 1, 2017.

A gap in the Ohio EMS scope of practice was identified by Mr. Appelhans and it was noted to be secondary to nomenclature in the rules. The packet distributed included a photo of negative impedance threshold devices. They are used on spontaneously breathing patients for the non-invasive treatment for hypertension and is applied to a mouthpiece or facemask. The other device is used for patients that require CPR which is a circulatory enhancer that improves blood flow to the heart and brain. Currently the Ohio EMS scope of practice authorizes “ventilation with a flow-restricted device” beginning at the EMR level and “ventilation management, to include the use of a positive pressure ventilation device”. Beginning at the EMT level, the scope of practice authorizes “chest compression assist devices”.

Mr. Appelhans requested approval of a motion to add negative impedance threshold devices to the EMS scope of practice from EMT basics to paramedics.

***ACTION: Motion for approval to add negative impedance threshold devices to the EMS Scope of practice from EMT basics to paramedics.*** Mr. Appelhans – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham reported that sedative hypnotic medications such as ketamine are classified by the FDA as a sedative and/or hypnotic. She would like to educate the medical directors that ketamine is not an analgesic per the FDA. Currently, the Ohio scope of practice authorizes the administration of analgesics beginning at the AEMT level of certification and “administration of other medications pursuant to other medications pursuant to written protocols”. Beginning in January the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) now requires a physician to administer the initial IV bolus of sedative/hypnotics. This new JCAHO requirement may affect hospital-owned EMS agencies.

Prior to the National Association of EMS Physicians annual meeting, the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines face-to face meeting was held on January 22-24, 2017. The goal for the public comment period is April 24, 2017 to June 9, 2017. The final documents are scheduled to be submitted to NHTSA by September 8, 2017.

During the general session the headlining topics were EMS safety in terms of ambulance design, aviation and safety engineering models for EMS, and seatbelt use by EMS providers. Evidence based guidelines for fatigue management will be released soon. Presentations were given on the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, palliative, hospital, and end-of-life issues, first responder resiliency; recognition of depression and stress, suicide prevention and a culture of dysfunction with the EMS industry. There is a lack of mental health resources for EMS providers. The topics of pediatrics included functional needs and improving patient safety. Implementation of evidence-based guidelines were discussed. An awards luncheon was held for the inaugural class of Fellows of the Academy of EMS. Dr. Cunningham is one of 194 members appointed.

Dr. Cunningham will attend the APEX annual meeting will be held February 23-24, 2017 with an overview of the White House’s homeland security goals.

The National EMS Advisory Council is in the process of finalizing the draft mobile integrated healthcare advisory. The council is tentatively scheduled to meet April 4-5, 2017 pending approval from Secretary Elaine Chao.

Dr. Cunningham presented *Leadership in EMS* at the Partners for Life Emergency Care Conference on February 10, 2017 at the Mercy Hospital System in Toledo,

Dr. Cunningham will be presenting *Traumatic Brain Injuries and Injury Prevention* at the 2017 USA Hockey High School National Championship on March 30-April 3, 2017.

### **EMS Legal Counsel, Michael Wise**

Mr. Wise recognized Melissa Vermillion’s service to the EMFTS Board who passed away suddenly. He thanked the EMS investigation staff for their work under these difficult circumstances to prepare for the Board meeting.

Mr. Wise reported on the use of body cameras by EMS personnel. The main issue is compliance with privacy laws. Under HIPAA, it is acceptable for supervisors to use the video as part of patient care or quality assurance. It is not an issue regarding invasion of privacy where a video or still photos are used to communicate with other medical personnel or to assist in the patient care.

Mr. Dutton moves that the Board approve the final filing for chapter 4766-2 (Ambulance) of the Administrative code following the JCARR hearing on March 6, 2017.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing for chapter 4766-2 (Ambulance) of the Administrative code following the JCARR hearing on March 6, 2017.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Mr. Dutton moves that the Board approve the filing for Chapter 4766-1 (Public Notices and Hearings) of the Administrative code with the Joint committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service commission, and the Secretary of State.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing for Chapter 4766-1 (Public Notices and Hearings) of the Administrative code with the Joint committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service commission, and the Secretary of State.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Mr. Dutton moves that the Board approve the filing for Chapter 4766-3 (Ambulettes) of the Administrative code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service commission, and the Secretary of State (pending the recommendation from the Common Sense Initiative).

***ACTION: Motion to approve the filing for Chapter 4766-3 (Ambulettes) of the Administrative code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service commission, and the Secretary of State (pending the recommendation from the Common Sense Initiative).*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Mr. Dutton moves that the Board approve the filing for chapter 4766-4 (Mobile Intensive Care Units) of the Administrative code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service commission, and the Secretary of State (pending the recommendation from the Common Sense Initiative).

***ACTION: Motion to approve the filing for Chapter 4766-4 (Mobile Intensive Care Units) of the Administrative code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service commission, and the Secretary of State (pending the recommendation from the Common Sense Initiative).*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

### **Assistant Attorney General, Trista M. Turley**

Ms. Turley reported that there is not any active litigation at this time.

### **Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House**

Executive Director House acknowledged the tragic loss of Melissa Vermillion and how difficult it has been for the EMS staff. He thanked Mike Wise, Division of EMS staff, and ODPS Legal Services for stepping up and preparing for the Board meeting and future cases.

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

- Five seats remain vacant:
  - Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2 – ACS/OOA)
  - Trauma Program Manager (Seat #5 – ONA/OSTNL/OENASC)
  - EMS Provider (Seat #10 – OAPFF/NOFF)
  - EMS Provider (Seat #14 - OAMTA)
  - EMS Provider (Seat #15 – OAMTA)

### Staff Vacancy Status

- *Human Service Program Consultant – Trauma & Research.* Job offer tendered. *Human Service Program Consultant – Trauma and Research.* Job offer was tendered to Michael Ginter whose start date was December 12, 2016; however, he declined the position.
- *Program Administrator 2 – Data/Research.* Reclassifying position to attract a biostatistician.
- *Program Administrator 3 – Investigations –* Reclassifying to Investigations Supervisor 2; should be posted within next two weeks.
- *Program Administrator 2 – Education –* Preparing to post position.

ED House reported that Linda Mirarchi will retire the end of February. He thanked Ms. Mirarchi for her service to the Division of EMS.

### DEMS Database Projects

- EMS Course Administration/Education Phase 1 Module – December 2016
- Grants Administration Module – December 2016
- CE Tracking System Status – Discontinued December 2016
- January 2017 – Education Phase II; migration to new platform; initiating discussion on rewrite of Medical Transportation and Investigations.

### State Budget

The Division of EMS has always struggled with revenue. Grants are funded by seat belt funds. In working with the Director's office we are hopeful that the budget will be increased.

### Ohio Administrative Code

- Grants (effective)
- Medical Transportation (Ambulance rules public hearing)
- Fire Training (59 rules)

### **EMSIRS, Tim Erskine**

Mr. Erskine reported that EMSIRS data has been received into version 3. Thirteen vendors are submitting to the system. Six vendors that have completed their testing will receive their credentials. Six vendors are still testing. There is an issue with back data with Version 2. A conversion program is being created so that it can go into the database.

Trauma Registry is running fine and the Rehab Registry will be online in the near future.

### **EMS Grant Program, Johanna Pickett**

Executive Director House explained that the process was changed in respect to research grants to a Request for Information (RFI) issued in November. A number of requests were received and have been evaluated by staff. The Requests for Information was converted to Request for Proposals. The request is that the Board to move these forward so they can submit research projects into the research priority 3 through 5 system which will then be reviewed by the Pennsylvania Trauma System.

Ms. Pickett provided an overview of the research project proposals that were submitted for the Board's approval and recommendation.



A discussion ensued to gather more information on the changes to the process and more information on each of the proposed projects. It was noted that the Board is only approving the “topics” not the organization who applies for the research grant.

Mr. Davis requested a motion to approve the recommended topics as Request for Information topics as Request for Proposals.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommended Request for Information topics as Request for Proposals.*** Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

### **EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze**

Jean Booze reported that there were 45 EMS extension requests for December 2016 and 39 in January 2017; totaling 84 EMS standard 90-day extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions.

***ACTION: Motion to ratify EMS extension requests from December 2016 and January 2017.***  
Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported that there were two EMS extension requests exceeding 90 days. Both individuals were enrolled in refresher courses and both had to reschedule the courses. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the 180 day extensions.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the two EMS extension requests exceeding 90 days.***  
Mr. Snyder– First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported that the new EMS certifications for December 2016 is 1,369 and 1,161 for January 2017. The total for August and September are 2,530 new EMS certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications.

***ACTION: Motion to ratify the new EMS certifications for December 2016 and January 2017.*** Ms. Kearns– First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported a Voluntary Surrender request from an EMR who is voluntarily surrendering his certificate. He only wants to maintain his firefighter certificate. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

***ACTION: Motion to ratify the new EMS certifications for December 2016 and January 2017.*** Mr. Snyder– First. Ms. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemption requests. There is one dual certified military exemption request; 2017-2-4. They are still on active duty service and all documentation was received for this request. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the military CE exemption request for 2017-4-2.*** Ms. Kearns – First. Mr. Davis– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

### **EMS Education, Linda Mirarchi**

Ms. Mirarchi reported that there were seven requests for accreditation renewals.

Fire and EMS Educators, LLC is requesting an initial accreditation. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve an initial accreditation renewal request of Fire and EMS Educators, LLC.*** Ms. Rose – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. Ms. Kearns and Mr. Snyder- abstained. Motion approved.

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The Columbus Division of Fire, LifeCare EMS Training Academy, and Stark State College are receiving their CAAHEP and requested to merge the expiration dates.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the new expiration dates for Columbus Division of Fire, LifeCare EMS Training Academy and Stark State College.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. None opposed. Mr. Davis and Ms. Kearns- abstained. Motion approved.

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Lorain County Community College is requesting an accreditation cycle extension to accommodate the CoAEMSP site visit. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve an accreditation cycle extension to Lorain County Community College.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Tolles Career and Technology Center has requested an extension of their expiration date to align with the Fire Charter expiration date.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve an extension by Tolles Career and Technology Center of their expiration date align with the Fire Charter expiration date.*** Ms. Kearns – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Wayne Township Fire/EMS Training Academy needs approval of their Accreditation Renewals with a new expiration date of December 18, 2019. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve Wayne Township Fire/EMS Training Academy's new expiration date of December 18, 2019 for their Accreditation Renewal.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **National Accreditation Status Report**

40 Paramedic Training Programs  
28 CAAHEP  
11 CoA Letter of Review  
1 CAAHEP/Surrender

Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Mirarchi for her service to the Division of EMS and the EMFTS Board. She reported she will retire the end of February. Ms. Mirarchi stated she will always remember all of her experiences.

### **Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick**

Dave Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of December 2016, January, February, and March 2017. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewals with expiration dates of December 2016, January, February, and March 2017; pending a satisfactory inspection.***  
Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Appelhans– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation new service applications. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new service applications for 15 ambulettes; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Kearns - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of new medical transportation headquarters (2 ambulettes and 1 ambulance) and new satellite stations (3 ambulette, 3 ambulance and 1 air medical). Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new headquarters (2 ambulettes and 1 ambulance) and new satellite stations (3 ambulette, 3 ambulance and 1 air medical); pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Ms. Harris– First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

### **EMS-Children Committee, Johanna Pickett**

#### EMSC Performance Measures

Ms. Pickett reported that Dr. Julie Leonard of the Ohio EMSC Committee delivered a presentation to the Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives Board meeting on Friday, January 13, highlighting the need for a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator for physicians and nurses in the emergency department. The presentation also directed OONE members to complete the National Pediatric Readiness Project survey at [www.pedsready.org](http://www.pedsready.org). The OONE Board agreed to help promote the survey to their membership. The Ohio EMS for Children Committee has agreed to promote the survey from May 1 through July 31, 2017.

The National EMSC Data Analysis and Resource Center (NEDARC) has confirmed that Ohio EMS for Children will conduct a survey of Ohio EMS agencies from November 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018. This survey will feature initial data gathering for new EMSC Performance Measures, including the presence of a pre-hospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator and the extent of skills training and competency demonstration for pediatric care. More information will be brought to the EMFTS Board over the next few meetings.

#### Other Activities

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on December 12, 2016. The Coalition is developing guidelines for dealing with unaccompanied minors during a disaster. The Coalition is continuing work on increasing pediatric capacity for emergency care of children and transport needs during a hospital evacuation. The next Coalition meeting is March 1.

Dr. Julie Leonard and staff at the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital are updating the "EMTs and Injury Prevention" manual and are converting it to a series of video modules which will be designed to be available through the ODPS Training Campus. The first module will be on the topic of child abuse, and will be designed to be appropriate for both EMS providers and law enforcement officials.

Ms. Pickett requested the following members populate the EMS-Children Committee:

Karen Beavers, Vice Chair  
Stephen Bellville (appointed 10/19/2016)  
Kenneth Crank  
Laura Chagin  
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove  
Kathy Haley  
Carol Jacobson  
Heather Koss

Dr. Julie Leonard  
Mary Ann Forrester (appointed 10/19/2016)  
Dr. Hamilton P. Schwartz, Chair  
Rachel Stanley  
Christina Wedding (appointed 12/14/2016)  
Tami Wires

***ACTION: Motion to approve the following members to the EMS-Children Committee: Karen Beavers, Stephen Bellville, Kenneth Crank, Laura Chagin, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Kathy Haley, Carol Jacobson, Heather Koss, Dr. Julie Leonard, Mary Ann Forrester, Dr. Hamilton P. Schwartz, Rachel Stanley, Christine Wedding, and Tami Wires. Ms. Harris - First. Ms. Beavers- Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.***

### **EMS System Development Committee**

Ms. Harris reported that the committee did not meet this month; however, the next meeting will be held April 18, 2017.

Ms. Harris inquired as to if the 2015 Annual Report had been posted. Mr. Erskine reported it will be posted to the EMS website in the near future.

Ms. Harris requested the following be added as members to the EMS System Development Committee:

Mary Ahlers  
Karen Beavers  
David Buescher  
James Davis  
Daniel Ellenberger  
Herb de la Porte

Vincent Gildone  
Deanna Harris, Chair  
Susan Kearns  
Mark Resanovich  
Julie Rose  
Barry Seth

***ACTION: Motion to approve the following members to the EMS System Development Committee: Mary Ahlers, Karen Beavers, David Buescher, Daniel Ellenberger, James Davis, Herb de la Porte, Vincent Gildone, Deanna Harris, Susan Kearns, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose and Barry Seth. Ms. Harris - First. Ms. Beavers- Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.***

Ms. Harris stated that a name was omitted from the new members to be populated. She requested that Susan Kearns be added as a member to the EMS System Development Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve Susan Kearns as a member to the EMS System Development Committee.*** Ms. Harris - First. Mr. Davis – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

**Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee met February 3, 2017 at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency in order to have a tour of the HUB and to see how they operate as it relates to Homeland Security.

Mr. Resanovich reported that he will step down as Chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee and that Ms. Harris has accepted the position as Chair.

Mr. Resanovich requested that the following members populate the Homeland Security Subcommittee:

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| Karen Beavers               | Mark Resanovich   |
| Geoffrey Dutton, Vice Chair | Barry Seth        |
| Raymond Friedmann           | Micah Stoll       |
| David Gerstner              | Eric Wiedlebacher |
| Deanna Harris, Chair        | Michael Wood      |
| Jeff Jackson                | Dr. Michael Zorko |
| Robert Moore                |                   |

***ACTION: Motion to approve the following members to the Homeland Security SubCommittee: Karen Beavers, Geoffrey Dutton, Raymond Friedmann, David Gertsner, Deanna Harris, Jeff Jackson, Robert Moore, Mark Resanovich, Barry Seth, Micah Stoll, Eric Wiedlebacher, Michael Wood and Dr. Michael Zorko.*** Mr. Resanovich - First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

**Active Shooter Response Ad-hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee is working on developing an educational program. An Executive Summary to establish the goals and expectations of the committee for the stakeholders is being finalized and will be brought to the Board in April. The committee is working on an Active Shooter Awareness Educational program for all first responders which include law enforcement, EMS, and fire. Every community can use this as a guideline to develop their own active shooter program.

The next meeting will be held February 16, 2017 at ODPS.

Mr. Resanovich reported that many organizations including the Attorney General's office, law enforcement, fire, and EMS are interested in being members of this committee to develop a statewide initiative to promote first responders readiness and rapid emergency medical care delivery during active shooter incidents in Ohio.

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to extend the membership of the Active Shooter Ad-hoc Committee to no more than 20 (twenty) members.

***ACTION: Motion to extend the membership of the Active Shooter Ad-hoc Committee to no more than 20 (twenty) members. Mr. Resanovich - First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.***

Mr. Resanovich requested the following members populate the Active Shooter Response Ad-hoc Committee:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Karen Beavers               | Rob Martin             |
| Michael Carroll             | Robert Moore           |
| Brian Charles               | Dr. Jeffrey Pellegrino |
| Geoffrey Dutton, Vice Chair | Mark Resanovich, Chair |
| David Gerstner              | Jeffrey Scott          |
| Deanna Harris               | Allen Solomon          |
| Scott Hildenbrand           | Micha Stoll            |
| Ronald Jeffrey Klein        | Brian Quinn            |

***ACTION: Motion to add the following members to the Active Shooter Response Ad-hoc Committee: Karen Beavers, Michael Carroll, Brian Charles, Geoffrey Dutton, David Gertsner, Deanna Harris, Scott Hildenbrand, Ronald Jeffrey Klein, Rob Martin, Robert Moore, Dr. Jeffrey Pellegrino, Mark Resanovich, Jeffrey Scott, Allen Solomon, Micha Stoll and Brian Quinn. Mr. Resanovich - First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.***

A discussion ensued regarding the actual name of the committee due to attacks not only being committed with guns. Mr. Resanovich explained that the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) definition of an “active shooter incident” includes incidents not involving firearms. The FBI defines an active shooter incident as any attack by “an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area.” Therefore, the committee title is aligned with the federal government. It was decided that the name/title will stand.

**EMS Rural Committee, Karen Beavers**

Ms. Beavers reported they did not have a February meeting. The next meeting will be April 18, 2017.

Ms. Beavers requested the following members be populated to the EMS Rural Committee:

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| Mary Ahlers          | Doug LaRue   |
| Karen Beavers, Chair | Carrie Long  |
| Rick Callebs         | Diane Simon  |
| Charles Davis        | Barry Seth   |
| Daniel Ellenberger   | Michael Wood |
| Daniel Heuchert      |              |

***ACTION: Motion to add the following members to the EMS Rural Committee: Mary Ahlers, Karen Beavers, Rick Callebs, Charles Davis, Daniel Ellenberger, Daniel Heuchert, Doug LaRue, Carrie Long, Diane Simon, Barry Seth, and Michael Wood. Ms. Beavers - First. Mr. Appelhans – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.***

**EMS Education Committee, George Snyder**

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee did not meet in February. The next meeting will be held April 18, 2017.

Mr. Snyder requested the following members be populated to the EMS Education Committee:

Mary Ahlers  
Kristopher Alexander  
Pamela Bradshaw  
David Buescher  
Daniel Heuchert  
Susan Kearns, Vice Chair  
Mark Mankins

Dr. Jeffrey Pellegrino  
George Snyder, Chair  
Chuck Sowerbrower  
Michael Wood  
David Yarmesch

***ACTION: Motion to add the following members to the EMS Rural Committee: Mary Ahlers, Kristopher Alexander, Pamela Bradshaw, David Buescher, Daniel Heuchert, Susan Kearns, Mark Mankins, Dr. Jeffrey Pellegrino, George Snyder, Chuck Sowerbrower, Michael Wood, and David Yarmesch. Mr. Snyder - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.***

**Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton**

Mr. Dutton requested the following members to populate the Medical Oversight Committee:

Dr. Eric Cortez  
Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove  
Geoffrey Dutton  
Martin Fuller  
Mark Marchetta  
Rob Martin (appointed 12/2016)

Brent Parquette  
Dr. Daniel Schwerin  
Eric Wiedlebacher  
Tami Wires  
Allen Young

***ACTION: Motion to approve the following members to the Medical Oversight Committee: Dr. Eric Cortez, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Geoffrey Dutton, Martin Fuller, Mark Marchetta, Rob Martin, Brent Parquette, Dr. Daniel Schwerin, Eric Wiedlebacher, Tami Wires and Allen Young. Mr. Dutton - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.***

**Medical Transportation, Tom Allenstein**

Mr. Allenstein requested the following members populate the Medical Transportation Committee:

Tom Allenstein, Chair  
Kent Appelhans, Vice Chair  
Beth Calcidise  
David DeVore  
Vincent Harris  
Amy Haughn  
Linda Hines

Rob Martin (appointed 12-14-16)  
Natasha Meinert  
Mark Resanovich  
Dudley Wright  
Paul Wright  
Douglas Wolters

***ACTION: Motion to add the following members to the Medical Transportation Committee: Tom Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Beth Calcidise, David DeVore, Vincent Harris, Amy Haughn, Linda Hines, Rob Martin, Natasha Meinert, Mark Resanovich, Dudley Wright, Paul Wright, and Douglas Wolters.*** Mr. Resanovich - First. Ms. Harris – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Allenstein requested that Phil Koster also be added as a member of the Medical Transportation Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve Phil Koster as a member to the Medical Transportation Committee.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Appelhans.– Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose**

Ms. Rose requested the following members populate the Critical Care Committee:

Kent Appelhans, Vice Chair	Michael Jackson
Beth Calcidise	Rob Martin (appointed Dec 2016)
Daniel Ellenberger	Natasha Meinert
John Glass	Julie Rose, Chair
Amy Haughn	Diane Simon
Daniel Heuchert	

***ACTION: Motion to approve the following members to the Critical Care Committee: Kent Appelhans, Beth Calcidise, Daniel Ellenberger, John Glass, Amy Haughn, Daniel Heuchert, Michael Jackson, Rob Martin, Natasha Meinert, Julie Rose, and Diane Simon.*** Mr. Davis - First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

### **Time Critical Diagnosis Ad-hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton**

The Time Critical Diagnosis Ad-hoc committee is on hiatus.

Mr. Dutton requested the following members populate the Time Critical Diagnosis Ad-hoc committee:

Diane Simon  
David Yarmesh  
Deanna Harris  
Geoff Dutton

***ACTION: Motion to approve the following members to the Time Critical Diagnosis Ad-hoc Committee: Diane Simon, David Yarmesh, Deanna Harris and Geoffrey Dutton.*** Mr. Dutton - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

### **EMS Star of Life Awards, Dr. Thomas Tallman**

The committee has not met; however, work has begun on the 2017 EMS Star of Life Awards. Ohio ACEP has approved the nomination packet with a change of the ACEP current president and the EMFTS Board chair. Ohio ACEP has agreed to provide refreshments and pins. The nomination packet will be sent out before the end of December.



### **Trauma Committee, Diane Simon**

Ms. Simon reported that the committee met on January 11, 2017. In December an issue regarding motorcycle legislation was raised. However, the Committee has done some research and have found that the organ donations were very low. The committee will not continue to pursue this issue any further.

Ms. Simon reported that it is in the process of creating a Regional Trauma Registry Counsel to have an advisory counsel to the State Trauma Board. The counsel will not be under the Trauma Committee's oversight; however, the Trauma Committee will have a liaison partnership. The meeting will be held April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Old Business**

Executive Director House provided an overview of a survey in process that is being conducted as to what the other states have in regards to the scope of practice. The survey remains open and an updated report will be provided to the Board.

Mr. Appelhans reported that the ambulance services is also completing a survey regarding the scope of practice regarding the transport of patients with the central or peripheral IV access. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this issue.

Mr. Davis proposed a motion for approval to change the scope of practice to unrestricted transportation with a central or peripheral IV that are free from infusion.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommendation to amend the scope of practice to allow unrestricted transport of patients with central or peripheral intravenous (IV) access if there is no IV infusion.*** Mr. Davis - First. Mr. Snyder– Second. Discussion. Mr. Appelhans and Ms. Rose opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director House explained there have been concerns regarding the live intubations and the difficulty in finding the facilities that will allow EMS students to intubate patients.

Ms. Kearns reported on an incident where a student intubated a patient and the anesthesia providers were sued. The risk management group has then decided not to allow EMS students to practice intubation. The issue is that EMS students cannot graduate without having three live intubations. Ms. Kearns suggested that the Board review this requirement.

Ms. Bonnie Stich from Stark State College, addressed the Board regarding the live intubations requirement. Many facilities will not allow EMS students to intubate patients. The national guidelines recommend live intubations; however, they do allow other options. Many educational institutions are having difficulty in finding facilities to allow EMS students to perform live intubations. She asked that the Board possibly change this requirement.

Mr. Resanovich proposed a motion to amend the rule that the requirement for the performance of intubation for paramedic programs can be achieved with live intubation or via simulation.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommendation to amend the rule that intubations can either be live intubations or simulation intubations for paramedic programs.*** Mr. Resanovich - First. Mr. Snyder– Second. Discussion.

A discussion ensued regarding the rule change. Mr. Allenstein reminded the Board that this requires a rule change and it will not be immediate. It was agreed that a group along with the Division of EMS staff be compiled to work on the rule change verbiage.

Mr. Resanovich amended the motion to approve the recommendation to amend the rule to align with the National EMS Education Standards for intubation.

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***ACTION: Motion amended to approve the recommendation to amend the rule that intubations align with the National EMS Education Standards.*** Mr. Resanovich - First. Mr. Snyder– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **New Business**

Mr. Resanovich reported that CPR assisted devices are being purchased and is requesting to amend the scope of practice to allow first responders to apply CPR assisted devices.

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion for approval to amend the scope of practice to allow emergency medical responders to apply and utilize chest compression assist devices.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommendation to amend the scope of practice to allow Emergency medical responders may apply and utilize chest compression assist devices.*** Ms. Beavers - First. Ms. Kearns– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Mr. Resanovich requested a motion for approval to amend the scope of practice to allow emergency medical technicians to apply and utilize negative impedance threshold devices.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the recommendation to amend the scope of practice to allow emergency medical technicians may apply and utilize negative impedance threshold devices.*** Mr. Resanovich - First. Mr. Snyder– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Mr. Davis requested a motion that the EMFTS Board officially recognize the passing of Melissa Vermillion and the impact she has had on the Division of EMS, Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio EMS community. This Board appreciates her service and extend our sympathy to her family.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve that the EMFTS Board officially recognize the passing of Melissa Vermillion and the impact she has had on the Division of EMS, Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio EMS community. This Board appreciates her service and extend our sympathy to her family.*** Mr. Davis - First. Ms. Harris– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

EMFTS Board meeting April 19, 2017; EMFTS Board Retreat meeting April 20, 2017 at the BWC, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio.