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

1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2020

~ FINAL ~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams videoconferencing.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, David DeVore, Patrick Ferguson, Jeffery Jackson, Ruda Jenkins, Susan Kearns, 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: Herb de la Porte, Dr. Richard George, and Dr. Glen Tinkoff

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Valerie Koker, Ellen Owens, Rob Wagoner, and Michael Wise

Assistant Attorney General: Lidia Mowad

Public Present: Approximately 100 guests jointed the meeting via Microsoft Teams audioconferencing.

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:14 a.m.

Roll Call

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	Absent
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Dr. Richard George	Absent	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Absent
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Present	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 EMFTS Board Retreat minutes of February 11th and 12th, EMFTS Board meeting minutes of February 13, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the February and March 90-day extension requests, and the February and March 2019 EMS certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board Retreat minutes of February 11-12, 2020, EMFTS Board meeting minutes of February 13, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the February and March 90-day extension requests, and the February and March EMS certifications. Mr. Marchetta – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None 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 10.17 a.m. on April 15, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Columbus, Ohio.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Absent	Ms. Stacey Martin	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers (10:48)	Present	Dr. Amy Raubenolt	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich (10:29)	Present
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz (10:23)	Present
Dr. Richard George	Absent	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Absent
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Present	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 six adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

EMS Case No. 2017-601-E100 Dakota J. Skaggs, Certificate No. 174701
EMS Case No. 2017-659-BE100 Mark B. Williamson, Certificate No. 119533
EMS Case No. 2018-508-E300 Mei-Lani A. Abel-Baad, Certificate No. 172055
EMS Case No. 2018-564-E300 Olivia R. Teal, Certificate No. 209431
EMS Case No. 2018-682-E100 Scott C. Swearingen, Certificate No. 116832
EMS Case No. 2019-131-BE100 Daniel L. Young, Certificate No. 161961

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

There was no further evidence to come before the Board and the proceedings closed at 10:21 a.m.

Goldmans

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-601-E100, Dakota J. Skaggs, EMS Certificate No. 174701, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Skaggs failed to comply with the terms of his consent agreement with the Board and that Mr. Skaggs' EMT certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-659-BE100, Mark B. Williamson, Certificate Number 119533, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Williamson has been convicted of Obstructing Official Business, a felony of the fifth degree, and that Mr. Williamson's certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-508-E300, Mei-Lani A. Abel-Baad, EMS Certificate Number 172055, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Abel-Baad failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Ms. Abel-Baad's EMT certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-564-E300, Olivia R. Teal, EMS Identification No. 209431, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Teal failed to comply with the terms of her consent agreement with the Board as indicated in count 1 of the Notice, and that Ms. Teal's application for EMT certification be denied. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-682-E100, Scott C. Swearingen, Certificate Number 116832, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Swearingen has been convicted of Importuning, a felony of the fifth degree, and supplied false information when renewing his certification in 2019 and that Mr. Swearingen's paramedic certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-131-BE100, Daniel L. Young, Certificate Number 161961, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Young has been convicted of Theft, a felony of the fifth degree, and that Mr. Young's EMS certifications be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS Investigations

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.**

2014-606-E100
 2017-255-E300
 2018-130-E300
 2018-190-E300
 2019-168-BE100
 2019-210-BE100
 2019-239-E400

2019-211-BE100
 2019-293-E100
 2019-340-E100
 2019-384-E300
 2019-386-E300
 2019-425-E300

2019-462-E300
 2019-467-E400
 2019-539-E300
 2019-584-E400
 2019-724-E100
 2020-080-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC: Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson (2019-680-E400) – Abstained. **Motion approved.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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
2019-387-E300	2019-657-BE100	2020-011-E300	2020-058-BE100
2019-443-E100	2019-672-E500	2020-016-E100	2020-059-E100
2019-468-BE100	2019-674-E100	2020-017-E100	2020-060-BE100
2019-501-BE100	2019-697-E700	2020-031-E100	2020-062-E100
2019-595-BE100	2019-705-BE100	2020-040-BE100	2020-071-BE100
	2019-706-BE100	2020-043-E100	

State Medical Director, Dr. Carol Cunningham

The Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) Chair meeting was held on March 11, 2020 at 1:00 pm via teleconference.

Physician requests for an EMFTS Board waiver to serve as a medical director of an Ohio EMS agency were reviewed by the RPAB Chairs and the State Medical Director and recommended for a waiver for the following:

- Kenneth L. Fox, M.D.
- Melissa Mekesa, M.D.
- Sheldon Rose, M.D.

ACTION: Motion to approve the physician requests for an EMFTS Board waiver to serve as a medical director of an Ohio EMS agency for the following: Kenneth L. Fox, M.D., Melissa Mekesa, M.D. and Sheldon Rose, M.D. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

An additional request was received on April 2, 2020 that was reviewed by the State Medical Director and requests a motion to recommend Gerald A. Palmer, M.D. for a waiver.

ACTION: Motion to approve the physician requests for an EMFTS Board waiver to serve as a medical director of an Ohio EMS agency for the following: Gerald A. Palmer, M.D. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The next RPAB Chair meeting will be held on May 13, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Dr. Cunningham drafted an EMFTS Board position paper on the Role of Quality Assurance/Continuous Performance Improvement Process and Anonymous and Confidential EMS Error Reporting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the EMFTS Board position paper on the Role of Quality Assurance/Continuous Performance Improvement Process and Anonymous and Confidential EMS Error Reporting. Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following memos have been issued to Ohio EMS:

- 2019 Novel Coronavirus, January 30, 2020
- Critical COVID-19 Information, March 10, 2020
- Conservation of Personal Protective Equipment/Considerations for Non-Transport Protocols, March 16, 2020.
- COVID 19 and EMS Response to Nursing Homes and Skilled Nursing Facilities, March 18, 2020. (follow-up of the March 11, 2020 Joint Director's Order: Order to Limit Access to Ohio's Nursing Homes and Similar Facilities)
- Message of Appreciation from the Governor's Office, March 21, 2020.
- Be Part of the Solution: A Resource for Community Education and Empowerment, March 23, 2020.
- Patient Care Alternatives to Aerosol-Generating Procedures, March 23, 2020.
- Rapid COVID-19 Blood Tests and the Ohio EMS Scope of Practice, March 31, 2020.
- Disposal of Waste from Patients with Suspected or Known COVID-19 Infection/Preservation of Personal Protective Equipment for Airway Protection, April 9, 2020.

Dr. Cunningham also participated in the provision of these COVID-19 resources and initiatives:

- "Be Part of the Solution" public service announcement video
- Surge planning coordinated with the State of Ohio Boards
- C-TECC K-9 guidance provided to the Ohio Highway Patrol
- Center for Homeland Defense and Security webinars.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise reported that during the declaration of a state of emergency, there was an exception to the meetings act allowing virtual meetings up until December 31, 2020. The State of Ohio's, Division of Emergency Medical Services certificate holders expirations have been extended beginning March 9, 2020.

Mr. Wise requested the thoughts of the Board members regarding investigations during the state of emergency. Suggestions included holding all Notice of Opportunities for a Hearing, continue normal business or only include the most egregious cases. The logistics would need to be worked; however, the hearings could be conducted via teleconference. A discussion ensued and it was found that investigations should send the Notice of Opportunity for Hearings with a contingency that the hearings will be delayed.

ACTION: Motion to approve the sending of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing with the contingency that the hearings would be delayed. Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Wise requested that Mr. Resanovich read the motion for approval regarding the filing of scope of practice rules.

ACTION: Motion that the Board approve the filing scope of practice rules 4765-15-04, 4765-16-04, and 4765-17-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code, amended to require the use of diagnostic waveform capnography in the presence of invasive airway management, with the Common Sense Initiative office and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad

Ms. Mowad reported that the Board had three pending appeals. James Jackson's case is still pending. Jacob Hackworth's case was confirmed by the Board's decision. The one case that is pending is being handled through the Attorney General's office

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 responsible for appointing 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 has been cancelled for 2020; however, will be held at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown in April 2021. Details will be forthcoming.

The financial disclosures deadline to file has been extended to July 15, 2020. The 2020 Ethics Law E-Course is now posted 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.

Mr. Wagoner thanked the Division of EMS staff for their continued support, resiliency, and dedication as we only had two days to transition from out of the building to telecommuting.

EMSIRS Update, Eric Mays

Mr. Mays reported that the onboarding process began in December and to date 772 agencies have uploaded to EMSIRS, which is 92 % of the reporting 843 agencies. IT is working on a second portion of testing which will allow submission to NEMSIS later this year if everything goes well.

GRANTS, Johanna Burgess

Priority One & Supplemental Grants Update:

2019-2020:

- Second Funding Cycle Supplemental grantees:
 - West Point = \$30,000 / Heart Monitor
 - McDonald = \$28,000 / Heart Monitor
 - Bloomdale = \$30,000 / Heart Monitor
 - Twin Twp. = \$30,000 / Heart Monitor

2020-2021:

- The average annual Priority One and Supplemental grant submissions that the Division typically receives is:
 - 650 = Priority One – Training and Equipment Grant
 - 50 = Board Priority Grant
 - 55 = Economic Hardship
- As of March 25, 2020, the Division had only received:
 - 508 Priority One applications
 - 30 Board Priority applications
 - 35 Economic Hardship applications.
- Due to the impact of COVID-19 on Ohio EMS Agencies and the number of low submissions, the 2020-2021 Priority One – Training & Equipment and Supplemental Grant application submission deadline was extended until 5:00 p.m., May 1, 2020.
 - To date the Division has received:
 - 596 applications for the Priority One grant
 - 38 Board Priority
 - 45 Economic Hardship grants.

Priority 2-5 Traditional and RFP Research Grants Update:

The division received 6 Priority 2-5 Research Proposals:

- 3 Traditional Research Proposals
- 3 RFP submissions
 - 1 - A Comprehensive Assessment of the Social-Economic Impact on Pediatric Injuries and Outcomes
 - 1 - A Comprehensive Assessment of Over-Triage in Aero-Medical Transport of Trauma Victims
 - 1 - A Comprehensive Assessment of Pre-Hospital and Emergency Department Communication

Equipment Request:

Due to COVID-19 the division is requesting approval of the following disposable items:

1. Gowns/aprons
2. Shoe covers
3. Surgical Facemasks
4. N-95 respirators
5. Face Shields
6. Personal Protective Equipment Package
7. Thermometer covers

Other possible items to consider:

1. Air purifying respirators (APRs)
2. Powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) with hoods

ACTION: Motion to approve the following disposable items to the equipment list – gowns, shoe covers, surgical facemasks, N-95 respirators, face shields, personal protective equipment, thermometer covers, air purifying respirators, and powered air purifying respirators with hoods. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Devore – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS Exemption Requests, Ellen Owens

Ms. Owens reported that there was one military exemption request for 2020-4-01 for certification cycle June 1, 2018 to February 24, 2019. This person is eligible for HB 197. Staff recommends that this be tabled and if he is unable to complete under HB 197 he can request an exemption.

ACTION: Motion to table exemption request 2020-4-01 since they are eligible under HB 197. Should they be unable to complete then they can request an exemption. Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Owens reported that there was a request for a medical exemption for 2020-04-02. This person is not eligible under HB 197. Staff has received all documentation and recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical exemption request 2020-4-02. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Owens reported that there was a request for a medical exemption for 2020-4-03. This person is not eligible under HB 197. Staff has received all documentation and recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical exemption request of 2020-4-03. Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education, James Burke

Mr. Wagoner deferred the Education report to the new business portion of the meeting agenda.

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

Mr. Fiffick reported that all medical transportation face to face inspections ceased on March 13, 2020. A temporary process was put into place. All inspections are assigned an inspector; however, the inspection is placed on hold. All services will do their own inspections and send the completed form to the Division of EMS, Medical Transportation Section, to be placed in their file. All of the new information is on the EMS website.

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of February, March, and April 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 February, March and April 2020; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Marchetta – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (Ohio Medical Transportation, Inc) and 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 9 new ambulette services and 1 ambulance services; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Marchetta – First. Ms. Beavers - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick stated that they cannot report on new satellite or new headquarters at this time.

Old Business ~ none

New Business

Education, James Burke

Mr. Burke reported that 58 EMS schools transitioned to online learning and 40 fire charters have transitioned. Fire testing and written testing are still being completed.

Mr. Burke would like direction from the Board on what stipulations or directives as to the completion or percentage of the amount of simulated versus live.

After much discussion the Board determined that it should be decided upon by a case by case basis. The education staff at the Division of EMS will work with the each school's program director, medical director and advisory committee. The determinations would be split between EMR/EMT and AEMT /Paramedic.

ACTION: Motion to approve that the Education Section of the Division of Emergency Medical Services will collaborate with the program directors, medical directors, and the advisory committee of each school to determine best practices for the individual students who have completed the vast majority of all requirements for classes ending on or before May 31, 2020 and after completing the National Registry Examination to determine if the student is ready for state certification for an Emergency Medical Responder and/or Emergency Medical Technician certification. Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve that the Education Section of the Division of Emergency Medical Services will collaborate with the program directors, medical directors, and the advisory committee of each school to determine best practices for the individual students who have completed the vast majority of all requirements for classes ending on or before May 31, 2020 and after completing the National Registry Examination to determine if the student is ready for state certification for an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and or a Paramedic certification. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

NREMT Update

Mr. Wagoner reported that the National Registry made an announcement in response to the declared state of emergency for issuance of provisional certificates. A cognitive exam needs to be passed to issue a full certification, i.e. successful completion of the written and practical exams, from the National Registry. A National Registry of EMTs certification (non-provisional) is required for the EMFTS Board to issue an Ohio EMS certification. They are monitoring the personnel needs and they are not seeing a loss of EMS professionals.

Data Use Agreement

Mr. Mays received a request for data from the Ohio Department of Youth Services for naloxone administration. They will create a dashboard from the data internally to manage youth placements.

ACTION: Motion to approve Data Use Agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Mr. Ferguson – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Investigation Procedures

Mr. Demory reported that much of his staff is telecommuting with the investigators receiving cell phones to help with interviews. He thanked the EMFTS Board for the directive on processing the Notice of Opportunity for Hearings as that will keep things moving. Since the State of Emergency on March 9th, the investigations section has had 57 cases come in. Mr. Demory also thanked the EMFTS Board members for reviewing the documentation that he sends before the meeting.

COVID-19 ESF-8 support

Mr. Wagoner reported that on March 9th the Emergency Operations Center was activated. The Division of EMS is part of the ESF-8 group. The Ohio Department of Health is the lead agency. Mr. Dave Fiffick has spent about 95% of his time at the EOC during this pandemic. EMS provides technical expertise on PPE specification sheets and expertise on medical transportation. Mr. Wagoner thanked Mr. Fiffick for the work being done at the EOC.

Star of Life Awards

Mr. Wright announced that the Star of Life Awards program for May 20, 2020 has been postponed until a later date in the fall.

Next Meeting

Mr. Wright stated that the May 20, 2020 EMFTS Board meeting will still be on the schedule unless it is determined that there is not a need for the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.