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

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Geological Survey's Horace R. Collins Lab
3307 Old State Road, Delaware, Ohio

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2020

~ FINAL ~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Thursday, February 13, 2020, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 3307 Old State Road, Delaware, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, David DeVore, Patrick Ferguson, Dr. Richard George, Jeffery Jackson, Ruda Jenkins, Mark Marchetta, Stacey Martin, Dr. Amy Raubenolt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, George Snyder, Dr. Glen Tinkoff, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent: Karen Beavers, Herb de la Porte, Susan Kearns and George Snyder

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

Assistant Attorney General: Lidia Mowad

Public Present: Diane Simon

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call

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| Mr. Thomas Allenstein | Present | Mr. Mark Marchetta | Present |
| Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair) | Present | Ms. Stacey Martin | Present |
| Ms. Karen Beavers | Absent | Dr. Amy Raubenolt | Present |
| Mr. Herb de la Porte | Absent | Mr. Mark Resanovich | Present |
| Mr. David DeVore | Present | Ms. Julie Rose | Present |
| Mr. Patrick Ferguson | Present | Dr. Hamilton Schwartz | Present |
| Dr. Richard George | Present | Mr. George B. Snyder | Absent |
| Mr. Jeffery Jackson | Present | Dr. Glen Tinkoff | Present |
| Ms. Ruda Jenkins | Present | Mr. Kevin Uhl | Present |
| Ms. Susan Kearns | 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 December 18, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, the Certificates of Accreditation, the January 90-day extension requests, and the January 2019 EMS certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the December 18, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes the Certificates of Accreditation, the January 90-day extension requests, and the January 2019 EMS certifications. Mr. Tinkoff – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Marchetta (Hopedale F.D.) and Mr. Jackson (Sandusky EMS) - abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Goldmans

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 9:32 a.m. on February 13, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Delaware, Ohio.

Roll Call

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| Mr. Thomas Allenstein | Present | Mr. Mark Marchetta | Present |
| Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair) | Present | Ms. Stacey Martin | Present |
| Ms. Karen Beavers | Absent | Dr. Amy Raubenolt | Present |
| Mr. Herb de la Porte | Absent | Mr. Mark Resanovich | Present |
| Mr. David DeVore | Present | Ms. Julie Rose | Present |
| Mr. Patrick Ferguson | Present | Dr. Hamilton Schwartz | Present |
| Dr. Richard George | Present | Mr. George B. Snyder | Absent |
| Mr. Jeffery Jackson | Present | Dr. Glen Tinkoff | Present |
| Ms. Ruda Jenkins | Present | Mr. Kevin Uhl | Present |
| Ms. Susan Kearns | Absent | Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair) | Present |

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

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. 2017-185-E300 Matthew J. Murdock, Certificate No. 136021**
- **EMS Case No. 2018-460-BE100 Damon D. Johnson, Certificate No. 69210**
- **EMS Case No. 2018-493-E300 Penny M. Payne, Certificate No. 162426**
- **EMS Case No. 2019-263-E500 Seth M. Ludwig, Certificate No. 182107**
- **EMS Case No. 2019-321-E100 Michael P. Wilson, Certificate No. 152366**

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. Dr. Tinkoff – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Goldmans

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-185-E300, Matthew J. Murdock, EMS Certificate No. 136021, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Murdock failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Murdock's certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-460-BE100, Damon D. Johnson, EMS Certificate Number 69210, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Johnson has been convicted of Grand Theft, a felony of the fourth degree, and that Mr. Johnson's certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-493-E300, Penny M. Payne, EMS Certificate Number 162426, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Payne failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Ms. Payne's certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-263-E500, Seth M. Ludwig, EMS Certificate No. 182107, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Ludwig engaged in the illegal use of a controlled substance that impaired his ability to practice as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Ludwig's certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-321-E100, Michael P. Wilson, EMS Certificate Number 152366, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Wilson has been convicted of Theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and failed to report the conviction to the Division of EMS, and that Mr. Wilson’s certification be revoked.* Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None 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. Marchetta – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Roll Call

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| Mr. Thomas Allenstein | Present | Mr. Mark Marchetta | Present |
| Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair) | Present | Ms. Stacey Martin | Present |
| Ms. Karen Beavers | Absent | Dr. Amy Raubenolt | Present |
| Mr. Herb de la Porte | Absent | Mr. Mark Resanovich | Present |
| Mr. David DeVore | Present | Ms. Julie Rose | Present |
| Mr. Patrick Ferguson | Present | Dr. Hamilton Schwartz | Present |
| Dr. Richard George | Present | Mr. George B. Snyder | Absent |
| Mr. Jeffery Jackson | Present | Dr. Glen Tinkoff | Present |
| Ms. Ruda Jenkins | Present | Mr. Kevin Uhl | Present |
| Ms. Susan Kearns | Absent | Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair) | Present |

ACTION: *Motion to accept proposed consent agreement for the following Education case(s).* Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved**

2020-088-E300

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

2019-047-E700
2019-048-E700
2019-062-E700

2019-407-E700
2019-573-E700

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

2019-613-E700 *Refer to Medicaid/Medicare*

ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement(s): Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

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| 2014-606-E100 | 2019-211-BE100 | 2019-462-E300 |
| 2017-255-E300 | 2019-293-E100 | 2019-467-E400 |
| 2018-130-E300 | 2019-340-E100 | 2019-539-E300 |
| 2018-190-E300 | 2019-384-E300 | 2019-584-E400 |
| 2019-168-BE100 | 2019-386-E300 | 2019-724-E100 |
| 2019-210-BE100 | 2019-425-E300 | 2020-080-E300 |
| 2019-239-E400 | | |

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: Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson (2019-680-E400) – Abstained. **Motion approved.**

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| 2018-409-E500 | 2019-480-E400 |
| 2018-410-E500 | 2019-486-E500 |
| 2019-171-E400 | 2019-564-E400 |
| 2019-240-E400 *Warning Letter* | 2019-680-E400 *Ferguson Abstain* |
| 2019-334-E400 | 2019-708-E400 *Refer to Medical Director* |
| 2019-335-E400*Warning Letter / Pharm. Board Referral* | 2019-721-E400 |
| 2019-345-E400 | 2019-722-E400 |
| | 2019-723-E400 |

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

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| 2015-633-E500 | 2017-273-E300 |
| 2017-110-E300 | 2017-441-E300 |
| 2017-157-E300 | 2017-531-E300 |
| 2017-231-E300 | 2018-203-E300 |
| 2017-234-E300 | 2019-169-E100 |
| 2017-239-E300 | |

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

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| 2018-432-E300 | 2019-688-E300 |
| 2019-381-E300 | 2019-690-E300 |
| 2019-382-E300 | 2019-712-E300 |
| 2019-383-E300 | 2019-713-E300 |
| 2019-411-E300 | 2019-735-E300 |
| 2019-576-E300 | 2019-737-E300 |
| 2019-625-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. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

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| 2017-55-E300 | 2017-309-E300 |
| 2017-65-E300 | 2017-324-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. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

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| 2017-233-E300 | 2017-335-E300 |
| 2017-246-E300 | 2017-541-E300 |
| 2017-300-E300 | 2017-627-E300 |
| 2017-326-E300 | 2019-193-BE300 |

ACTION: Motion to close the following case(s) as the application for certification was withdrawn. Re-open if re-applies. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-448-E300

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases. Mr. Resanovich– First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. Mr. Appelhans (2019-283-BE100), Mr. Ferguson (2019-308-BE100), and Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

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| 2016-218-E100 | 2019-283-BE100 *Appelhans Abstain* |
| 2016-577-E300 | 2019-308-BE100 *Ferguson Abstain* |
| 2017-270-E300 | 2019-445-E100 |
| 2018-45-E300 | 2019-458-E300 |
| 2018-128-E300 | 2019-596-BE100 |
| 2018-467-E300 | 2019-658-E500 |
| 2018-528-E300 | 2020-004-E100 |
| 2018-637-E300 | 2020-034-E100 |
| 2018-679-E300 | 2020-081-E300 |
| 2019-082-BE100 | |

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons; inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed “not involving moral turpitude,” continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.

Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Wright (2018-523-E500) and Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

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| 2017-313-E300 | 2019-603-E100 | 2019-717-BE100 | 2020-045-BE100 |
| 2017-333-E300 | 2019-620-E100 | 2019-741-E100 | 2020-046-E100 |
| 2018-253-E300 | 2019-642-E100 | 2020-005-BE100 | 2020-056-BE100 |
| 2018-523-E500 *Wright Abstain* | 2019-654-E100 | 2020-006-BE100 | 2020-057-E100 |
| | 2019-657-BE100 | 2020-011-E300 | 2020-058-BE100 |
| 2019-387-E300 | 2019-672-E500 | 2020-016-E100 | 2020-059-E100 |
| 2019-443-E100 | 2019-674-E100 | 2020-017-E100 | 2020-060-BE100 |
| 2019-468-BE100 | 2019-697-E700 | 2020-031-E100 | 2020-062-E100 |
| 2019-501-BE100 | 2019-705-BE100 | 2020-040-BE100 | 2020-071-BE100 |
| 2019-595-BE100 | 2019-706-BE100 | 2020-043-E100 | |

EMFTS Board Chair's Report, Dudley Wright

Mr. Wright stated that the last few days have been excellent and he thanked the EMS staff and the Board members.

State Medical Director, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham requested a motion to approve the updated State of Ohio Adult EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual and State of Ohio Emergency Medical Responder Guidelines and Procedures Manual.

ACTION: Motion to approve the updated State of Ohio Adult EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual and State of Ohio Emergency Medical Responder Guidelines and Procedures Manual. Mr. Marchetta – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the RPAB would like to give a certificate of appreciation for Dr. Charles McIntosh who is retiring to recognize his long-term service to the RPAB. The DEMS staff will work with visual communications.

The Ohio Department of Health is the lead agency on the coronavirus. Dr. Cunningham is one of the four subject matter experts selected by the Federal government to assist with ASPERS, the CDC and the NHTSA's Office of EMS on their updates.

Dr. Cunningham will be attending the Center for Homeland Defense and Security's annual APEX Conference the following week.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise stated that he had nothing to report.

Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad

Ms. Mowad reported that the Board has three pending appeals. One is still pending. James Jackson's case has an oral argument scheduled soon. The other case the Board approved for a Consent Agreement.

Legislative Report, Dan Fitzpatrick

Mr. Fitzpatrick was not in attendance.

Interim Executive Director and Staff Reports, Robert Wagoner

Interim Executive Director, Rob Wagoner, reported that Geoff Dutton resigned from the EMFTS Board and the seat remains vacant. The seat is filled by a member of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The Director's office is aware and will appoint a new member.

Mr. Wagoner reported that the National Rural EMS and Care Conference is sponsored by the Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care which 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. Registration is now open and the information is also available on the EMS website.

Mr. Fiffick reported that the new online system went into effect on February 4, 2020. There will no longer be any paper applications or forms. Services will register with Identity Manager and create an

account. Once an account is created, they will complete all operations of adding a new service, renewing, adding or deleting vehicles and all payments are by credit card or electronic-check.

The 20th anniversary of the EMS Star of Life Awards is scheduled for May 20, 2020. The nomination packet is on the EMS website. The deadline for nominations is February 21, 2020; therefore, Mr. Wagoner requested that each Board member share this information and the nomination packet with their organizations.

An announcement was received from the National Registry of EMT's that their fee increases were approved and will take effect on January 1, 2021.

The 2020 Ethics Law E-Course is now online. It is a requirement for every EMFTS Board member take this course and submit a copy of the course completion certificate to Ms. Koker. Also, the Financial Disclosures are due May 15, 2020.

EMS Exemption Requests, Ellen Owens

Ellen Owens reported that there was one voluntary surrender request by Kevin Stich, paramedic certification #82233, due to injury and retirement. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the voluntary surrender request from Kevin Stich, certification #82233.
Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education, James Burke

Mr. Burke requested that Westerville Fire Department's continuing education site be approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve Westerville Fire Division's initial continuing education.
Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of December 2019, January 2020, and February 2020. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of December 2019, January and February 2020; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Ms. Jenkins (UC Health) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation applications for 15 new ambulette services and 2 new ambulance services. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve medical transportation applications for 15 new ambulette services and 2 ambulance services; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Resanovich - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of new satellite locations for 4 ambulette, 3 ambulance services and 1 air medical. Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new satellite locations for 4 ambulette, 3 ambulance services and 1 air medical; pending satisfactory inspection. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick requested a motion for new headquarters or change of address 3 ambulette services.

ACTION: Motion to approve new headquarters or change of address for 3 ambulette services. Mr. Allenstein– First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Board Committee Reports

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the committee met on January 8, 2020 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. Gaps will be identified and determine the educational needs.

A discussion regarding the Trauma System and re-evaluating the State Trauma System. The ACS performed an assessment of Ohio's trauma system in 2006, and the Trauma Committee is wondering if Ohio is ready for a new assessment. The committee plans to compare the incidence of over and under triage between then and now.

There is a clarification regarding TQUIP inclusion criteria. Patients should be included if transported from an acute hospital to acute hospital. They are not sure if free standing ED's are considered acute hospitals.

Requesting information from the regions regarding their performance improvement plans. Once compiled a state improvement plan can be explored. It has been 4 or 5 years since these plans were reviewed and, hopefully, they have updated their performance improvement plan.

Dr. Tinkoff inquired about the number of regions in Ohio. There are 6 regions in Ohio; however, not every hospital is in a region. Each region will work with the state; however, the state does not have any regulatory authority. Each region is represented on the Trauma Committee or in the public gallery.

The next Trauma Committee meeting is scheduled for March 11, 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, March 20th, at 12pm. The webinar will feature interviews with current State Team members that serve as the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) for their agency as they are 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 April 14, 2020.

EMS System Development

Mr. de la Porte was not in attendance to give a report.

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

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich deferred to the new vice chair for the Homeland Security subcommittee, Jeff Jackson.

Mr. Dutton resigned from the subcommittee in January.

The committee reviewed the Rescue Task Force (RTF) slides and is working hand in hand with the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA).

The work on CHEMPACK has been ongoing with the Ohio Department of Health. An action sheet has been developed to act as a "cheat sheet".

On March 10th, 11th, and 12th there will be an Ebola exercise to move patients.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on March 6, 2020.

EMS Rural Committee, Kent Appelhans

Mr. Appelhans reported that Eric Burns who is the Chair of the committee sent him a report for the Board. The committee met on December 17, 2019 and there was a quorum.

In 2019 the committee was charged with the recruitment and retention from the strategic plan. This committee has been working with other committees to evaluate the needs of Ohio EMS Rural services. Reports have been received from the Rural Flex grant who have worked with 150 paramedics with completing their refreshers online. This is a wonderful way for the rural paramedics to obtain their continuing education credits and the students do not have to travel.

Hand-off sheets have been discussed by the committee. The need for ease of transfer of information from first responders to hospitals so that the attending physician has the information needed. There will not be a state mandate or state form. Each agency will make the decisions for their departments.

Mr. Wagoner has kept the committee updated regarding the National Rural EMS and Care Conference which will be held at the Marriott in downtown Columbus on April 22 and 23, 2020.

Future goals for the committee to help meet the strategic plan:

- Develop a survey to distribute to all EMS services in the State of Ohio as well as all providers to find how rural EMS is being affected.
- After receiving the results of the survey the committee needs to evaluate the top concerns and help meet the objectives.
- A plan on how to define rural EMS services and providers.
- Committee will work with the Education Committee to explore potential additional computer and web-based education for all certification levels.

Mr. Appelhans requested that the following members be removed from the committee; Mary Ahlers, Tristan Coomer, Joel Dickenson, Daniel Heuchert, Joshua Tilton and Royce Goodpaster.

ACTION: Motion to remove the following members from the committee; Mary Ahlers, Tristan Coomer, Daniel Heuchert, Joel Dickenson, Joshua Tilton and Royce Goodpaster. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Appelhans requested that the following members be appointed to the committee.

ACTION: Motion to appoint the following members to the committee; Kenneth Majors and Scott Melling. Mr. Appelhans – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

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

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder was not in attendance; therefore, there was not a report given.

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

Medical Oversight Committee

Mr. Resanovich, vice chair, reported that the committee met December 17, 2019 and there was a quorum. Since Mr. Dutton resigned from the Board the committee will need a new chair.

Mr. Resanovich requested that Dr. Amy Raubenolt and Mark Marchetta be appointed to the Medical Oversight Committee.

ACTION: Motion to appoint the following members to the Medical Oversight Committee; Dr. Amy Raubenolt and Mark Marchetta. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. Dr. Raubenolt and Mark Marchetta - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to remove the following members from the Medical Oversight Committee; Ryan Sullivan due to attendance. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

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 did not have a meeting in January as discussed at the December meeting.

Mr. Allenstein requested that Paul Thomas be removed from the Medical Transportation Committee due to attendance issues. He requested that Chad Magrum and John Bichard be appointed to the Medical Transportation Committee.

ACTION: Motion to remove the following members from the Medical Transportation Committee; Paul Thomas due to attendance. Mr. Allenstein – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to appoint the following members to the Medical Transportation Committee; Chad Magrum and John Bichard. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Tinkoff – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

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.

Ms. Rose requested a motion for final filing of three rules of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing of amended rules 4766-02-08, 4766-3-13, 4766-4-09 of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Ms. Rose – First. Mr. DeVore – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

A proposal was passed by the Board to add some requirements for driving training and will be in effect in 2021.

Ms. Rose stated that CMS is now requiring a cost collection report to be submitted by all ambulance providers who bill Medicare for services. Those that do not comply will receive a reduction in their Medicare rate. It will be critical for EMS agencies to record their costs correctly to assure accuracy. Ms. Rose suggested that providers attend training sessions that will be available through the OAMTA in conjunction with the AAA. 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 reported that a representative presented a bill to create a hospice transportation vehicle. The hospice center has difficulty getting patients transferred by the current transport option.

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.

The committee is drafting language to create a vehicle for a non-emergent ambulance for the sole purpose of interfacility transport patients who do not require a paramedic. Specifically, the vehicle is for those patients who need to be moved on a cot and cannot use ambulance transportation. Mr. Resanovich requested permission from the Board to move forward with this proposal; however, the members felt that a motion was unnecessary. The Board will await the results of the draft document. A Board member suggested using different language other than non-emergent due to potential misunderstandings.

Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl

Mr. Uhl reported that members of the committee met on January 23, 2020.

Mr. Uhl requested approval for the following motions:

ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing of the EMR Scope of Practice rule, 4765-12-04 with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Jackson – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing of the AEMT Scope of Practice rule, 4765-16-04, of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. **Discussion for clarification. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing of the Paramedic Scope of Practice rule, 4765-17-03, of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Uhl – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Bruce Shade and Dr. Glen Tinkoff to the Scope of Practice Ad-hoc committee. Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Ferguson– Second. Dr. Tinkoff - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The committee will meet in February 27, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that stakeholders have been invited to the next committee meeting to discuss the proposed reductions in the continuing education requirements. Mr. Resanovich stated that the committee will then move forward with a written proposal with the reduction in continuing education hours to 60 hours with core competencies. The committee will also consider operational needs.

Mr. Burke requested the Board's thoughts on the exam only online courses. Many believed that the exam only courses should not be accepted without taking the actual course. A discussion ensued and it was decided that they would bring this to the Board after receiving the results from CAPSE.

The next meeting will be held on March 26, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

EMS Star of Life Awards

It was reported that there has been 10 nominations received to date. Mr. Wright suggested that all the Board members send out the nomination packet to their organizations to obtain more nominations.

Old Business ~ none

New Business ~ none

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Mr. Tinkoff – First. Mr. Uhl - Second.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.