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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**

**August 19, 2020**

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**Board Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, August 19, 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, Dr. Richard George, Jeffery Jackson, 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 and Ruda Jenkins

**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.

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**EMFTS Board Meeting**

**Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting began at 10:06 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta (arrive 10:14)	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin (arrive 10:10)	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Amy Raubenolt	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Ms. Julie Rose (arrive 10:14)	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 (arrive 10:09)	Present
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Absent	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 expressed a wish 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 June 17, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, the June and July 90-day extension requests, and the June and July EMS certifications.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board minutes of June 17, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, the June and July 90-day extension requests, and the June and July EMS certifications. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. Mr. Uhl and Mr. DeVore (0120670/0022630) - 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 10.10 a.m. on August 19, 2020.

## **Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present
Mr. Kent Appelkans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	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	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Absent	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Absent
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):

## **GOLDMANS**

These proceedings were held before the Board pursuant to Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio where the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the cases. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony; however, they may be present to hear the proceedings and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceedings from the EMS investigators. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated.

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

- EMS Case No. 2017-25-E300, Victoria R. Liddil, Certificate No. 120442
- EMS Case No. 2018-18-E300, Kevin A. Benedict, Certificate No. 97748
- EMS Case No. 2018-326-E300, Tabetha S. Culler, Certificate No. 167382
- EMS Case No. 2018-525-E300, Christopher M. Niehaus, Certificate No. 72882
- EMS Case No. 2018-529-E300, David J. Yash, Certificate No. 139935

Mr. Wright requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

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***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case into evidence.*** Mr. Snyder - First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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There was no further evidence to come before the Board and the proceedings closed at 10:14 a.m.

## **GOLDMAN MOTIONS**

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-25-E300, Victoria R. Liddil, EMS Certificate Number 120442, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Liddil failed to comply with the terms of her consent agreement as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Ms. Liddil's Emergency Medical Technician certification be revoked.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-18-E300, Kevin A. Benedict, EMS Certificate Number 97748, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Benedict failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Benedict's Paramedic certification be revoked.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

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***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-326-E300, Tabetha S. Culler, EMS Certificate Number 167382, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Culler failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Ms. Culler's Paramedic certification be revoked.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Beavers - Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

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***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-525-E300, Christopher M. Niehaus, EMS Certificate Number 72882, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Niehaus failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Niehaus' Emergency Medical Responder certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Raubenolt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-529-E300, David J. Yash, EMS Certificate Number 139935, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Yash failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Yash's Continuing Education Instructor certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Kearns - abstained. **Motion approved.**

**EMS Investigations**

***ACTION:*** *Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following education case.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Kearns, and Mr. DeVore– Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-344-E300

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

2018-700-E700

2019-100-E700

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

2017-673-E500 \*Re-open if reappeals

2018-105-E500 \*Re-open if reappeals

2018-198-E400

2018-338-E400 \*Refer to Medical Dir.

2018-544-E700

2019-262-E700

2019-350-E700

2019-469-E700 \*Re-open if reappeals

2019-528-E500

2019-529-E700

2019-530-E500

2020-209-E700 \*Warning Letter

2020-217-E700

***ACTION:*** *Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following Medical Transportation case.*

Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. DeVore – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-313-E700

***ACTION: Motion to close the following Consent Agreements:*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. DeVore – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-399-E100	2020-174-E100
2020-061-E100	2020-197-BE100
2020-063-BE100	2020-302-E100
2020-125-BE100	

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following cases have been recommended to be closed 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. Snyder – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Ferguson 92020-202-E400) and Mr. DeVore (2020-184-E400 - Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-206-E700	2020-273-E500
2019-279-E500	2020-274-BE100 *Warning Letter
2020-184-E400 *Refer to Medical Dir.	2020-277-E400
2020-202-E400 *Refer to Medical Dir.	2020-278-E400
2020-206-BE100	2020-296-E400
2020-226-BE100 *Warning Letter	2020-306-E500
2020-244-BE500	2020-327-E100

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

2016-711-BE100	2017-687-E300
2017-186-E300	2017-698-E300
2017-512-E300	2017-720-E300
2017-559-E300	2018-44-E300
2017-563-E300	2018-135-E500
2017-578-E300	2018-664-E100

***ACTION: Motion to close the following case. Individual was audited at their respective level and opted to surrender their certificate to practice or certificate to teach. Re-open if reapplies.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Rose – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. DeVore – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-126-E300  
 2018-697-E500  
 2019-598-E300  
 2019-686-E300  
 2019-687-E300

***ACTION: Motion to close the following case(s) as the application for certification was withdrawn. Re-open if reapplies.***

Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. DeVore - Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-43-E300  
 2020-251-E100

***ACTION: Motion to accept the voluntary surrender for the revocation of certificate(s) for the following individuals.***

Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Rose – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. DeVore – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-45-E300  
2020-042-BE100

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

Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. DeVore – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-346-BE100	2020-154-E100
2019-597-E300	2020-235-E100
2019-599-E300	2020-239-E100
2020-002-BE100	2020-243-E100
2020-003-BE100	2020-305-E100

***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. Snyder – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. DeVore – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-116-BE500	2020-303-E300
2020-257-E100	2020-308-E100
2020-271-E500	2020-315-BE100
2020-281-BE100	2020-321-E100
2020-282-BE100	2020-325-E500
2020-287-BE500	2020-328-BE100
2020-295-BE100	2020-335-E100
2020-298-BE500	2020-336-BE500
2020-300-E300	2020-358-BE100

**Chair Report, Dudley Wright**

Mr. Wright appreciates all of the work that the EMS and legal staff has done to help the meetings go smoothly.

**State Medical Director, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

Dr. Cunningham reported that the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) still needs membership in regions 7 and 8. The RPAB Chairperson virtual meeting will be held September 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

All Board members received materials from the Statewide Ohio Hospital Burn Surge Plan in the Board packet. The creation of this plan is a directive from the US Department of Health and Human Services requesting the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to prepare for mass casualty incidents requiring burn surge capacity. ODH requested that a training module for EMS be created. The script is a Power Point presentation and script that all Board members received. It is based on the current

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version of the plan. EMS providers can begin using the EMS training module once it is approved by the Board.

Dr. Cunningham requested a motion to accept the Ohio EMS Burn Surge Training module and script for posting on the EMS website and distribution to Ohio EMS for training purposes.

***ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve the Ohio EMS Burn Surge Training module and script for posting on the EMS website and distribution to Ohio EMS for training. Ms. Karen Beavers – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

Dr. Cunningham reported that despite the federal budget NHTSA has approved funding for version 3 of the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. Dr. Richard Kamin and Dr. Cunningham were asked to serve as the co-principle investigators for the project. The project timeline is estimated to be approximately 18 months.

### **EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise**

Mr. Wise reported that the administrative hearings will begin virtually in September. The public can access the hearing. Other public agencies are using this format.

Mr. Wise requested a motion to approve filing of rules 4765-9-01 and 4765-9-02.

***ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve filing rules 4765-9-01 and 4765-9-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Common Sense Initiative office and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Marchetta – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

Ms. Beverly Cooper stated that they would proceed with the filing of the chapter 8 rules. She believes it will take additional time; therefore, she is recommending that an extension be requested from JCARR. The staff would work on the language to include the Emergency Vehicle Operating Course (EVOC).

Mr. James Burke stated that the DEMS staff did an impromptu survey to see which fire charters and accredited sites are including EVOC in their training. There are a few schools that are implementing some type of training. A plan or lesson plan will need to be created.

Mr. Wise stated that a Board motion was not necessary to file an extension.

Ms. Beavers inquired if these rules would address the Amish community. Mr. Wise will review this matter.

### **Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad**

Ms. Mowad reported that the administrative hearings will move forward.

As of last meeting there was one pending appellant matter. The court upheld the EMFTS Board's decision in the James Jackson's case.

Ms. Mowad reported that James Fields had a felony conviction and the Board chose to revoke his certification. He has appealed the EMFTS Board's decision.

### **Legislative Report, Dan Fitzpatrick**

Mr. Fitzpatrick deferred to Ben Kimmel in the ODPS Legislative office to give the report.

Mr. Kimmel reported that after the last Board meeting in June, on July 21, 2020 the Speaker of the House, Larry Householder and four other individuals were arrested by the FBI in a 60 million dollar federal bribery case. The House has a new speaker of the House, Representative Robert R. Cupp from Lima in Allen County.

Legislatively nothing significantly has changed. ODPS legislative office is managing what may happen in the lame duck session.

### **Interim Executive Director and Staff Reports, Robert Wagoner**

Mr. Wagoner reported that there are seven (7) EMFTS Board seats that expire on November 12, 2020. The letters requesting three (3) nominees from each identified nominating organization as outlined in the ORC 4765.02 have been sent. If any Board members have contact with any of the nominating organizations, he requested that they can assist the Division of EMS (DEMS) by ensuring that they reiterate the fact that the DEMS need three nominations from each organization.

There are currently six full-time staff positions that remain vacant due to the statewide hiring freeze. The exempt full time employees are required to take ten (10) cost savings days off without pay by the end of fiscal year 2021. Governor DeWine recently announced that state employees would continue to work from home through January 4, 2021. The DEMS staff averages 12 staff members in the office daily and 19 work from home on a rotational basis.

The staff prepared a report for the Director's Office showing the impact of temporarily extending deadlines and licensure expiration dates under HB 197. As of August 13, 2020 there were 1471 fire certificates, 1515 EMS certificates which affected 2133 individual certificate holders. As of December 1, 2020 the projected scenario would be 5353 fire certificates and, 4966 EMS certificates, with 10,319 individual certificate holders affected.

The DEMS staff remains engaged with the State EOC ESF-8 Public Health with the Ohio Department of Health as the lead agency and our participation in daily zone, touchpoint, and hot spot calls.

The DEMS staff continues to support the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Statewide Emergency Response System through distribution of their personnel needs and staffing survey as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The monthly conference calls will continue between the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Division of EMS and the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association.

The 2020 Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame & Fire Award presentations are in the final planning stages. The 2020 Ohio Fire Awards will be presented to:

- Fire Educator Lifetime Achievement Award – Chief Jim Steele, Van Wert Fire Department.
- Fire Department of the Year Award – Navarre-Bethlehem Joint Fire District dba Eric Valley Fire and Rescue
- Fire Service Instructor of the Year Award – Lieutenant Scott Wallace of Dayton Fire Department
- Fire Officer of the Year Award – Captain Grant Burns of Colerain Township Department of Fire and EMS

- Fire Prevention Educator of the Year Award – Firefighter Josh Whitehead of West Carrollton Fire Department

Mr. Wagoner requested that the EMFTS Board members save the date for the 2021 Board Retreat which will be held February 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be determined at a later date if the retreat will be virtual or live.

A new business item is the administration of vaccinations by EMS certificate holders. There are frequent questions from ESF-8 and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) when planning for pandemic influenza and other outbreaks. The ODH had begun discussing and planning for COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Compounded by timing with rapidly approaching influenza season with October being the prime time to vaccinate. The DEMS has been asked to describe their proposed model of involvement in a statewide public vaccination program. Some existing regulations from the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic mass vaccination campaign were reviewed with legal counsel. Most recently the Ohio Division of EMS received an inquiry from Columbus Public Health as they expressed a strong desire to begin a public influenza vaccination program in Columbus utilizing EMS personnel. All levels of EMS providers' current scope of practice contain some routes of medication administration. Influenza vaccinations can currently be administered via intramuscular (IM) injection by an AEMT and paramedic or via intranasal (IN) route by an EMR, EMT, AEMT, or paramedic. Routes for the delivery for future vaccinations are unknown but may possibly include IM via an auto-injector (all levels) or transdermal delivery.

Considering the onset of the upcoming influenza season during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, work should be done now in an expeditious and efficient manner to facilitate mobilization of the greatest number of currently certified EMS providers who are working and disbursed throughout the state to assist public health efforts with statewide inoculation in order to preserve hospital capacity for treating COVID-19 pandemic patients as this winter season approaches.

Mr. Wagoner requested support in the form of a motion that the Board recognizes that EMS certificate holders are permitted to administer vaccinations so long as the route of administration is within the scope of practice and the certificate holder administers the vaccine pursuant to medical direction and training on specific vaccine, which includes adherence to the recommendations and instructions of the Food and Drug Administration.

***ACTION: Motion for the Board to recognize that EMS certificate holders are permitted to administer vaccinations so long as the route of administration is within the scope of practice and the certificate holder administers the vaccine pursuant to medical direction and training on the specific vaccine, which includes adherence to the recommendations and instructions of the Food and Drug Administration.***

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

During the discussion it was stated that there are no administrative rules or legislative changes needed in this matter. Mr. Wise stated that this practice is already permitted and that this motion serves as clarification for the certificate holders.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mike Wise to write a position paper in regards to the matter of certificate holders permitted to administer vaccinations.

### **GRANTS, Johanna Burgess**

Mr. Burgess reported on the progress of the COVID-19 grant applications:

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- 198 applications received
- 99 complete
- 47 reimbursed
- 32 needs further details from agency
- 22 still being reviewed

There were two requests for items to be added to the equipment list. A request from Matamoros Emergency Squad for Marcs radios and a request from Lindsey Fire to allow hand sanitizers, sanitizing wipes, disinfectant cleaners, and cleaning equipment.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the additional allowable items for reimbursement on the equipment list to include the following: hand sanitizers, sanitizing wipes, disinfectant cleaners and cleaning equipment and Marcs Radio with the stipulation that there is proof that they have a subscription before purchasing the radios. Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

### **EMS Exemption Requests, Jodie Parker**

Ms. Parker reported that there was one military continuing education exemption request; 2020-8-01. DEMS staff has received all documentation and requests approval.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the military continuing education exemption request; 2020-8-01. Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

### **Education, James Burke**

Mr. Burke reported that there is one change to the accredited site, Clark State, there is a change in their expiration date. The new date is 2024.

The DEMS continue to work with the schools across the state. Mr. Burke thanked the Board to allow flexibility to the students path to certification during the pandemic. The DEMS has requested that when each school submits a new course, it should include in their policies what the DEMS call a “disruption policy” to address scenarios where the student needs to leave the school for any length of time or if the plan is disrupted.

### **Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of July, August and September 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 July, August and September 2020; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Marchetta – First. Ms. Martin – Second. None opposed. Mr. DeVore (120022 and 125015) - abstained. Motion approved.***

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation applications for 16 new services. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve medical transportation applications for 11 new ambulance services, 3 ambulance services and 2 air medical ; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Marchetta – First. Dr. Tinkoff - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick reported that the DEMS stopped performing inspections in March. The inspections resumed in June only for new services and services that were under investigation. The inspection process was altered when the DEMS began inspections in June. The DEMS continued to inspect all new services; however, in August the renewal inspections began for those who were currently under investigation or has had numerous violations in the past. All renewal services inspection should start sometime in September.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Trauma Committee, Diane Simon**

Ms. Simon reported that the Trauma Committee meeting was held virtually on July 8, 2020.

The first order of business was the approval of the Ohio Hospital Burn Surge EMS Education module.

The committee received final reports from IES which is a grant recipient looking into the trauma education throughout the state. Originally a report was received in December 2019; however, members asked for additional information. The report has been finalized and received.

The 2019 trauma data is complete. An extension was given for the 2020 first and second quarter data for patients discharged January 1 to June 30 until September 30, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 closures there are some trauma centers who were unable to obtain final verification inspection from the American College of Surgeons. All verification visits are suspended until March 2021. A discussion ensued regarding this situation. Ultimately, the American College of Surgeons are responsible for the inspections and the Division of EMS has no authority to intervene.

### **EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Schwartz**

Dr. Schwartz reported that the last EMS-C meeting was held on December 17, 2019. The next meeting is scheduled October 20, 2020.

### **EMSC Performance Measures**

The Ohio PECC Learning Collaborative State Team has purchased training equipment (child and infant CPR trainers and an infant airway head) to be distributed to Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECCs) in exchange for agreeing to train other providers in their areas. Program

information will be shared with PECCs very shortly. Currently, 147 Ohio EMS agencies have registered a PECC with Ohio EMSC.

The National EMS for Children Data Analysis and Resource Center (NEDARC) has announced that the anticipated launch of the EMS Agency Survey will be the week of January 4, 2021, and the anticipated closure will be the week of March 15, 2021. This survey is designed to gather data on EMSC Performance Measure 2, adoption of a PECC, and Performance Measure 3, frequency of pediatric skill training and verification. All EMS agencies in Ohio that respond to 911 emergency calls are to be surveyed.

NEDARC has also announced that the anticipated launch of the National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment will be the week of May 3, 2021, and the anticipated closure will be the week of July 26, 2021. This survey is designed to assess pediatric readiness in all hospital emergency departments in the country, and will also assess the presence of a Pediatric Champion (the hospital PECC). All hospitals with an emergency department that is open 24/7 are to be surveyed.

### **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, a resource to ensure accurate guidance is provided to school nurses and staff in responding to emergencies in their schools. Future calls will continue for this project.

Joe Stack and Dr. Julie Leonard are working with Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove of Rainbow Babies' and Children's Hospital on a webinar for EMS providers dealing with the ASPR Pediatric Centers of Excellence Grant.

Dr. Julie Leonard is editing the second Child Maltreatment module under advice of the EMFTS Board's Education Committee. When ready, the Committee will make a recommendation to the EMFTS Board for CE approval.

### **EMS System Development, Herb de la Porte**

Mr. de la Porte was not in attendance.

### **Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee had issues with the virtual meeting and was cancelled.

### **EMS Rural Subcommittee, Herb de la Porte**

Mr. de la Porte was not in attendance. Ms. Beavers reported that the committee has not met.

### **Education Committee, George Snyder**

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee met August 18, 2020.

The workgroups have not been able to meet.

DEMS staff has been working on the education modules and getting the psychomotor examinations built. This will then come to the Board for full approval. The schools would need to approve to adopt these education modules.

The committee received the second module of Child Maltreatment Training from Nationwide Children's Hospital. The physician who developed this along with the research coordinator was on the call. Some of the language will be improved. The Education Committee has approved this training with the changes. The EMFTS Board members will receive the Child Maltreatment Training for approval in October. This training is not mandatory.

A plan is being reviewed to have one public safety instructor certification and course. The proposed skill set instruction would be the same whether teaching fire, EMS, or law enforcement. The plan is to certify for each of their individual practices. A workgroup is being created to work on this plan.

The committee had questions over early EMT and EMR psychomotor examinations. The Board approved this for the advanced emergency medical technician and paramedic level. The committee had a long discussion and decided they would not bring it forward to the Board for approval.

The committee had discussions regarding the National Registry provisional certifications. There is not a pathway in Ohio to earn a certificate to practice due to the EMS rules. The committee will continue to discuss this issue. There was a significant discussion regarding this matter. The committee will be reviewing additional avenues. No formal recommendations were brought forward.

Mr. Snyder requested the appointment of Dr. Amy Raubenolt to the Education Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Amy Raubenolt to the Education Committee.***  
Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

### **Medical Oversight Committee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee has not met.

Mr. Resanovich requested the appointment of Dr. Amy Raubenolt to the Medical Oversight Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Amy Raubenolt to the Medical Oversight Committee.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Dr. Raubenolt - abstained. **Motion approved.**

### **Alternate Transportation Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich reported that the Alternate Transportation Subcommittee have not met.

### **Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein**

Mr. Allenstein reported that the committee did not have a committee; therefore, these is not a report.

### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose**

Ms. Rose reported that she did not have a report due to not having a meeting.

### **Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl**

Mr. Uhl reported that the committee will be having a meeting via Microsoft Teams® on August 24, 2020.

Mr. Uhl requested the appointment of Dr. Amy Raubenolt to the Scope of Practice Ad-hoc committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Amy Raubenolt to the Scope of Practice Ad-hoc Committee.*** Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Dr. Raubenolt - abstained.  
**Motion approved.**

### **Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee will have a meeting via Microsoft Teams® on August 24, 2020.

Mr. Resanovich requested the appointment of Bruce Shade to the Human Resources Ad-hoc committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Bruce Shade to the Human Resources Ad-hoc Committee.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

### **Star of Life Awards**

Ms. Koker, the EMS Star of Life coordinator, reported that a new date has not been announced. Mr. Wright suggested a phone conference with the committee members.

### **Old Business**

## **De-identification of Data**

Mr. Mays explained that the preferred method of de-identification processes is the aggregation of the data. Under normal circumstances data requests are fulfilled by supplying aggregated subsets of data that do not directly or indirectly lend themselves to identify individual recipients of care or their providers. If during the preparation of the extract some of the results by their very nature are considered overly specific and contain enough information that could be traced back to the recipient of care or the provider, that specific result will be “suppressed”. The actual value to be replaced with a notation that the value fell below the reporting threshold and not be included in the final product.

### **Ad-Hoc De-identified by Removal, Generation and Replacement**

Beginning in 2019, a change in the law now allows for the Board to supply more granular levels of information under certain conditions, even when the information may be considered personally identifiable information (PII). This change has added a new level of complexity and responsibility to data sharing and data requests.

- Unless otherwise directed by the Board as a necessary component for the data request and/or data use agreement, patient names will not be supplied to requestors.
  - Individual patient records will be assigned a unique identifier by the system, automation or staff that is not composed of other record elements unless it can be encrypted and hashed into a secure and unreadable unique cypher.
  - The order of the assignment will be non-organic to avoid alphabetical or numerical walk-backs.
- Unless otherwise directed by the Board as a necessary component for the data request and/or data use agreement, provider (EMS agency) and facility names will not be supplied to requestors.
  - If necessary to distinguish between different providers and facilities, they will be renamed to something less identifying such as “Provider A”, “Provider B”, “Facility A”, “Facility B”, etc..
  - The order of the assignment will be non-organic to avoid alphabetical or numerical walk-backs.
- Since a street address, in conjunction with secondary or demographic information may be used to identify recipients of care, providers and their destination facilities, strong consideration should be given to only supply broader geographic designations such as county or zip code.

Please note that any kind of secondary processing performed after the actual data request is completed consumes additional staff-hours per request.

### **Planned System Enhancements**

The DEMS is pursuing several additions to the new EMSIRS data repository. These same enhancements will be made to the trauma data when it is eventually incorporated into the in-house data repository.

#### ***Enhancement #1: Census Track Generation***

Embedding census track data into the EMIRS database to be offered as an alternate option for the incident address. Presently, the DEMS are close to completing a proof of concept project as part of a data request for another agency. The results look promising as an addition to the EMSIRS system sometime in the future.

#### ***Enhancement #2: Unique Identifier Generation***

Creating unique record identifiers using a Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA) for each record stored within EMSIRS to be used in record level data requests. By using this form of “hashing” cryptography that combines known elements from a record into a securely coded unique ID for each record, the requestor has a de-identified patient record reference. This is done so that the DEMS can supply future updates to files (for recurring data requests) without the need to

completely reprocess the entire request. This also adds a secure identifier that does not disclose the identity of the individual to the requestor. This feature will also be requested for the Trauma Registry in the future and used for the same purpose.

### **Data Use Agreement, Yale University**

This matter was tabled at the June EMFTS Board meeting. Each of the Board members received the follow-up request in their Board Packet. The revised data use agreement includes additional data security in place. Professor Greg Gonsalves was available to answer any questions. A discussion ensued regarding the data that would be used. The new data use agreement now contains an assurance that the researcher will not identify patients or agencies in any publication or presentation. Professor Gonsalves reported that his research team goes through the IRB and puts the research under HIPPA protected security. He stated that it is being treated as clinical trial patient data.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Data Use Agreement request from Professor Greg Gonsalves of Yale University for Ohio's naloxone administration.*** Dr. George – First. Dr. Raubenolt – Second. Opposed – Mr. Ferguson. Abstained – Mr. Snyder. **Motion passed.**

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### **Data Use Agreement, Cincinnati Children's Hospital**

Mr. Mays reported that a data use agreement was received from Meera Kotagal, MD from Cincinnati Children's Hospital. They are requesting patient level data from the Ohio Trauma Registry for their research. The data shared would be at transaction level, not aggregated. No names will be provided, only a unique identifier generated by the system or externally by staff prior to release. Elements such as city, county, zip code and state are available and have been requested for both patient and incident.

Dr. Meera Kotagal was available by phone. She stated that they were awarded an Ohio EMS Grant for this proposal. The research is to study the underlying social determinants of health as they impact pediatric injuries and how to reduce pediatric injuries.

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***ACTION: Motion to approve the Data Use Agreement request from Dr. Meera Kotagal of Cincinnati Children's Hospital.*** Ms. Martin – First. Dr. George – Second. None Opposed – Mr. Ferguson. Abstained – Dr. Scheartz. **Motion passed.**

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### **New Business ~ none**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 PM. Dr. George – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams® on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Minutes approved October 21, 2020.