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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
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams®

MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2020

FINAL

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, May 20, 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, Herb de la Porte, David DeVore, Patrick Ferguson, Dr. Richard George, Jeffery Jackson, Ruda Jenkins, Susan Kearns, Mark Marchetta, , Dr. Amy Raubenolt, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, George Snyder, Dr. Glen Tinkoff, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent:, Stacey Martin

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

Assistant Attorney General: Lidia Mowad

Public Present: Guests joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams® audioconferencing.

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:09 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Amy Raubenolt	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	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	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
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 wished to address the Board.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board minutes of April 17, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval and the April 90-day extension requests, and the April 2019 EMS certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board minutes of April 17, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval and the April 90-day extension requests, and the April 2019 EMS certifications. Mr. Rose – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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 10.11 a.m. on May 20, 2020.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Amy Raubenolt	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	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	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
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.

The Board will be reviewing the following case(s)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

- **EMS Case No. 2017-393-BE100, James J. Fields, Certificate No. 69437**

Mr. Wright recognized Assistant Attorney General Lidia Mowad for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case.

EMS Case No. 2017-393-BE100, James J. Fields, Certificate No. 69437.

Mr. Fields held a paramedic certificate which expired August 2017. The Division was notified that Mr. Fields was convicted of felony theft, a felony 5, in 2018. The underlying facts are that Mr. Fields was serving as the Pike County Firefighter's Association Treasurer when he stole \$3,830.00 from the Pike County Firefighter's Association. When Mr. Fields term ended, the succeeding treasurer reported 22 occasions where Mr. Fields transferred the Association's money to his personal account. Fields was charged, but took a plea deal and pled guilty to felony theft. The Board issued Notice for Opportunity for Hearing on the basis of the felony conviction. Fields requested a hearing, but did not appear or otherwise participate. The Hearing went forward on January 27, 2020 and the Hearing Officer recommended that the Board revoke Fields' paramedic certificate.

Mr. Wright inquired if Mr. Fields or his attorney were present. Mr. Fields addressed the Board with his attorney present. Mr. Fields stated that he was the treasure and was responsible for the withdrawals from the bank in 2016. In 2017 after he was made aware he contacted his attorney Mr. Boulger. The errors were made inadvertently by Mr. Fields. He did not intend to take any firefighter funds and made errors in judgement. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Ms. Mowad responded to Mr. Fields' comments. First, Mr. Fields, procedurally is just too late to assert these arguments. Mr. Fields did not participate in the Board's administrative process in any way or did he provide any objections to the hearing officer's report and recommendation. Instead, he waited until now to advocate for his certificate. The entire purpose of the administrative process is to establish facts and evidence about why the Board should or should not revoke a certificate. Here, the Board has no assurances about the credibility or authenticity of Mr. Fields or the evidence he presents. Second, beyond this procedural and evidentiary reason why the Board should affirm the Report and Recommendation. Mr. Fields argument regarding his inadvertent withdrawals directly contradicts his prior guilty plea and his dispute lies with the Court, not with the Board. Mr. Fields took a plea deal to a lesser charge, and was found guilty of R.C. 2913.02. R.C. 2913.02 provides that "No person, with purpose to deprive the owner of property or services, shall knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services...." So Mr. Fields pled guilty to purposefully and knowingly obtaining the money that was not his to take. Thus, Mr. Fields is disputing his conviction. In Exhibit F, pages 21-27, the Court details it's lengthy process of determining whether Mr. Fields understood his guilty plea. And, specifically on page 23, the Court asked Mr. Fields personally whether he "wished to make a statement in the Defendant's own behalf or to present any information in mitigation of punishment, and the Defendant indicated that the Defendant had no statement." Mr. Fields had an opportunity to dispute it and chose not to. Mr. Fields also had an opportunity to file a malpractice complaint to the Ohio Supreme Court or to appeal his plea based on the ineffective assistance of counsel. In each instance, it's the Court who has to decide these issues, not the Board. Mr. Fields is trying to undermine his conviction. Remember that the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on whether Mr. Fields was convicted of a felony or not. Mr. Fields undeniably has been convicted of a felony and the Board has the authority and evidence to revoke this certificate.

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 six adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

EMS Case No. 2017-175-E300, Benjamin C. Hupp, Certificate No. 121261
EMS Case No. 2017-621-E300, Charles S. Pfeifer, Certificate No. 144106
EMS Case No. 2018-10-E300, Jean-Paul K. Morris, Certificate No. 107002
EMS Case No. 2018-502-BE300, Jeffrey D. Hickey, Certificate No. 61545
EMS Case No. 2018-565-E300, Andrew M. Renggli, ID No. 220466
EMS Case No. 2019-143-E300, David N. Kozina, Certificate No. 111601

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. Resanovich - First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

There was no further evidence to come before the Board and the proceedings closed at 10:25 a.m.

Report and Recommendation Motion

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-393-BE100, James J. Fields, EMS Certificate Number 69437, 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. Fields' certificate to practice as an EMS provider.. Mr. Snyder First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Goldman Motions

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-175-E300, Benjamin C. Hupp, EMS Certificate Number 121261, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Hupp failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Hupp's EMT certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder First. Dr. Tinkoff - Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-621-E300, Charles S. Pfeifer, EMS Certificate Number 144106, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Pfeifer failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Pfeifer's EMR certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder First. Dr. Tinkoff - Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-10-E300, Jean-Paul K. Morris, EMS Certificate Number 107002, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Morris failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Morris' Advanced EMT certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-502-BE300, Jeffrey D. Hickey, EMS Certificate Number 61545, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Hickey failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Hickey's EMR certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-565-E300, Andrew M. Renggli, EMS ID Number 220466, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Renggli failed to comply with the terms of his consent agreement as indicated in count 1 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Renggli's application for EMT be denied.* Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tinkoff - Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-143-E300, David N. Kozina, EMS Certificate Number 111601, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Kozina failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Kozina's paramedic certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS Investigations

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

2019-402-E500

ACTION: *Motion to close the following Medical Transportation case(s).* Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. de la Porte (2019-203-E700) – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-673-E500	2019-036-E700
2018-497-E500	2019-203-E700
2018-701-E700	2020-110-E700

ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement(s): Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson (2020-183-E500)– Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-431-E300	2019-633-E300
2018-692-E300	2019-698-BE100
2019-027-BE100	2020-183-E500

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

2015-516-BE100

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases.

Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. DeVore – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Kearns (2019-364-E300), Ms. Rose (2019-400-E100), and Mr. Ferguson (2019-521-BE100) – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-364-E300
2019-400-E100
2019-521-BE100

State Medical Director, Dr. Carol Cunningham

The Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) Chair meeting was held on May 13, 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:

Philip Goldman, M.D.
Jeffrey Naples, M.D.

ACTION: Motion to approve the physician request for an EMFTS Board waiver to serve as a medical director of an Ohio EMS agency for Philip Goldman, M.D.

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

ACTION: Motion to approve the physician request for an EMFTS Board waiver to serve as a medical director of an Ohio EMS agency for Jeffrey Naples, M.D.

Mr. Marchetta – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

A request was received from Dr. Timothy Pirnat; however, he is not recommended due to the failure to meet OAC 4765-3-05(A)(2) which makes him ineligible to request a waiver.

ACTION: Motion to deny the physician request for an EMFTS Board waiver to serve as a medical director of an Ohio EMS agency for Philip Goldman, M.D. due to the failure to meet OAC 4765-3-05 (A)(2) which makes him ineligible to request a waiver.

Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dr. Cunningham proposed criteria for RPAB physician acknowledgement for exemplary volunteer service to the EMFTS Board: Initial certificate be issued after completion of two 3-year terms with required attendance record and every 3-year term thereafter. The Board has already approved a certificate for Dr. McIntosh.

The next RPAB Chair meeting is on September 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise reported that the Division has received three hearing requests and they will continue to work through the logistics in order to hold these hearings. DEMS staff are issuing notices and continuing what they have always done in investigations.

Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad

Ms. Mowad reported that the Board has one appeal pending. James Jackson's case is still pending.

Legislative Report, Dan Fitzpatrick

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that Ben Kimmel joined the Office of Legislation earlier this year. He will be focusing on EMS issues. He was the legislative liaison from the Ohio Department of Addiction Services.

The General Assembly did not convene during much of March and April. They have begun work over last few weeks.

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported on the following legislative bills:

HB 263 Occupational Licensing – Criminal Convictions. To revise the initial occupational licensing restrictions applicable to individuals convicted of criminal offenses.

Status: Has not moved since they returned; however, it is being monitored very closely.

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.

Status: Last hearing was February 12, 2020.

HB 432 Occupational License Reciprocity. To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances.

Status: Has not moved since February 2020

SB 302 EMS and Stroke Patient Protocols. Regarding emergency medical services and stroke patients.

Status: Had its first hearing the second week in May. Testimony was given by many interested parties.

HB 599 Notification – COVID-19 EMS, Funeral Workers. To require during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-O1D issued on March 9, 2020, and for six months thereafter, prompt notification of an emergency medical services worker or funeral services worker who has treated, handled, or transported a patient who tested positive for COVID-19 and to declare an emergency.

HB 600 Ambulance License Expansion. To authorize a person who has had a valid commercial driver's license to drive an ambulance during the state of emergency due to COVID-19 and to declare an emergency.

Interim Executive Director and Staff Reports, Robert Wagoner

Interim Executive Director, Rob Wagoner, reported that there is an upcoming EMS rule revision updates that will be effective January 1, 2021 to three scope of practice rules. On May 18, 2020, EMS staff filed three amended scope of practice rules with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. The rules and Business Impact Analysis (BIA) filed with CSI propose requiring the mandatory use of waveform capnography for all patients requiring invasive airway devices for the following rules:

Rule Number	Rule Title
4765-15-04	Emergency medical technician scope of practice.
4765-16-04	Advanced emergency medical technician scope of practice.
4765-17-03	Paramedic scope of practice.

The next set of rules to be reviewed:

4765-8 Certificate to Teach or Practice; Continuing Education

4765-9 Ethical Standards of Conduct

There is an opportunity to move these forward within the timeline. The goal is to receive comments and or suggestions from the EMFTS Board members by June so that the motions can be finalized in August.

There will be minimum changes to 4765-8 now; however, in the future there will be major updates made on the recommendations of the Scope of Practice and Human Resources Committees. There will be an opportunity to file these before the 5 year timeline of 2026.

The Division of EMS (DEMS) staff continues to work remotely and changing the way business is conducted such as with Microsoft Teams. There are currently 6 staffing positions vacant which includes the Executive Director. On May 8, 2020 Mr. Wagoner reported that he met with ODPS Director Stickrath and Assistant Director Huey. They have asked him to continue as the interim executive director.

The Division of EMS will begin physically returning to the office very slowly. Everyone in the Shipley Building will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Staff has been advised to continue working remotely.

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) has cancelled their annual conference that was to be held in Reno, Nevada. They are working towards different alternatives to have the conference this year.

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:

The Ohio EMS 2020-2021 Priority One and Supplemental grant applications submission is now closed. The application submission totals are as follows:

- 695 Priority One Training and Equipment Grants
- 56 Supplemental Board Priority Grants
- 66 Supplemental Economic Hardship Grants

P 2-5 Traditional and RFP Research Grants Update:

The division received 6 Priority 2-5 Research Proposals:

- 4 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

The Priority 2-5 Research proposals are currently being reviewed by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation and will be completed by May 15. Supplemental Board Priority and Economic Hardship grants are being reviewed by the EMS grants team.

Proposal:

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on Ohio EMS agencies the grants team would like to temporarily suspend Supplemental grants for this 2020-2021 grant year. Exceptions would be to agencies who demonstrate significant need and currently have no waveform capnography. The supplemental funds (approximately \$400,000) would be used instead to create one-time funding opportunities to Ohio EMS agencies for the reimbursement of PPE.

Details:

- A special application would be created for agencies to apply and receive reimbursement up to \$1500.00.
- Reimbursement period would be March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.
- Funding period would be until December 31, 2020 or until funds are gone.
- Agencies must be in compliance with EMS grant eligibility requirements.
- The list of eligible reimbursement items are as follows:

Reimbursable Items:

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) & replaceable filters
2. Powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) with hoods

ACTION: Motion to approve the proposal that Supplemental grants be suspended for the 2020-2021 grant year due to the impact of COVID-19 on Ohio EMS agencies. Exceptions would be to agencies who demonstrate significant need and currently have no waveform capnography. The supplemental funds (approximately \$400,000) would be used instead to create one-time funding opportunities to Ohio EMS agencies for the reimbursement of PPE.

Details:

A special application would be created for agencies to apply and receive reimbursement up to \$1500.00.

- Reimbursement period would be January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.***
- Funding period would be until December 31, 2020 or until funds are gone.***
- Agencies must be in compliance with EMS grant eligibility requirements.***
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- 7. Thermometer covers***
- 8. Air purifying respirators (APRs) & replaceable filters***
- 9. Powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) with hoods.***

Dr. Schwartz – First. Ms. Rose – Second. Discussion – it was decided to change the reimbursement date to January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

FINAL

Ms. Parker reported that there was one military exemption request for 2020-5-01 for certification cycle June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2020. Staff has received all documentation and recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military exemption request for 2020-5-01. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Parker reported that there was one medical hardship exemption request for 2020-5-02 for certification cycle January 18, 2017 to January 18, 2020. Staff has received all documentation and recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical hardship exemption request for 2020-5-02. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education, James Burke

Mr. Burke reported that at the April meeting the Board gave the DEMS Education and testing section the ability to work with the EMS schools to find pathways for the students who are nearing the end of their classes.

The DEMS staff has conducted six Microsoft Teams meetings with every EMS Program Director or official to update them on the plans and how to submit a proposal. The DEMS staff continues to keep communications open.

The DEMS staff will continue to work with the EMS schools to get them to certification.

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of April, May, and June 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 April, May, and June 2020; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (CEMS of Ohio), Ms. Rose (Community Care Ambulance and Ambulette) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation applications for 7 new ambulette services. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve medical transportation applications for 7 new ambulette services; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Devore - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the Trauma Committee meeting in May was cancelled.

In March the American College of Surgeons (ACS) sent out a memo stating they would not be doing any further verification visits until March 2021. They immediately granted every Trauma center a one year extension so instead of a three year verification process every center is under a four year

verification process for this term. In Ohio, The DEMS froze every trauma center's status; therefore, there are no changes for EMS as far as protocols of where to transport patients.

EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz reported that the last EMS-C meeting was held on December 17, 2019.

EMSC Performance Measures

The Ohio PECC Learning Collaborative State Team is purchasing training equipment to be distributed to Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECCs) in exchange for agreement to train other providers in their areas. As of February 6th, 131 agencies have registered a PECC.

The Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on December 17th, 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 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 survey of Ohio EMS agencies ended March 31st. Results of the survey and the response rate will be available for the June EMFTS Board meeting. Thank you to all who responded or helped promote the survey. The survey is now an annual event, and it will take place again next January.

The National Pediatric Readiness Project has postponed the planned hospital survey due to the impact of the coronavirus on hospitals.

Other Activities

The Ohio EMSC Committee is reviewing the current State of 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 for final approval.

Joe Stack and Dr. Schwartz are working with the Ohio Department of Health to update the Emergency Guidelines for Schools document to best ensure that accurate guidance is provided to school nurses and staff in responding to emergencies in their schools. A conference call was held on March 31st and April 28th and future calls will continue the project.

EMS System Development, Herb de la Porte

Mr. de la Porte stated that the committee has not met and there is not a report.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee had a meeting on May 1, 2020. Mr. Gestner, the chair of the committee reviewed the status of events and actions associated with COVID-19. The committee had a discussion regarding PPE and testing.

Mr. Gerstner requested that the members come prepared with any suggestions or opportunities to help navigate through COVID-19 to the next meeting.

EMS Rural Subcommittee, Herb de la Porte

Mr. de la Porte motioned to reappoint Joel Dickenson to the EMS Rural Subcommittee.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Joel Dickenson to the EMS Rural Subcommittee. Mr. de la Porte – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder reported that he wanted to repopulate the Education Committee with the following members: Eric Burgess, Richard Busch, Tristan Coomer, Daniel Huchert, Jeffrey Hill, Mark Mankin, Joshua Tilton, Matthew Phillip, Chuck Sowerbrower, David Yarmesch, and George Snyder.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Eric Burgess, Richard Busch, Tristan Coomer, Susan Kearns, Daniel Huechert, George Snyder, Jeffery Hill, Mark Mankin, Joshua Tilton, Matthew Phillip, Chuck Sowerbrower, and David Yarmisch. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Devore - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Medical Oversight Committee, Alternate Transportation Subcommittee, and Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the Medical Oversight, Alternate Transportation and the Human Resources committees have not met.

Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein did not have a report.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose

Ms. Rose reported that she did not have a report.

Scope of Practice Ad-hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl

Mr. Uhl reported that the committee did not meet in March; therefore, he does not have a report.

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. Ms. Koker, coordinator, reported that we hope to have a ceremony in the fall; however, it will depend on the dates of availability of the auditorium at the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Old Business ~ none

New Business ~none

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams® on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.