



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

**RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2018**

~FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 (1:00 pm) at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological Survey's Horace R. Collins Lab, 3307 S. Old State Road, Delaware, Ohio, 43015.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Scott Arthur, Karen Beavers, Beth Calcidise, James Davis, Herb de la Porte, Deanna Harris, Susan Kearns, Phil Koster, Mark Resanovich, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent: Geoff Dutton, Julie Rose, and George B. Snyder

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, John Molnar, Ellen Owens, Joseph Stack, Rob Wagoner and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: ~not present~

Public Present: Micah Stoll

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein (Chair)	Present	Ms. Deanna Harris	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Scott Arthur	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Julie Rose arrived 2:20	Absent
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Absent
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II (V.Chair)	Present

Chair Report

Mr. Allenstein stated that the EMFTS Board's goals are to move EMS forward and make progress in improving the care in the state. The strategic plan will give the Board direction and determine the most important issues.

DEMS Annual Report, Mel House

***Division of EMS Annual Report Presentation available upon request.*

Executive Director House reported that Scott Arthur has been appointed by the Governor to fill seat #15 that was vacated by the resignation of Philip Koster.

Vacant or expired seats (nominations forwarded to the Governor's Office):

- Seat #2, Trauma Surgeon
- Seat #4, Hospital Administrator
- Seat #5, Trauma Program Manager
- Seat #10, EMS Provider
- Seat #21, Member of a Third-service Emergency Medical Service Agency

Division of EMS Staff

- 38 Full-time employees, State Medical Director and 22 contractors
- Six sections
 - Certifications
 - Education & Testing
 - Medical Transportation
 - Trauma & Research
 - Compliance and Enforcement
 - Grants/Fiscal

Current Staff Openings

- Epidemiology Investigator 3 – Trauma Data
- Program Administrator 2 – Education
- Administrative Professional 2 - Investigations

Attrition Survey

When a provider does not renew their EMS certification, they will receive a survey, an initiative that began as of January 1, 2018, as to why they are not renewing. Once we have an entire year of data then we should be able to better determine why providers are not renewing.

Electronic Tablet Data Reporting Grant

On July 18, 2017, the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) awarded up to \$700,000 to the Division of Emergency Medical Services (DEMS) for the purpose of purchasing tablet devices and cases for Ohio EMS agencies.

Rules

The following rules were filed in 2017 and additional rules to be filed in 2018:

2017 OAC Filings

OAC Chapter	Chapter Name	Type	Number of Rules	Date Filed with JCARR
4766-2	Ambulances	MT	20	01/13/2017
4766-1	Public Notices and Hearings	MT	2	03/17/2017
4766-3	Ambulettes	MT	20	03/17/2017
4766-4	Mobile intensive Care Units	MT	20	03/17/2017
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2017 OAC Filings

OAC Chapter	Chapter Name	Type	Number of Rules	Date Filed with JCARR
4765-14	Trauma Triage	EMS	6	11/07/2017
4765-10	Complaints	EMS	5	11/07/2017
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2017 OAC Filings

OAC Chapter	Chapter Name	Type	Number of Rules	Date Filed with JCARR
4765-11	Chartering of Firefighter, Fire Safety Inspector and Instructor Training Programs (RESCINDED)	FIRE	20	09/21/2017
4765-20	Fire Service Training Programs	FIRE	27	09/21/2017
4765-21	Fire Instructor Training Programs	FIRE	24	09/21/2017
4765-22	Professional Standards	FIRE	2	09/21/2017
4765-23	Disciplinary Actions	FIRE	3	09/21/2017
4765-24	Chartering of Firefighter, Fire Safety Inspector and Instructor Training Programs	FIRE	24	09/21/2017
4765-25	Definitions and Incorporated by Reference	FIRE	2	09/21/2017
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2018 OAC Filings

OAC Chapter	Chapter Name	Type	Number of Rules	Date Filed with JCARR
4765-4	Reporting Delivery of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care	EMS	9	01/09/2018
4765-7	Accreditation of Training	EMS	13	March 2018
4765-12	First Responder Certification	EMS	5	March 2018
4765-15	EMT-Basics		4	
4765-16	Intermediates		6	
4765-17	Paramedics		4	
4765-19	Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education	EMS	4	March 2018
4765-1	Definitions	EMS	1	March 2018
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EMS Website, www.ems.ohio.gov

The Division of EMS website has a wealth of information. Those who wish to be notified of updates or changes were advised to sign up on DEMS website. One very important feature provided by those who have enrolled on the website is the 24/7 certification verification.

Violence in the Workplace, Micah Stoll

Micah Stoll works for the Attorney General's office and an instructor at the Ohio Peace Officer Academy. The Homeland Security Subcommittee requested that Mr. Stoll offer information related to violence in the workplace. OPOTA trains more than just law enforcement. The first technique to be taught would be defensive strikes. Other topics covered may include de-escalation, striking, clinch, ground defense, and defense against edged weapons and impact weapons. Mr. Stoll provided a report on the time commitment and the cost of training. A suggestion was made to create a pilot program and move forward from there.

Data Collection and Analysis, Rob Wagoner

Executive Director House reported that data collection is improving. The data moved from Public Safety to Digital Innovation®. Since the files are no longer in-house and the files are so large, only Digital Innovations® can run reports.

Mr. Wagoner updated the current state of data collection relative to trauma and the EMS Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS). In 2002 Ohio wrote their own incident reporting system. In 2005, Ohio became the first state to create a trauma rehab registry.

Today, Digital Innovations® provides the Ohio Trauma Acute Care Registry (OTACR). There have been many issues. As data is collected the coding and the depth of understanding changes and gets updated frequently. The OTACR and the Ohio Trauma Committee is required to publish its own dictionary every year and it is sent to Digital Innovations®. The analytical tools that are used are provided by Digital Innovations®. The only way the Division can generate reports from the Trauma Acute Care Registry is to request it from Digital Innovations; however, it can take several weeks. All of these issues affect trauma registrars, hospitals, individuals who collect and report the data to the Division.

Ohio had its own program for EMSIRS from 2002 – 2016. When the Windows 2000 servers were no longer supported by the state, the Division was advised that the data needed to go to Digital Innovations®. ODPS and Digital Innovations entered into a contract. All of the data went off-site and has created a number of issues. The naloxone data comes from the EMSIRS program. Ohio is not permitted by law to report to the National EMS Information System.

Under Ohio Revised Code 4765.06, all EMS agencies are required to report to EMSIRS. The reality is that 72% of agencies in Ohio report data to EMSIRS.

There have been many challenges and the Division has received a lot of support from ODPS legal and fiscal departments. The Division has discussed many different options in order to improve the data reporting.

A discussion ensued regarding the data issues and many Board members suggested some ideas; however, no definitive decisions were made. It was pointed out that this would be a topic for the strategic plan that will be developed at the next meeting.

Adult Guidelines and Procedures, Dr. Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham reported that this is the biggest revision of this document since its creation. The original adult guidelines were produced in 1998. The guidelines are reviewed every year by the RPAB and in 2016, the Board decided to use the NASEMSO national Model EMS Clinical guidelines as a foundation. The NASEMSO guidelines are evidence based, patient-centric, and are not all-inclusive.

Dr. Cunningham explained the changes that were made to the EMFTS Board members to the State of Ohio Adult Guidelines and Procedures Manual. It was noted that the guidelines were sent to the Board members in their Board packet for review.

It was noted that a correction should be made to the guidelines regarding the directives for transport being an EMT function.

ACTION: Motion to approve the State of Ohio Adult Guidelines and Procedures Manual with the correction of the directives for transport being an EMT function. Mr. de la Porte – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Position Papers

Executive Director and Dr. Cunningham reviewed the position papers and made updates which were sent to the EMFTS Board members in the board packet for review. Many of the updates included changing the EMFTS Board heading.

ACTION: Motion to approve the updates made to all of the position papers. Ms. Calcidise – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

EMS-Children, Joe Stack

***EMS Children Presentation available upon request*

The Ohio EMS for Children was established to serve the needs of ill and injured children to reduce death and disability.

Ohio EMS for Children Performance Measures

- Pre-hospital Measures (prior to 2017)
- Hospital Measures
- Systemic Measures

Ohio EMS for Children Projects

- Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared
 - Most important element is a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) for nurses and doctors
- Educational Conferences
 - Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator Workshops being held throughout the state.
- EMS for Children Surveys
 - Ohio collected data from a sample of EMS Agencies from November 1, 2017 until January 31, 2018
 - Reports from final data collected will be available in the next few months from NEDARC.
 - Hospital survey runs mid-May through mid-August

New Business

Executive Director House stated that the Pharmacy Board is proposing an amendment to SB 229, Amendment #5, to address future drug shortages among EMS. An inquiry was made as to assess the Board's agreement with the language or if there were any changes suggested.

Licensed terminal distributors of dangerous drugs that are not a pharmacy may make occasional sales of dangerous drugs if the drugs are not commercially available. This action is permitted regardless of the reason the drug is unavailable, including the absence of the manufacturer or the lack of readily available supply from manufacturer.

A discussion ensued regarding the sale of dangerous drugs between agencies and the Board does not wish to make any changes.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board Retreat meeting will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 8:15 am at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological Survey's Horace R. Collins Lab, 3307 S. Old State Road, Delaware, Ohio, 43015.

Available upon request:

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***EMS Children Presentation*