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

**MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2019**

~ FINAL ~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, December 18, 2019, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference room 1106, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, David DeVore, Herb de la Porte, Geoff Dutton, Patrick Ferguson, Deanna Harris Jeffery Jackson, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, George Snyder, Dr. Glen Tinkoff, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Richard George, Ruda Jenkins, Susan Kearns, Mark Resanovich and Jason Walsh

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Ellen Owens, Kris Patalita, Bryan Reardon, Joseph Stack, Rob Wagoner, and Michael Wise

Assistant Attorney General: Lidia Mowad

Public Present: Bridget Freisthler, Matt McCormack, Ramla Munye, and Diane Simon

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Dr. Richard George	Absent	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
		Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

Open Forum

Mr. Wright inquired if there were any guests who would like to address the Board. No guests were present.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the October 16, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, the Certificates of Accreditation, the October 90-Day Extension Requests, the November 90-Day Extension Requests, the October 2019 EMS Certifications and the November 2019 EMS Certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the October 16, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes the Certificates of Accreditation, the October 90-Day Extension Requests, the November 90-Day Extension Requests, the October 2019 EMS Certifications and the November 2019 EMS Certifications. Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. Mr. Uhl and Dr. Schwartz (Cincinnati Fire), Mr. Devore (#9-30327) - abstained.
Motion approved.

Summary Suspension and Report and Recommendations

Mr. Wright introduced himself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The proceedings were called to order at 10:09 a.m. on December 18, 2019 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Dr. Richard George	Absent	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
		Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

It was noted for the record that a majority of the members of the Board were present.

EMS Report and Recommendations

- **EMS Case No. 2018-703-BE100, Paul W. LaPlante, Certificate No. 160511**
- **EMS Case No. 2018-743-E100, Matthew C. McCormack, ID No. 219154**
- **EMS Case No. 2019-098-BE100, Timothy E. Von Stein, Certificate No. 80622**

Mr. Wright recognized Assistant Attorney General Lidia C. Mowad for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of each case and the recommendation for disciplinary action.

EMS Report and Recommendation Synopsis, Ms. Mowad

- **EMS Case No. 2018-703-BE100, Paul W. LaPlante, Certificate No. 160511.**
Mr. LaPlante is a certified paramedic with an expiration date of November 11, 2020. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for two reasons; a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice and a violation of state narcotics or controlled substance laws, because Mr. LaPlante was convicted in Steubenville Municipal Court of Attempted Drug Abuse. He requested a hearing and it was held on September 23, 2019 where Mr. LaPlante was represented by counsel. The State proved that Mr. LaPlante was working in his role as a paramedic when he passed out in the emergency room and a used needle fell out of his pants pocket. While gathering Mr. LaPlante's belongings, employees found an unused needle with brownish liquid inside, an off-white powder substance, and sandwich bags. These materials tested presumptive positive for heroin. This incident resulted in Mr. LaPlante's conviction. Shortly after, Mr. LaPlante was fired from that employer, moved out of Steubenville, and now works two jobs where he had not disclosed his convictions to the Emergency Room employer. The hearing officer issued a report and recommendation that the Board revoke Mr. LaPlante's certification. He filed objections to the hearing officer's recommendation to the fact that he had not attended any substance abuse treatment or counseling. Mr. LaPlante stated that he has received treatment. The hearing officer specifically found that Mr. LaPlante had failed to address his addiction to the point of qualifying him for certification. The recommendation is to revoke his certificate to practice as a paramedic.
- **EMS Case No. 2018-743-E100, Matthew C. McCormack, ID No. 219154.**
Mr. McCormack applied for his initial EMR application and disclosed two misdemeanor convictions for Attempting to Possess and OVI in 2015; both involving heroin. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for a violation of state narcotics or controlled substance law. Mr. McCormack requested a hearing which went forward on September 16, 2019. He admitted a lengthy and heavy drug problem and that he took a plea deal. He was ordered to enter an intensive drug and alcohol treatment program to include in-patient and extensive out-patient treatment. He also attends Celebrate Recovery, AA meetings, attends church and has not consumed any alcohol or drugs. His current employer administers random drug tests with negative results. He has been sober for four years. The hearing officer issued a report and recommendation that the Board issue Mr. McCormack's emergency responder certificate subject to the following conditions: probation for 3 years, disclose and submit all requested documentation to any future employers, submit to a BCI check upon renewal, and abstain from any use of alcohol or other substances that could impair his ability to serve as an EMR.
- **EMS Case No. 2019-098-BE100, Timothy E. Von Stein, Certificate No. 80622.**
Mr. Von Stein is certified as an EMT and submitted a declaration of criminal history in which he disclosed a misdemeanor conviction for possessing criminal tools on February 5, 2019. This conviction stemmed from Mr. Von Stein setting up his cell phone in the workplace bedroom and leaving it on to record a female co-worker changing her clothes. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Mr. Von Stein requested a hearing. At the hearing, the State proved that Mr. Von Stein was serving in his capacity as an EMT at the time of the incident and that he was charged with voyeurism for which he took a plea deal. The hearing officer recommended that Mr. Von Stein's EMT certification be revoked.

Mr. Wright inquired if Mr. McCormack or his attorney were present. Mr. McCormack thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He stated that he has done everything he could since that moment in 2015. He said he overdosed and that was the wake-up call he needed. Since that time

he is a contributing member of the community. He is a safety team member at his church. Again he stated that he appreciated the Board's time.

Mr. Wright inquired if Mr. LaPlante or Mr. Von Stein or their attorneys were present. No one was present.

EMS Goldmans

These proceedings were 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 five adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

- ***EMS Case No. 2018-35-E100, Mary Buckner, ID No. 215255***
- ***EMS Case No. 2019-087-E400, Christina M. Randolph, Certificate No. 162195***
- ***EMS Case No. 2019-128-E700, Royal Medical Transport LLC, Service Code No. 25-2245***
- ***EMS Case No. 2019-310-E500, Ryan E. Blair, Certificate No. 172729***
- ***EMS Case No. 2019-314-E100, Joshua M. Kinnett, Certificate No. 176092***

Mr. Wright recognized Assistant Attorney General Lidia C. Mowad for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of EMS Case No. 2019-128-E700, Royal Medical Transport, LLC, Service Code No. 25-2245.

EMS Case No. 2019-128-E700, Royal Medical Transport LLC, Service Code No. 25-2245.

Royal Medical Transport LLC was certified from December 15, 2018 to December 14, 2019. The Division was notified by their insurer that the general and vehicle insurance had been cancelled on March 15, 2019. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued on April 17, 2019 for violation of ORC 4766.06. They did not request a hearing. Royal Medical Transport LLC submitted a renewal application on November 21, 2019 with updated insurance information to include general insurance as of November 11, 2019 and vehicle insurance as of June 6, 2019. The Division spoke to the insurance agent and was notified that the insurance lapsed between October 13, 2018 and March 15, 2019. The recommendation is to implement a \$500 fine on the initial Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and issue a new Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on the May 28, 2019 lapse in insurance due to non-payment.

Having heard AAG Mowad's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Mr. Wright 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. Snyder – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:26 a.m.

Mr. Wright 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). Mr. DeVore– First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

EMS Report and Recommendation Motion

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-703-BE100, Paul LaPlante, Certificate Number 160511, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the hearing examiner to revoke Mr. LaPlante’s certificate to practice. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-743-E100, Matthew McCormack, EMS Applicant ID No. 219154, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the hearing examiner to grant Mr. McCormack’s application for a certificate to practice with the following conditions: three (3) years probation, criminal history disclosure to EMS employers, BCII Background check at renewal, and abstain from alcohol or any other substance that could impair his ability to serve as an Emergency Medical Responder. Ms. Harris – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-098-B100, Timothy Von Stein, Certificate Number 80622, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the hearing examiner to revoke Mr. Von Stein’s certificate to practice. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Goldman Motions

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-35-E100, Mary Buckner, EMS Applicant ID No. 215255, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Buckner has been convicted of Possession of Drugs, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and that Ms. Buckner’s application for EMS certification be denied. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-087-E400, Christina M. Randolph, Certificate Number 162195, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Randolph exceeded the scope of practice for an EMT by administering an IV and that Ms. Randolph’s certification be suspended for 30 days. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-128-E700, Royal Medical Transport LLC, Service Code 25-2245, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Royal Medical allowed its general liability and vehicle liability insurance to lapse and that it be subject to a \$500 fine.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-310-E500, Ryan E. Blair, EMS Applicant ID No. 172729, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Blair failed to timely apply for certification as indicated in the notice of opportunity for hearing and that Ms. Blair's application be denied.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Dutton– Second. Mr. de la Porte - opposed. Mr. Allenstein - 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. Uhl – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Dr. Richard George	Absent	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
		Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

ACTION: *Motion to close the following Education cases.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved**

2017-461-E300

ACTION: *Motion to accept proposed consent agreement for the following Medical Transportation case(s).* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved**

2019-043-E700

ACTION: *Motion to close the following Medical Transportation case(s).* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder– Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-505-E500

2018-106-E500*Re-open if Re-apply

ACTION: Motion to issue notices of Opportunity for the following Medical Transportation case(s).
 Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-60-E500	2019-581-E500	2019-581-E500
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ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement(s): Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-178-E300	2018-505-BE500	2019-392-E400
2017-356-E400 *Allenstein Abstain*	2018-711-E300	2019-519-BE100
2017-562-E300	2019-130-BE100	2019-587-E300
2017-758-E300	2019-170-BE100	
2017-803-E500	2019-353-BE100	

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. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson (2017-726-E400) – Abstained. **Motion approved.**

2017-24-E500	2018-782-E400
2017-410-E300	2019-080-BE100
2017-726-E400	2019-180-E400

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-275-E300	2019-075-E400
2017-240-E300	2019-256-E100
2018-101-BE100	2019-271-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: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-238-E300	2017-238-E300	2019-461-E300
2019-413-E300	2019-413-E300	2019-473-E300
2019-454-E300	2019-454-E300	2019-512-E300
2019-455-E300	2019-455-E300	2019-531-E300
2019-459-E300	2019-459-E300	2019-547-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following case(s). The individuals/entities did not meet the requirements of their consent agreement or failed to meet audit requirements prior to surrender or expiration of certification. Re-open if re-applies. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2016-464-E300	2017-628-E300
2017-176-E300	

ACTION: Motion to close the following case(s). The individuals were audited at their respective levels. The respective certificates to practice have expired. Re-open if re-applies. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2016-294-E300	2017-545-E300
2017-274-E300	

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

2017-601-E100	2019-215-E300
2018-574-E300	2019-352-E300
2018-682-E100	
2018-688-E400	
2018-697-E500	

ACTION: Motion to table the Notices of Opportunity for Hearings until February 13, 2020 for the following cases. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-582-E400
2019-583-E400

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. Snyder – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-52-E400	2019-439-BE100	2019-488-BE100	2019-550-BE100
2018-145-E500	2019-442-E100	2019-510-E100	2019-553-E100
2018-215-E400	2019-450-BE100	2019-523-BE100	2019-560-BE100
2018-244-E400	2019-453-BE100	2019-525-BE100	2019-566-E100
2019-176-BE100	2019-464-E100	2019-527-BE100	2019-604-E100
2019-199-BE100	2019-470-E100	2019-535-BE100	2019-609-E100
2019-316-BE100	2019-484-BE100	2019-540-BE100	2019-610-BE100

EMFTS Board Chair’s Report, Dudley Wright

Mr. Wright stated that “New Business” was being moved up on the meeting agenda.

Legislative Report, Dan Fitzpatrick

The Legislative Update was distributed to the EFMTS Board members.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that there is a major focus on the occupational licenses.

SB 7 – Temporary State Occupational Licenses for Military Members and Spouses.

This bill is in regards to a temporary state occupational license for members of the military and spouses. If they move to Ohio, they will receive a temporary license for up to six years. The bill passed the House and the Senate and is awaiting Governor DeWine’s signature.

HB 263 – *Occupational Licensing – Criminal Convictions.*

To revise the initial occupational licensing restrictions applicable to individuals convicted of criminal offenses. The bill has had 4 hearings in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. Within 180 days the Board would have to adopt a list of specific criminal offenses for which a conviction may disqualify an individual from obtaining a license. The bill would prohibit the licensing authority from considering a list of qualifying offenses that are older than five years unless they are offenses of violence or sexual offenses which would be considered forever.

Two bills HB 432 and SB 246 mirror the military occupational licenses; however, it is for reciprocity bills with any occupational license from another state for anyone, not just military personnel. If they are applying for the same level of practice, are in good standing, and satisfy minimum training then those persons will receive a license.

HB 426 – *Hospice Transport Vehicles.*

To establish requirements for the regulation of hospice transport vehicles and to modify certain laws governing ambulances and other medical-related vehicles. This was reintroduced and would give the Division the ability to write rules in order to obtain a license for hospice transport.

Data Usage Agreement

The Ohio State University, College of Social Work requested naloxone administration data (including year, quarter, and street address). This data will be utilized in two studies; Neighborhood Characteristics and Emergency Medical Services and Opioid Overdoses and Child Welfare.

The rationale for street address data being requested is because by using zip codes only that could fall within both suburban communities and urban areas. Having street addresses allows the researchers to geocode incidents and then aggregate information to the census block group for analysis. Zip codes also cross multiple counties.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the release of specific addresses. Bridget Freisthler, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Social Work, is the Principal Investigator of the studies. She addressed the concerns of the EMFTS Board members.

ACTION: Motion to approve the data request from The Ohio State University, College of Social Work, for naloxone administration data to include year, quarter, and street address for the period Q4-2016 through the most recent complete quarter. 12- approved 2 – opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham reported that the annual Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) All-Member and RPAB Chairpersons' meetings were held on November 14, 2019. The dates for 2020 RPAB Chairpersons' meetings will be March 11, May 13, September 9, and tentatively, November 19, 2020.

The 2019 Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference was very well received from the comments that were received.

The Ohio Department of Health burn surge triage plan is working on creating education modules. An effective training tool is needed for the estimation of total body surface area (TBSA) percentage.. Dr. Cunningham reported that she has been asked to lead the committee. There is concern regarding

the educational gap not only for EMS providers but healthcare providers to estimate total body surface area involved.

Dr. Cunningham was the keynote speaker at the Purple Gala at the Ohio University School of Nursing, on December 3, 2019. The funds are raised for Serenity Grove, a residential home for women who are recovering from substance abuse. Dr. Cunningham has been asked to be the keynote speaker in 2020.

Dr. Cunningham will attend the NASEMSO Medical Director's Council meeting on January 8, 2020.

She will also attend the NAEMSP annual meeting which will be held January 9-11, 2020.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise stated that there are two rules to bring forward.

ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing amended rules 4766-2-01, 4766-2-18, 4766-3-01, 4766-3-18, 4766-4-01, and 4766-4-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, pending the end of JCARR's jurisdiction on January 17, 2020.

Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing amended rules 4766-2-08, 4766-3-13, and 4766-4-09, of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad

Ms. Mowad reported that the Board has three appeals. The firefighter revoked in Adams County whose certificate was revoked is still pending. At the October Board meeting, Ms. Schultz, filed an appeal and a motion to stay. They had a hearing on the motion to stay and as of right now she is certified and working. James Jackson filed an appeal. He also filed a motion to stay; however, his certificate is still revoked.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House

Executive Director House reported that six seats of the EMFTS Board that are appointed by the Governor will expire on November 12, 2019.

- Seat #1, ER Physician (Dr. Tallman)
- Seat #5, Trauma Program Manager (Jason Walsh)
- Seat #6, Paid Fire Chief, (Dudley Wright)
- Seat #10, EMS Provider (Kevin Uhl)
- Seat #11, EMS Provider (Deanna Harris)
- Seat #15, EMS Provider (David DeVore)

Letters requesting nominations were sent in August to nominating organizations identified in ORC 4765. The DEMS has received nominations for all expiring seats and were forwarded to the Director's Office on September 30, 2019. Currently, the DEMS are awaiting appointments from the Governor's office.

Please note that if appointments have not been appointed by November 12, 2019, then the seat will remain active for 60 days. The Division has been asked by the Governor's office to obtain additional

names for a total of three for each seat. The Governor's office is aware of the deadline and the inability for the EMFTS Board to conduct business to include the Fire Subcommittee and Case Review.

The Division of EMS Staff vacancies and new positions:

- *Program Administrator 2* - Jean Booze, certifications supervisor, retired in October 31, 2019. A recommendation to fill the position has been provided to human resources.
- *Administrative Professional 3* – Novica Olinger in certifications has been promoted to an Administrative Professional 4 in ODPS Human Resources. The request to fill has been approved.
- *Program Administrator 2* – Joe Posey has accepted a position closer to his home. The posting closes at midnight.

The National Rural EMS and Care Conference is sponsored by the Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care that includes the National Organization State Office of Rural Health, the National Association of State EMS Officials, the National Rural Health Association and the National Rural Health Resource Center. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown on April 21st through April 23rd. The Division of EMS is awaiting additional information.

The first annual EMS Program Director Conference will be held on April 1, 2020. This will allow networking, improve communication, and to determine the rules.

EMSIRS Project, Deputy Director Rob Wagoner

Mr. Wagoner reported that phase 1 of the onboarding of EMS agencies and vendor has begun. Due to the delay, a target deadline for onboarding those agencies is June 1, 2020.

EMS Exemption Requests, Ellen Owens

Ellen Owens reported that there was one dual certified military exemption request for 2019-12-01. Military documentation was received. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military exemption request of 2019-12-01. Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ellen Owens reported that there was one medical exemption 2019-12-02 for two certificates; paramedic and EMS instructor. All documentation was received and staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical exemption request of 2019-12-02. Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ellen Owens reported that there was one voluntary surrender request of Jeffrey T. Young, EMT certification number 94889. Received October 22, 2019. He no longer wishes to maintain his certification. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the voluntary surrender request from Jeffrey T. Young, certification #94889. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education, James Burke

Mr. Burke reported that the Ohio Trauma Triage course can still be found on the Public Safety Training Campus; however, providers will be directed to a new site beginning on January 1, 2020. The original course will no longer function on the Public Safety Training Campus. Another location has been found to house the course.

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of October, November and December 2019. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of October, November, and December 2019; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (HealthNet4/MedFlight 7 and Ohio Medical Transportation) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation applications for 18 new ambulette services, 2 new ambulance services, and 1 air medical. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve medical transportation applications for 18 new ambulette services, 2 ambulance services and 1 air medical; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers - Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (Medcare Ambulance) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of new satellite locations for 4 ambulance services. Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new satellite locations for 2 ambulette and 4 ambulance services. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick requested a motion for new headquarters or change of address 2 ambulette services and 2 ambulance services.

ACTION: Motion to approve new headquarters or change of address 2 ambulette services and 2 ambulance services. Mr. Dutton– First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Grants, Johanna Burgess

Ms. Burgess reported that The end of the first cycle for the 2019-2020 grant season ends on December 31st. All funds need to be spent by December 31st and the requests for reimbursement need to be in the system by January 31, 2020.

For the 2019-2020 Grant Cycle As of December 17, 2019

Training and Equipment Grant

Approved Grant applications: 747

Approved Award Amount: \$2,164,703

Approved Invoiced Amount \$993,816

Requests awaiting approval: \$664,996

Total approved and awaiting approval: \$1,658,812

Unreimbursed total: \$505,891

Supplemental Grants

Board Priority

Approved Grant Applications: 8

Approved Award Amount: \$183,697

Approved Invoice Amount: \$153,656

Unreimbursed: \$30,000

Economic Hardship

Approved Grant Applications: 10

Approved Award Amount: \$160,028

Approved Invoice Amount: \$133,274

Unreimbursed: \$26,754

Board Committee Reports

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the committee met on November 6, 2019 and they had quorum. The committee has received the initial analysis of the research project done by IEM on workforce competency. Specific variables are being looked at to determine potential avenues to explore to impact the workforce.

The Trauma Triage course on the Public Safety Training Campus will be updated before it is hosted at its new location. There have been requests to add burn surge and other items.

There is a change in the vendor status. CBM or DI have been bought out by ESO which is a pre-hospital vendor. The committee is unsure if there will be an impact.

The next Trauma Committee meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2020.

EMS Children Committee, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz reported that the committee had a meeting on December 17 2019 and there was quorum.

EMSC Performance Measures

The Ohio PECC Learning Collaborative State Team has scheduled a webinar for Friday, December 20th, at 12pm. The webinar will feature interviews with current State Team members that serve as the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator for their agency, discussing how they have implemented the program. The State Team is also planning to purchase and distribute training equipment to PECCs in exchange for agreeing to train other providers in their areas. As of December 13, 120 agencies have registered a PECC.

The Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met yesterday immediately following the EMSC Committee meeting. The Coalition discussed the results of a survey of emergency departments on their pediatric readiness and the ASPR Pediatric Centers of Excellence Grant that was awarded to Ohio and Michigan. The Coalition is working on a pilot project to assess current hospital Pediatric Champions and is promoting a tiered system of hospital preparedness for pediatrics.

The Ohio EMS for Children program will survey Ohio EMS agencies beginning in January. The survey will ask about an agency's Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator and about types and frequency of pediatric skill evaluation. The National EMSC Data Analysis and Resource Center (NEDARC) will implement the survey.

Other Activities

The Ohio EMSC Committee is reviewing the current Ohio EMS Pediatric Guidelines and Procedures Manual to ensure its compatibility with the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. Dr. Schwartz is coordinating this effort for Dr. Cunningham. The Committee is reviewing the document content, and will begin work on algorithms in January.

Joe Stack and Dr. Schwartz are working with the Ohio Department of Health to update the Emergency Guidelines for Schools document, ensuring accurate guidance is provided to school nurses and staff in responding to emergency situations in their schools. Conference calls will resume in January to continue the project.

Dr. Julie Leonard has completed the second child maltreatment module for the EMSC Committee to review. The module focuses on scene management and will be presented to the Education Committee when appropriate.

The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2020.

EMS System Development

Mr. de la Porte reported that there was a meeting December 17, 2019 with a quorum.

Mr. de la Porte requested the removal of a committee member, Larry Manaro, due to lack of attendance.

ACTION: Motion to approve the removal of Larry Manaro from the EMS System Development Committee. Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on April 14, 2020.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich was not in attendance; therefore, Ms. Beavers reported that there was not a December meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on January 10, 2020.

EMS Rural Committee, Herb de la Porte

Mr. de la Porte reported that Eric Burns is the Chair of the committee. Since Mr. Burns is not an EMFTS Board member, Ms. Beavers and himself would share the responsibility of reporting on the committee to the Board. The committee met on December 17, 2019 and there was a quorum.

The Ohio Health Department informed the committee that they had a \$750,000 grant for community paramedicine. There were nine successful applications and three will be chosen.

The National Rural EMS and Care Conference will be held at the Marriott in downtown Columbus on April 22 and 23, 2020.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on April 14, 2020.

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee met on December 17, 2019 and there was not a quorum.

Mr. Snyder requested that David Buescher be removed from the committee due to lack of attendance which in turn affects quorum.

ACTION: Motion to approve the removal of David Buescher from the Education Committee.
Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The HR committee and Education committee are having discussions regarding Quality Continuing Education. Continuing education exam only courses are being provided 24/7, which technically does not meet the definition of education due to being exam only.

The committee discussed a Rescue Task Force Conference in collaboration with law enforcement to be held sometime in October 2020.

The Instructor crossover would allow personnel who has taken the EMS and Fire Methods class not to repeat the course for a second instructor certification. For example; a fire instructor who is EMS trained would not have to repeat the 40 hour methods course for the EMS Instructor certification. It was suggested that this be coordinated with the Fire Fighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee.

An updated EMR and EMT manual has been written in draft form for program directors. Committee members will receive it so that they can give their opinions and/or suggested changes.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on April 14, 2020.

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that the committee met December 17, 2019 and there was a quorum.

The paramedic scope of practice amendment for 4765-17-03 that relates to the non-emergent transport of stable patients was distributed to the Board members in their packet. Mr. Wright permitted members a few minutes to review the document.

ACTION: Motion to approve the amended paramedic scope of practice, 4765-17-03; to file with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Dutton requested that a new member, Bruce Shade, be appointed to the Medical Oversight Committee

ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Bruce Shade to the Medical Oversight Committee. Mr. Dutton – First. Dr. Tinkoff– Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

A copy of the sample hand-off forms were distributed to the Board members. Mr. Dutton reported that research and news articles will be provided so that local communities can draft their own hand-off forms.

Mr. Dutton reported that the 2nd annual Ohio EMS medical directors conference was a success. The attendance increased compared to 2018. The survey results have been collected and will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on April 14, 2020.

Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein reported that the committee met on December 17, 2019 and there was a quorum.

The committee will be developing objectives for next year and may have a meeting in January.

Mr. Allenstein reported that a few members may be removed due to attendance and there is a waiting list that has been vetted awaiting approval.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on April 14, 2019.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose

Ms. Rose reported that the committee met on December 17, 2019 and there was a quorum.

A letter was received from Dr. Zeeb regarding helicopter safety and there was a recommendation that the Trauma Committee consider adding two questions to their power point presentation. The questions are as follows: 1) Has this transport been turned down by another agency due to weather? 2) Is there any other service in-bound to the location. The Critical Care Subcommittee lends their support for these additions.

Ms. Rose stated that a proposal for language for the endorsement of a critical care paramedic has been created. The language proposed will also allow additional endorsements. Ms. Rose requested that each Board member review the copy of the proposed language that was distributed in their packet.

Mr. Wagoner reported that the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) has accredited more than 315 programs in more than 130 organizations. They meet the fair testing standards consistent with *The Standards for Education and Psychological Testing* from the American Education Research Association and National Council on Measurement and Evaluation in the American Psychological Association. They are an external accreditor of certification processes so that it is a stamp of approval for anyone looking at that certification and there is reliability in that certification.

The benefits include an endorsement for a critical care paramedic and any additional endorsement that may be beneficial. The International Board of Specialty Certifications offers the Critical Care Certification (CCP-S®). This may encourage providers to move forward in their career and be recognized for that initiative.

ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed language for the endorsement specialties.

Ms. Rose – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. *Discussion – it was noted that this would begin the normal rule process. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on April 14, 2020.

Alternate Forms of Transportation Ad-hoc Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich was not in attendance; therefore, Mr. Appelhans gave the report. There was not a quorum at the December 17, 2019 meeting.

The committee had a discussion regarding HB 426.

The subcommittee has been working towards alternate forms of transportation that would be acceptable. The subcommittee was created due to the Hospice Group in Ohio presenting legislation regarding the transport of hospice patients.

At the February Retreat the subcommittee will have a presentation on this subject for discussion.

Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl

Mr. Uhl reported that members of the committee met on December 5, 2019 with a four hour meeting.

Mr. Uhl reported that they are reviewing the matrix of the scope of practice and looking at the gap analysis. Mr. Dutton has been working on a program so that the group could work on a document and have pertinent information in one place in a secure place.

The committee realized that when there is a change in the scope of practice it affects the rules. The committee received a draft copy of the steps necessary to change scope of practice.

At the February retreat, the committee will give a presentation on the scope of practice for group discussion.

Mr. Rob Martin has resigned from the committee due to other work commitments.

The committee will meet in January 21, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich was not in attendance; therefore, Mr. Appelhans gave the report.

The committee met and there was a quorum. The focus was on quality continuing education in regards to what the number of hours and percentage should be done online. One person applied for renewal and they did 32 continuing education within 24 hours, with all hours completed online.

A presentation will be given at the February retreat to open up dialogue regarding these issues.

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2019 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

EMS Star of Life Awards, Dr. Tallman

Dr. Tallman was not in attendance. Ms. Harris suggested that there be an award category for community paramedicine or mobile integrated healthcare. Executive Director House stated that there will be a discussion with ACEP for next year due to the program already being completed for this year.

Old Business

Mr. Dutton motioned to rescind the previous motion related to the pediatric patients on ventilators made during the Medical Oversight Committee

ACTION: Motion to rescind the previous motion related to pediatric patients on ventilators made during the Medical Oversight Committee report. Mr. Dutton – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve that the filing of the Paramedic scope of practice rule 4765-17-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) to include: (B) A paramedic may perform non-emergent ambulance transport of a stable patient less than sixteen years of age who has a chronic condition requiring a tracheostomy tube and a ventilator provided the patient's caregiver accompanies the patient during transport and the patient's caregiver has received appropriate training in use of the patient's ventilator. A caregiver is not required to accompany the patient if the patient is accompanied by an Ohio licensed registered nurse or respiratory therapist, or other appropriately trained and licensed Ohio healthcare provider. And to delete paragraph (A)(21) Administration of cardiac medication, which is a duplication of paragraph (A)(13), pending a recommendation from the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve filing EMR scope of practice rule 4765-12-04, amended to include CO-oximetry, with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve filing AEMT scope of practice rule 4765-16-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code, amended to include ketamine, with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The EMFTS Board members were reminded to complete their 2019 Ethics Training as required by the Ohio Ethics Commission by December 31, 2019.

New Business

Mr. Wright requested nominations for chair and vice chair. In October Mr. Wright was nominated for chair and Mr. Appelhans was nominated for vice chair.

ACTION: Motion to accept the nominations of Mr. Dudley Wright for chair and Mr. Kent Appelhans as vice chair. Mr. Allenstein – First.
Mr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Dudley Wright as Chair and Mr. Kent Appelhans as Vice Chair. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Uhl – Second.
None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Executive Director House presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Deanna Harris for her nine years of service as an EMFTS Board member and committee member.

Executive Director House announced his retirement as Chief Executive Officer to the Board and as the Executive Director of the Division of EMS effective January 10, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m. Mr. Allenstein – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 3307 S. Old State Road, Delaware, Ohio.