



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

**MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2017**

~FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Beth Calcidise, James Davis, Herb de la Porte, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Susan Kearns, Phil Koster, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, George B. Snyder, and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent: Steven Jones and Dr. Thomas Tallman

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Peter Casey, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, John Molnar, Ellen Owens, Kris Patalita, Johanna Pickett, Bryan Reardon, Jack Smith, Joseph Stack, Rob Wagoner and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Trista M. Turley

Public Present: Diane Simon, Matt Wells, Nicholas Adkins, John Sauter and Kathy Shiflet

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Philip Koster	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton (arrived 10:02)	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Absent		

Open Forum

Mr. Allenstein inquired if there were any guests who would like to address the Board. There were no guests present.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Allenstein requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the October 18, 2017 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, certificates of approval, certificates of accreditation, October 2017 90-day extension requests, November 90-day extension requests, October EMS certifications and November EMS certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the October 18, 2017 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, certificates of approval, certificates of accreditation, October 2017 90-day extension requests, November 90-day extension requests, October EMS certifications and November EMS certifications.

Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Snyder (Certification 0095563 and certificate of accreditation- Lane Life Trans Elite Training Center) - abstained. Motion approved.

Summary Suspension and Report and Recommendations

Mr. Allenstein introduced himself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The proceedings were called to order at 10:06 a.m. on December 13, 2017 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Mr. Philip Koster	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
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 deliberated on two report and recommendations:

Report and Recommendations

- ***EMS Case No. 2015-554-BE100, Nicholas P. Adkins, Certificate Number 139289***
- ***EMS Case No. 2017-122-E100, Christopher Bolin, Certificate Number 174442***

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.

- **EMS Case No. 2015-554-BE100, Nicholas P. Adkins, Certificate Number 139289.** Mr. Adkins is a certified paramedic. On October 16, 2015, after drinking heavily while on a pain medication regimen, Mr. Adkins attempted to forcibly break into a residential home. Mr. Adkins was convicted in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on a first degree misdemeanor of trespass. A hearing was held on July 17, 2017 with a recommendation from the hearing officer:
 - 6-month suspension of certificate
 - Conditions of reinstatement
 - Fit-for-duty psychological evaluation
 - Completed and updated BCI&I background check
 - 3-year probation during which time he must:
 - Inform the ODPS-EMS of any arrest within 10 days of arrest
 - Fully disclose any convictions on his record to EMT employers
 - Any additional terms Board finds appropriate

It was noted that the EMFTS Board is not bound by its prior disciplinary cases, and can impose discipline as appropriate based on the facts of each case.

- **EMS Case No. 2017-122-E100, Christopher Bolin, Certificate Number 174442.** Mr. Bolin filed an initial application for certification as an emergency medical technician on March 2, 2017. On the initial application Mr. Bolin disclosed a prior criminal conviction for aggravated assault in 1998. Based on the police reports he was indicted for gross sexual imposition in 1997 while working as a security guard at a mall. The hearing examiner found that a conviction of a felony authorized the EMFTS Board to impose discipline under OAC 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). The recommendation is to deny the application.

Mr. Allenstein inquired if Mr. Adkins or his attorney were present. Attorney John Sauter addressed the EMFTS Board on behalf of his client Mr. Adkins. Mr. Sauter reported that he reviewed past cases similar to Mr. Adkins charges. Mr. Sauter requested that the EMFTS Board stay the six month suspension. Mr. Adkins also addressed the Board. He expressed an apology to the Board and to the victims. He stated his desire to continue his career as a paramedic. Mr. Adkins requested that the EMFTS Board stay the six month suspension.

Summary Suspension ~ none

EMS Goldmans

These proceedings will be held before the Board pursuant to Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio where the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the cases. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony; however, they may be present to hear the proceedings and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceedings from the EMS investigators. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated.

There were four adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

- **EMS Case Number 2016-33-E300, Tom W. French, Certification 125515**
- **EMS Case Number 2016-274-BE100, Rick L. Ruppright, Certification 66608**
- **EMS Case Number 2016-513-E100, Glenn F. Burks, Certification 17734**
- **EMS Case Number 2016-642-E500, Life Medical Response Inc., Service Code 73-086-2**

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 2016-33-E300, Tom W. French, Certification 125515.** Mr. French is a certified EMT. He submitted a renewal application on or about July 8, 2015 attesting that he met all of the continuing education requirements for renewal. Mr. French was subject to a random audit on or about November 16, 2015. The Division of EMS staff sent a second notice on or about December 18, 2015 and followed it with an email. Mr. French did not respond to any of these notices. A Notice of Opportunity for hearing was sent via certified mail which was claimed with a signature. There was no request for a hearing. Failure to accurately document, at the request of the Division of EMS or report all approved continuing education courses violates OAC 4765-9-01(I). Failure to complete the continuing education requirements or pass an examination in lieu of completion of continuing education violates OAC 4765-15-03(A). The recommendation is to revoke Mr. French's certification.
- **EMS Case Number 2016-274-BE100, Rick L. Ruppright, Certification 66608.** Mr. Ruppright was certified as an emergency medical responder with an expiration date of May 30, 2017. On or about October 19, 2016 Mr. Ruppright was convicted in the Hancock County Court of Common Pleas of contributing to the delinquency/unruliness of a minor, a first degree misdemeanor in violation of Ohio Revised Code 2919.24(A)(1). A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was sent on or about March 24, 2017 via certified mail. No hearing was requested. A conviction of a misdemeanor of moral turpitude violated OAC 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c). The recommendation is to permanently revoke Mr. Ruppright's certification.
- **EMS Case Number 2016-513-E100, Glenn F. Burks, Certification 17734.** Mr. Burks is certified as a paramedic. He submitted a renewal application on or about October 4, 2016 where he disclosed a sexual charge filed on or about August 18, 2016. On or about June 14, 2017, Mr. Burks was convicted of kidnapping with sexual motivation, a first degree felony and gross sexual imposition, a fourth degree felony. He was sentenced to four years. Mr. Burks was terminated from his position where he worked as an EMT and was summarily suspended by the EMFTS Board on August 17, 2017. Mr. Burks did not request a hearing. The commission of a felony by a certificate holder violates OAC 4765-10-3(B)(2)(a). The recommendation is to permanently revoke his certification.
- **EMS Case Number 2016-642-E500, Life Medical Response Inc., Service Code 73-086-2.** Life Medical Response, Inc. is a licensed emergency medical services organization. On or about December 5, 2016, the Division of EMS conducted an unannounced inspection of Life Medical Response. The inspector found three ambulances that were in violation of the Ohio Administration Code, and also found that the organization was operating an unlicensed satellite office in Belpre, Ohio. The three ambulances were ordered to be

placed out of service. A follow-up inspection was conducted on or about February 3, 2017 where the inspector found additional mileage on two of the three ambulances that were ordered out of service. The third ambulance was off-site with mechanical issues. The two ambulances were inspected. One passed inspection and the other did not. On a third inspection the inspector found that the ambulance that failed the reinspection passed; however, it had an additional 223 miles on it. The third ambulance that was out with mechanical issues was permanently taken out of service. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued via certified mail. No hearing was requested by Life Medical Response, Inc. Failing to place an ambulance out-of-use until deficiencies identified by inspection are corrected violates OAC 4766-2-08. The operation of a satellite office without a license is a violation of OAC 4766-2-04. The recommendation is a reprimand and a \$500.00 fine, payable within 90 days of journalization of the adjudication order.

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. Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:24 a.m.

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 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). Dr. Schwartz – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

ACTION: Motion to adjourn for a ten-minute recess. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

EMS Report and Recommendation Motions

ACTION: EMS Case Number 2015-554-BE100, Nicholas P. Adkins, Certificate Number 139289, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and modify the recommendation of the hearing examiner to issue a six (6) month suspension with five (5) months stayed. Prior to reinstatement, Mr. Adkins shall complete the following:

- 1) Submit a fit-for-duty exam from a chemical dependency counselor acceptable to the Board or its designee.***
- 2) Notify the Board of any violations of the Revised Code or Administrative Code of the Board's Order.***
- 3) BCI Criminal Background check.***

Following reinstatement, the Respondent shall be subject to a probationary period of three (3) years where he will be required to notify the Board of any arrests within ten (10) days of the arrest and fully disclose his conviction to any EMS employer(s). Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-122-E100, Christopher M. Bolin, EMT applicant, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the hearing examiner to deny Mr. Bolin's application for a certificate to practice. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. Mr. de la Porte - Opposed. Mr. Wright and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Goldman Motions

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-33-E300, Tom W. French, Certificate Number 125515, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. French failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. French's certification be revoked. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-274-BE100, Rick L. Ruppright, Certificate Number 66608, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Ruppright has been convicted of Contributing to the Delinquency/Unruliness of a Minor, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, and that Mr. Ruppright's certification be permanently revoked. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-513-E100, Glenn F. Burks, II, Certificate Number 177734, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that there is clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Burks' continued practice as an emergency medical technician presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public based on felony convictions for Kidnapping and Gross Sexual Imposition; and that Mr. Burks' certificate to practice be permanently revoked. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2016-642-E500, Life Medical Response, Inc., Service Code 73-086-2, I move that the Board find that Life Medical Response, Inc. operated from an unlicensed satellite location and failed to place vehicles out of service after failing inspection; and that Life Medical Response, Inc. be issued a reprimand and fine of \$500 payable within ninety days from the date the adjudication order is entered into the Journal. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - 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. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

ACTION: Motion to close the following education case(s). Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Davis – Abstained. None opposed. (Mr. Wright not present) Motion approved.
 2017-181-E500

ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Hearing with permission to negotiate a consent agreement for the following Medical Transportation case(s): Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None–Abstained. None opposed. (Mr. Wright not present) Motion approved.
 2017-214-E500 2017-306-E500 2017-495-E500

ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement(s): Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.
 2012-442-BE100 2017-419-E100 2017-568-E300
 2016-131-E300 2017-512-E300 2017-590-BE100
 2017-37-E400 2017-518-E100 2017-595-BE100
 2017-76-E400 2017-523-BE100 2017-601-E100
 2017-354-BE100 2017-533-E300 2017-637-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases 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: Ms. Harris– First. Mr. Davis – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.
 2015-285-E400 *Refer to local Medical Director

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements: Ms. Harris– First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.
 2014-334-E100 2016-443-E100 2017-365-E100
 2014-654-E300 2016-452-E100 2017-427-E100
 2015-185-E500 2017-21-E100 2017-453-E100

ACTION: Motion to close the following case(s) and accept the surrendering of the respective certificate(s) to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Wright - Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-128-E300	2017-440-E300
2014-231-E300	2017-578-E300
2017-381-E300	2017-596-E300
2017-382-E300	2017-597-E300
2017-383-E300	2017-598-E300

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Wright - Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-172-E400	2017-445-E300	2017-577-E100
2016-575-E300	2017-517-E300	2017-619-E300
2017-55-E300	2017-528-E300	2017-621-E300
2017-65-E300	2017-531-E300	2017-622-E300
2017-71-BE100	2017-536-E300	2017-626-E300
2017-270-E300	2017-537-E300	2017-627-E300
2017-272-E300	2017-539-E300	2017-628-E300
2017-273-E300	2017-542-E300	2017-629-E300
2017-296-BE300	2017-543-E300	2017-630-E300
2017-439-E300	2017-546-E300	2017-631-E300

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: Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2017-249-E300	2017-446-E300	2017-602-E100
2017-299-E500	2017-512-BE100	2017-608-E100
2017-443-BE100	2017-587-BE100	2017-613-E100

EMFTS Board Chair’s Report, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein reported that a strategic plan session was held and the Board will discuss the strategic plan at the retreat in February. The retreat will be held at Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological Survey’s Horace R. Collins Lab, 3307 S. Old State Road, Delaware, Ohio on February 13, 14th and the Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Mr. Allenstein reminded the Board that the EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2017. The Board will meet in the morning from 10:00 am to noon.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham reported that there are requests for new appointments and reappointments into the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) membership.

RPAB

- ***New Appointments***

- Jeffrey Amburgey, DO – Region 3
- Amy Raubenolt, MD – Region 5
- Brian Barhorst, MD – Region 7

ACTION: Motion to approve the new appointments to the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB); Jeffrey Amburgey, DO, Amy Raubenold, MD and Brian Barhorst, MD. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

- ***Reappointments***

- Carol Cunningham, MD – Region 2
- James Sauto, MD – Region 2
- James Brown, MD – Region 3
- Peter Ekeh, MD – Region 3
- Andrew Hawk, MD – Region 3
- William Marriott, MD – Region 3
- Marlea Miano, MD – Region 3
- Brian Springer, MD – Region 3
- David Keseg, MD – Region 4
- Paul Zeeb, MD – Region 4
- Randy Johnson, MD – Region 5
- Dustin Calhoun, MD – Region 6
- Phillip Oblinger, MD – Region 6
- Edward Otten, MD – Region 6

ACTION: Motion to approve the reappointments to the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB); Carol Cunningham, MD, James Sauto, MD, James Brown, MD, Peter Ekeh, MD, Andrew Hawk, MD, William Marriott, MD, Marlea Miano, MD, Brian Springer, MD, Paul Zeeb, MD, Randy Johnson, MD, Randy Johnson, MD, Dustin Calhoun, MD, Phillip Oblinger, MD, and Edward Otten, MD. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the reappointment of Carol Cunningham, MD to the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB). Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham appointed Dr. Brian Barhorst as the chair of RPAB Region 7.

The next RPAB Chair meeting will be held on March 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

The update of the State of Ohio EMS Guidelines and Procedures manual has been completed. The creation of algorithms is in progress. The Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (C-TECC) updates have been incorporated into the guidelines. Dr. Cunningham has met with the EMS-Children's Committee to launch the revision of the State of Ohio Pediatric EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual.

The National Association of EMS Physicians annual meeting will be held January 9 – 14, 2018.

The Whitehouse has directed the National Security Council and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to conduct an active shooter response stakeholder listening session to address active shooters. Dr. Cunningham has been invited to participate. They are very interested in what our

EMFTS Board and Active Shooter Response Subcommittee has done in requiring rescue task force awareness training in our EMS education curricula and EMS certification process. Dr. Cunningham congratulated the Board, the subcommittee and the DEMS staff on the work they have done.

Dr. Cunningham reported that she has been selected to be one of three people to represent the United States at the International Forum to Advance First Responder Innovation (IFAFRI) in Stockholm, Sweden on January 23-25, 2018.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise requested a motion to approve the filing of Chapter 4765-4 (Reporting Delivery of Emergency Medical Service and Trauma Care) of the Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

ACTION: Motion that the Board approve the filing of Chapter 4765-4 (Reporting Delivery of Emergency Medical Service and Trauma Care) of the Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Assistant Attorney General, Trista Turley

Ms. Turley reported that there is one case in litigation of an individual who is appealing their revocation. Summer Getzinger vs. EMFTS Board in the Wood County Common Pleas Court. A status phone conference has been scheduled.

EMS Legislative Liaison, Dan Fitzpatrick

Mr. Fitzpatrick was not in attendance. He was at the Statehouse due to it being the last day in session. Executive Director House stated that there were four bills upon which to report.

HB 419; Emergency Vehicle Lights and Sirens. To modify the defense to the liability of a member of a police or fire department or emergency medical service of a political subdivision for the negligent operation of a motor vehicle in response to an emergency by requiring that the vehicle has its lights and sirens simultaneously activated.

SB 218; Surety Bonds, Medicaid Training. This bill is in regards to surety bonds and minimum training for certain Medicaid providers. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Health, Human Services and Medicaid.

HB 79: Medical Professional Firearms Training. To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun license.

HB 195: Transporting Disabled Persons. To modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in non-emergency circumstances. Mr. Fiffick, EMS Chief of Medical Transportation, Mel House, EMS Executive Director, Dan Fitzpatrick, Ohio Department of Public Safety Legislative Liaison met with Representative Seitz and his constituent to discuss the ambulette issue regarding medical and non-medical transportation. The Division of EMS has full authority to regulate ambulettes. A discussion ensued with many Board members expressing their concerns regarding this bill.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House

Executive Director House reported on the vacant and expired Board seats.

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

Five seats remain vacant or expired:

- Seat #2, Trauma Surgeon
- Seat #4, Hospital Administrator
- Seat #5, Trauma Program Manager
- Seat #10, EMS Provider
- Seat #21, EMS Provider

The additional seat (Seat #21) was created during the state budget process. The Ohio EMS Chiefs Association is the nominating organization.

Five seats were reappointed on November 21, 2017:

- Seat # 3, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz
- Seat #9, James Davis
- Seat #13, Karen Beavers
- Seat #16, Kent Appelhans
- Seat #19, Julie Rose

EMS Staff

Staff vacancies

- Data Administration Manager interviews were completed and a recommendation to hire was presented to ODPS Human Resources Office.
- Administrative Professional 2 in the Education section has been vacated due to Susan Edwards accepting a position with the BMV. The position will be posted.
- Administrative Professional 3 in the Certifications section is a newly-created position and was posted on November 16, 2017. Interviews will be conducted the week of December 4, 2017.

DEMS Database Project

- EMS Course Administration/Education will be put into production on December 19, 2017.
- Certifications to accommodate the new fire certifications and fire training rule changes will begin production December 19, 2017 and the rollout will be January 1, 2018.
- Medical Transportation is underway and will roll out the first quarter of 2018.
- Investigations has begun the discovery phase and will begin in January with completion in June 2018.

A Survey Monkey regarding recruitment and retention has been activated. When providers do not renew their certifications then they will be asked to complete the Survey Monkey in an effort to determine why they are not renewing their certifications.

A letter was sent to the Board of Pharmacy acknowledging that the rules meet the Board's wishes.

Executive Director House stated that the ethics training certificate is due by December 31, 2017 and is required by all Board members. The training can be completed online and the information has been disseminated to all of the Board members.

Deputy Director Report, Rob Wagoner

Mr. Wagoner reported that the Strategic Plan Workshop was held November 6, 2017 at Med Flight Headquarters. Brandon Gardner, Executive Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Private Investigator Security Guard Services (PISGS), facilitated the workshop. A focus group was invited that included EMFTS Board members, committee members, medical directors, and educators. Based upon the 5 pillars, the focus group brain stormed over 120 topic ideas. Each participant was then asked to indicate what they believed to be the most important topics under each pillar. There were over 120 ideas recorded; however, only the top three to five topics were selected under each pillar. The EMFTS Board members will continue to complete the strategic plan at the February retreat.

Mr. Wagoner reported that 70.5% of those EMS services that are required to report to EMSIRS are reporting. A number of services have been identified that are no longer in existence or that have consolidated their services. Records are becoming more accurate. Over 1.3 million records have been submitted to EMSIRS in 2017. A "Naloxone Watch" has been created and is on the EMS website. Each day the data is updated to show the naloxone administration by Ohio EMS providers. The Division of EMS participates in the Governor's Cabinet, Opiate Action Team.

The Division of EMS now has access to the data base tool Tableau® to query information in EMSIRS to get data and information in a more efficient way.

Data was extracted and a trauma summary brief was presented to Trauma Committee.

EMS Exemption Requests, Jean Booze

Executive Director House reported that there were no EMS exemption requests to cite in her report due to their inclusion in the Consent Agenda.

Education, John Molnar

Mr. Molnar requested approval for two initial applications; East Holmes Fire & EMS and Van Wert Fire Department.

ACTION: Motion to approve the initial applications of East Holmes Fire & EMS and Van Wert Fire Department. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Resanovich– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick

Dave Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of October, November, and December 2017 and January 2018. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewals with expiration dates of October, November, and December 2017 and January 2018; pending a satisfactory inspection. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. Mr. Snyder (Med Star EMS) - abstained. Motion approved.

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

ACTION: Motion to approve eight new ambulance services pending a satisfactory inspection.
Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Resanovich - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of new medical transportation headquarters (2 ambulances and 1 ambulance) and new satellite location (1 ambulance). Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new headquarters, (2 ambulances and 1 ambulance) and new satellite locations, (1 ambulance). Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection. Ms. Beavers– First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Grants, Johanna Pickett

Ms. Pickett reported that all priority one and supplemental grant guarantees are required to spend their award dollars by December 31, 2017. There is an extension application for agencies who are seeking funds for training.

Six proposals for request for information (RFI) were received; however, only five were received on time.

The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) has provided \$700,000 to purchase tablets for EMS reporting. The tablets will be ordered once all the bids are received. The tablets are being distributed based on the number of vehicles that agencies have that transport.

Board Committee Reports

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the Trauma Committee had a quorum on November 8, 2017.

A trauma summary brief has been completed by the Division of EMS Data Section. The brief has been distributed for comments and suggestions.

An RFP grant proposal has been submitted for a gap assessment for education, especially in the rural areas. The end result is to identify what are the barriers, how many physicians who work in critical access and acute hospitals, and how many have completed ATLS. Other questions would be what kind of education do the nurses currently have and the response time for both air and ground transportation.

The Regional Trauma System Coalition (RTSC) is in the process of developing an infrastructure. They are working on a validation project for the trauma data to verify the validity of the data.

Every trauma center has to be a member of the Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) with the American College of Surgeons. There is an opportunity to have a state collaborative. Ohio has agreed to participate due to Ohio having the largest number of level 3 trauma centers. A pilot involving the level 3 trauma centers will begin soon.

EMS Children Committee, Dr. Schwartz

The EMS for Children Committee held a meeting on December 12, 2017; however, there was not a quorum.

EMSC Performance Measures

The Ohio EMS Survey of EMS agencies began November 1st and will continue through the end of January 2018. As of Monday, there was a 50% response rate. The survey is available at emscsurveys.org, and a pdf version of the survey is available there for agencies to prepare their responses, or for agencies to use for their own QI purposes if they are not part of the group selected to submit.

Ohio EMS for Children held five workshops for EMS agencies on the duties of a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator in October and November. Locations and attendance include:

- Cincinnati, October 6: 30 participants
- Athens, October 13: 7 participants
- Columbus, October 27: 32 participants
- Akron, November 16: 32 participants
- Youngstown, November 17: 28 participants

Future dates for workshops in Cleveland, Dayton, and Toledo are still being finalized for spring 2018, with the possibility of additional sites as well.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on December 7th. The Coalition will hold a tabletop exercise featuring the evacuation of a NICU on May 16, 2018. The Coalition also held a discussion on finding a pediatric champion at each hospital; the Ohio EMS for Children Program will work with the Coalition on information for hospitals to develop a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator for their emergency department. The next Coalition meeting will be March 15, 2018.

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. Dr. Leonard was unavailable to present this information to the Education Committee yesterday, but will be on their agenda in April.

EMS System Development, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris reported that the committee did not meet. The committee continues to work with Deputy Director Wagoner regarding the data for the annual report. The next meeting will be April 17, 2018.

Homeland Security Sub-committee, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris reported that the Homeland Security Sub-committee met at the Ohio Department of Health in November where they were provided with a tour of the warehouse.

Executive Director House reported that the Board received the CHEMPACK documents in the August Board packet and only minor changes have been done since that time. The subcommittee is working with the Ohio Department of Health and the CHEMPACK documents should not be shared publicly. The CHEMPACK training will be on ODPS Training Campus with an extra layer of security.

ACTION: Motion to approve the CHEMPACK training module be placed on the Ohio Department of Public Safety Training Campus. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Snyder - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be January 5, 2018.

Active Shooter Response Ad Hoc Committee, Mr. Dutton

The committee will meet December 14, 2017 to complete the rescue task force concept awareness training module. Once the final revisions have been made the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Audio Visual Communications staff will work on placing the training on the ODPS Training Campus.

Executive Director House reported that nationally Ohio is one of the first to bring this forward to be included in the training. Law enforcement, EMS, and fire Ad Hoc Committee members have worked together to complete a great product. Executive Director House commended the Committee on all of their hard work.

EMS Rural Committee, Ms. Beavers

Ms. Beavers reported that the meeting was held on December 12, 2017 even though the committee did not have a quorum.

Discussions included the strategic plan and what the committee's goals are for the future. One such goal includes training in high schools.

The committee had a discussion regarding the fee for certifications and renewals of certifications. The law allows charging a fee; however, the rule does not allow a fee for certifications or renewals.

Ms. Beavers requested a motion to add Joel Dickinson to the EMS Rural Committee.

ACTION: Motion to approve the membership of Joel Dickinson to the EMS Rural Committee.
Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Resanovich– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Education Committee, George Snyder

The Education Committee met on December 12, 2017 with a quorum.

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee reviewed the EMS rules.

A discussion ensued regarding the training for high school students. There are many obstacles for this demographic of students. Matt Wells from the Ohio Department of Education stated that high school students are held to the same standards as the adult programs.

Executive Director House stated that significant changes have been made to the fire rules regarding high school students that will be effective January 1, 2018.

Mr. Snyder requested a motion to add William Piwtorak as a member of the Education Committee.

ACTION: Motion to approve the membership of William Piwtorak to the Education Committee.
Mr. Davis – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

A letter was received from a company requesting approval from the EMFTS Board regarding provision of CPR classes. The Education Committee recommended that DEMS staff send a letter stating that if they would like to issue continuing education credit using the Ohio location, they could apply to become an approved continuing education provider per OAC 4765-7-09.

The Education Committee would like to form workgroups regarding scope of practice training and distance learning.

The next meeting will be held April 17, 2018.

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that the committee met on December 12, 2018 and there was a quorum.

The committee discussed the medical oversight as it relates to EMS providers who work in the hospital settings. There are concerns that certificate holders are working out of the scope of practice. Mr. Wise drafted a legal opinion regarding the legal requirements for medical direction as it relates to those EMS providers working in the hospital settings. The committee will continue to discuss this issue.

A recommendation was made from the committee to add carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to the recommended equipment list. Mr. Davis stated that there have been many instances where the CO detectors have been very beneficial. He recommended that these be phased in over time. There are two different lists with one being a recommended equipment list and there is a list that is a required equipment list.

ACTION: Motion to add carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to the recommended equipment list and refer to the Medical Transportation Committee to research as to if the carbon monoxide detectors should be placed on the required equipment list.

Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The committee discussed organizing a statewide EMS medical director conference. The goal is to hold the conference in late fall 2018. A survey will be sent regarding topics and dates for the conference. Any questions and suggestions are welcomed.

The next meeting will be April 17, 2018.

Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein reported that the committee met on December 12, 2017 and there was a quorum.

The committee discussed passenger assistance training programs being utilized by different providers. Under the new rules for ambulettes they may choose to create their own passenger assistance training program; however, they would need Board approval. The Division of EMS received programs from five companies. One program was returned to the provider because they did not meet the requirements. The providers Don Martens and Sons, American EMS, Queen City Medical Transport, and What's Up Doc-Doctor's Orders are requesting approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Passenger Assistance Training Programs from Donald Martens and Sons (full passenger assistance program), American EMS (full passenger assistance program), Queen City Medical Transport (hands-on portion) and What's Up Doc-Doctor's Orders (hands-on portion). Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The committee received a request from EMS Safety Inc., a service that provides CPR and first aid courses. They have requested to be an alternative to the American Red Cross CPR certification.

ACTION: Motion to approve EMS Safety Inc. to provide CPR courses for ambulettes only for a CPR card. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The committee has received a request from hospice agency to provide for sick patients to be on a stretcher and transported without being licensed. Mr. Allenstein suggested that this topic be a part of the strategic plan discussion at the February retreat.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2018.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose

Ms. Rose reported that the subcommittee met December 12, 2017 and there was a quorum.

The subcommittee is working on their strategic items. The primary item is an endorsement or certification for critical care. NASEMSO is working on this and the subcommittee will wait for their recommendations are and revisit the issue.

EMS Star of Life Awards, Mel House

The EMS Star of Life Awards nomination packet will be disseminated by the end of December with a submission deadline of February 23, 2018.

Executive Director House suggested the addition of a Lifetime Achievement Award and seeking to name it after Jack B. Liberator. A presentation for the first award will be given to Mr. Liberator. In subsequent years the award will be the Jack B. Liberator Lifetime Achievement Award.

ACTION: Motion to establish the Jack B. Liberator Lifetime Achievement Award to the EMS Star of Life Awards. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director House, Mr. Resanovich, and Mr. Allenstein will meet with Mr. Liberator to inform him of this award.

Old Business ~ none

New Business

Mr. Allenstein requested additional nominations for the chair and vice chair of the EMFTS Board in 2018.

ACTION: Motion to close the nominations for the chair position for 2018. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Allenstein for the chair position for 2018. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to close the nominations for the vice chair position for 2018. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Dudley Wright for the vice chair position for 2018.* Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Snyder – Second.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held Thursday, February 15, 2018. The EMFTS Board retreat will be held Tuesday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 14th. All meetings will be held at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological Survey's Horace R. Collins Lab, 3307 S. Old State Road, Delaware, Ohio, 43015.