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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 GoToWebinar®

MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2020

FINAL

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was held via GoToWebinar® videoconferencing.

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

Board Members Absent: Susan Kearns, and Herb de la Porte

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

Assistant Attorney General: Lidia Mowad

Public Present: Guests joined the meeting via GoToWebinar® audioconferencing.

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Wright reported that Rob Wagoner was named the Executive Director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin (arrive 10:27)	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	Present
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl (arrive 10:13)	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

Open Forum

Mr. Wright inquired if there were any guests who would like to address the Board. No guests 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 August 21, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, the August and September 90-day extension requests, and the August and September EMS certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board minutes of August 21, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, the August and September 90-day extension requests, and the August and September EMS certifications. Dr. Schwartz – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Snyder (0028895) and Mr. DeVore (302177) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve the correction to the May 20, 2020 EMFTS Board minutes from page 7. The name of the physician was incorrect; therefore, the motion will now read as:

Motion to deny the physician request for an EMFTS Board waiver to serve as a medical director of an Ohio EMS agency for Timothy Pirnat, M.D., due to the failure to meet OAC 4765-3-05 (A)(2) which makes him ineligible to request a waiver. Mr. Marchetta– First. Mr. DeVore – 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 10.14 a.m. on October 21, 2020.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (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	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

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

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. 2018-421-E300, Eric R. Johann, Certificate No. 28408
- EMS Case No. 2018-433-E300, Nathaniel G. Smith, Certificate No. 159975
- EMS Case No. 2018-501-E300, Theresa D. Acord, Certificate No. 2955
- EMS Case No. 2018-616-E300, Chris N. Schroder, Certificate No. 141191
- EMS Case No. 2019-039-E300, Lynn R. Love, Certificate No. 4620

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 10:17 a.m.

GOLDMAN MOTIONS

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-421-E300, Eric R. Johann, EMS Certificate Number 28408, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Johann failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Johann's Advanced Emergency Medical Technician certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-433-E300, Nathaniel G. Smith, EMS Certificate Number 159975, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Smith failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Smith's Emergency Medical Technician certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-501-E300, Theresa D. Acord, EMS Certificate Number 2955, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Acord failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Ms. Acord's Emergency Medical Technician certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta - Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-616-E300, Chris N. Schroder, EMS Certificate Number 141191, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Schroder failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Schroder'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 2019-039-E300, Lynn R. Love, EMS Certificate Number 4620, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Love failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Ms. Love's Paramedic certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Uhl - abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS Investigations

ACTION: Motion to consent agreement for the following education case.
Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-099-E300

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

2019-613-E700

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

2018-461-E500	2020-223-E700	2020-397-E700
2019-322-E700 *Refer to Medical Dir.	2020-237-E700	
2020-162-E500 *Refer to Medicaid/Medicare	2020-307-E700 *Warning Letter	

ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements. Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson (2020-406-E100)– Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-699-E300	2020-310-BE100
2019-221-E500	2020-331-E100
2019-268-BE100	2020-332-E100
2019-490-E300	2020-348-BE100
2019-592-E300	2020-364-BE100
2019-602-E300	2020-392-E100
2020-026-E100	2020-406-E100
2020-163-E500	2020-429-E400

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. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein - Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-084-E500	2020-290-E100
2019-561-BE500	2020-312-E400
2019-563-E500	2020-347-E100 *Warning Letter
2019-681-E400	2020-381-E500 *Refer to Medical Dir.
2019-726-E400 *Refer to Medical Dir.	2020-382-E500 *Refer to Medical Dir.
2019-727-E400*Refer to Medical Dir.	

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

2017-568-E300	2018-89-E100
2017-615-E300	2018-197-E300
2017-616-E300	2018-367-E300
2017-703-E300	2019-027-BE100
2017-728-E300	2019-100-E700
2017-758-E300	2019-520-BE100
2018-17-E300	

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. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein - Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-410-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following case. Individual 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 reapplies. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-533-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to service issues with the Adjudication Order or Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. The respective certificate(s) to practice are revoked or expired. Re-open if re-applies. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-628-E100
2016-598-BE100

2017-542-E300
2019-215-E300

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2017-255-E300
2019-689-E300
2020-185-E100
2020-270-E100
2020-326-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. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2019-076-E300
2019-590-E300
2019-643-E500
2020-135-E300
2020-290-E100
2020-333-BE100
2020-352-BE100
2020-360-BE100
2020-363-E100
2020-373-BE100

2020-376-E100
2020-377-BE100
2020-384-E100
2020-386-BE500
2020-393-BE100
2020-403-E100
2020-404-E100
2020-408-E500
2020-416-E100

Chair Report, Dudley Wright

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

In conjunction with the filing of Chapter 8 Rules review 4765-08 and based on a 2015 motion the EMS System Development Committee is recommending Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) training for all EMS personnel. An Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) Workgroup has been approved. The workgroup will have a diverse group of members.

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 virtually on November 5th at 10:00 am. The annual All Chair meeting will be held on November 5th immediately following the RPAB Chairperson meeting which will be conducted via teleconference.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the RPAB chairpersons recommended approval of the request for a waiver of Dr. Imraan Haniff to serve as medical director of an Ohio EMS agency. Dr. Cunningham requested a motion for approval of a waiver request for Dr. Imraan Haniff.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve the waiver request for Dr. Imraan Haniff. Mr. Marchetta – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dr. Cunningham explained that physicians who are practicing in emergency medicine who are not Board certified in emergency medicine may request a waiver to serve as a medical director. A pathway was created for a waiver. Physicians do not need a waiver to serve as medical directors if they are board certified or board eligible in emergency medicine, have completed a pediatric emergency medicine or EMS fellowship or subspecialty board certified in EMS, in accordance with Administrative Code [4765-3-05 \(A\)\(6\)](#).

Dr. Cunningham reported that the RPAB chairpersons recommend approval of the waiver request of Dr. James Kettering. She requested approval from the Board.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve the waiver request for Dr. James Kettering. Mr. Marchetta – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dr. Anthony Wetherington applied for a waiver; however, he does not meet eligibility of 4765-3-05 (A)(6). The RPAB chairpersons did not recommend a waiver for Dr. Wetherington.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to deny the waiver request for Dr. Anthony Wetherington. Mr. Marchetta – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dr. Cunningham reported that the final draft of the Influenza Vaccination Administration by Ohio EMS Providers training module is complete and is requesting approval.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve the final draft of the Influenza Vaccination Administration by Ohio EMS training module. Ms. Martin – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dr. Cunningham stated that once the COVID-19 vaccine is approved there will be training available. The federal government is working on the logistics of who will receive the vaccine first. Mr. Snyder suggested that the Education Committee be able to review the coronavirus training module once it is available.

The Statewide Ohio Hospital Burn Surge Plan that was approved in June has been updated and distributed. The amendments made do not impact the content of the Statewide Ohio Burn Surge Plan training module for EMS. Future plans are to have a table top drill.

The DEMS still receives a lot of questions regarding the Ohio EMS Scope of Practice regarding ultrasound IV placement and body fluids. This issue was raised originally in 2019.

The public comment on the implementation of the DEA's Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017 is open for comments until December 4, 2020.

The Clinical Care Restraint of Agitated or Combative Patients by Emergency Medical Services Practitioners document was distributed to the Board members. Dr. Cunningham suggested sharing with law enforcement.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise reported that the administrative hearings are being scheduled to catch up on the backlog. The public can access the hearings. Other public agencies are using this format.

Mr. Wise requested a motion to approve filing of rules 4765-5; Grants.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve filing rules 4765-5 (Grants) of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Common Sense Initiative office and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad

Ms. Mowad reported there is one outstanding appeal, James Fields. The administrative appeal work has been completed and will await the judge's decision.

The administrative hearings began via Microsoft Teams® and worked very well. The DEMS staff will be scheduling additional hearings.

Legislative Report, Ben Kimmel

Ben Kimmel reported that the House and Senate are out at this time and have not met since September. Legislatively nothing significant has changed.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Robert Wagoner

Mr. Wagoner thanked the DEMS staff for their continued dedication and teamwork as our “new normal” isn't that new anymore with 60% of the staff teleworking on any given day. There are eight unfilled positions and will be nine by the end of 2020.

Mr. Wagoner gave special recognition to Eric Mays, Joel Demory, James Burke, ODPS IT staff, Chief Wright, and all Board members who helped us test GoToWebinar® and change the virtual platform for today's meeting in less than a week.

Mr. Wagoner reported on the Division of EMS operational issues:

- Nominations for the seven Board seats expiring on November 12, 2020 – Seats #3, 4, 9, 13, 16, 17, and 20 were reviewed by Director Stickrath and are routing through Governor DeWine and the Boards and Commissions Office for approval.

Ms. Ellen Owens, Chief of Certifications, reported on HB 197 and the impact on certifications. HB197 extension came after the Governor declared the State of Emergency. That legislation was enacted in April and provided an automatic extension that would end 90 days after the Governor lifted the State of Emergency or on December 1, 2020; whichever was the earliest date. On September 15th all of the certificates received an extension. (7,764 certificates that would expire

between March 9th and November 30th). On September 18th, the system automatically started the automatic email notifications reminding them of their December 1st deadline to apply for renewal of their certificates. The DEMS staff has been working with HR to send additional emails clarifying that this extension did not change their expiration date, did not change their continuing education requirements and that they cannot use their certificate or a course for more than one certification cycle. All of the information has been posted to the EMS website. Many people are going online to renew their certificates.

**A short break was taken due to the echo on the virtual meeting to get it repaired.

Mr. Wagoner reported that the FY22-23 statutory budget language was drafted and submitted to ODPS fiscal and legal for review prior to last week's submission deadline. Three proposed statutory changes were included from DEMS:

- Modify ORC 4513.263 to increase fines issued for occupant restraining device violations (\$30/\$20 to \$50/\$40)
- Modify ORC 4766.04 and ORC 4766.05 for inspection fees to include each satellite location in order to recover our fixed cost
- Modify ORC 4765.55 to create fee parity with existing EMS regulations in ORC 4765.11(3) and ORC 4765.11(4). The State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services is the only regulatory board that does not currently charge fees for issuance of certificates to practice for Ohio EMS and fire personnel. This language is necessary for the rule-making process to establish fees for fire certificates to practice. Without it, DEMS could not charge fees in order to cover the administrative costs for issuing fire certifications until the next fiscal biennium FY24-25. The Executive Director reiterated that this does not mean the DEMS will be starting to charge fees. These are possible sources of revenue in the future.

It was suggested by a Board member that all traffic citation fines go to EMS Grants. Executive Director Wagoner stated that we do not know where all of the traffic citation fines go. It would require a law change to redirect some of those funds.

Rules, Beverly Cooper

Ms. Cooper, Business manager, reported that the Board members received four rule packets. The first packet was the three scope of practice rules adding capnography. These are almost completed. They had a public hearing and are on the JCARR agenda. The DEMS will file these with JCARR in mid-November to be effective January 1, 2021. The next packet was about chapter 9 that is due for the five-year review which has been filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office. The open comment period is through October 27th. The third packet was about chapter 8 that is due for a five-year rule review; however, the DEMS received an extension until July 13, 2021. This will give the DEMS time to work on EVOC. There will be a workgroup created to help get chapter 8 to file by July 2021. The last rule packet was in regards to Grants that were already approved by the Board that will be filed with CSI and JCARR.

Executive Director Wagoner and the DEMS Chiefs met with Marshal Reardon on October 5, 2020. Chief Demory requested consideration for an update and reaffirmation from State Fire Marshal's Office concerning the certification of Ohio firefighters and the relationship between ORC 3737.66 qualifications for firefighter or fire official and OAC 4765-20 qualifications for a firefighter certificate.

The last such letter on file was from 2009. Mr. Wagoner thanked Marshal Reardon and his counsel for updating this information and for his visit at the Division of EMS.

The Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame Awards were all completed in September and included:

- Ohio Fire Department of the Year – Erie Valley Fire & Rescue
- Ohio Fire Officer of the Year – Captain Grant Burns, Colerain Township Department of Fire & EMS
- Ohio Fire Service Instructor of the Year – Lt Scott Wallace, Dayton FD
- Ohio Fire Prevention Educator of the Year – FF Josh Whitehead, West Carrollton FD
- Ohio Fire Educator Lifetime Achievement Award – Chief Jim Steele (Ret), Van Wert FD

EMSIRS, Eric Mays

Mr. Mays, Chief of Research Analysis, reported that the DEMS received provisional approval from NEMSIS to send our EMSIRS data to the national repository. The DEMS will send the data from January 2020 to present. From then on the data will be submitted on a regular basis.

Executive Director reported that he, Dr. Cunningham, and several staff attended the first virtual National Association of State EMS Officials conference. Highlights included a FirstNet update and multiple deployment configurations and capabilities, a NEMSIS update from the Technical Assistance Center (TAC), and how Texas pivoted to remote, virtual agency and ambulance inspections statewide amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Executive Director Wagoner and Chief Fiffick are still engaged with the ESF-8 Public Health and partial activation of the State EOC. Common issues as of late include:

- Isolated PPE shortages (gowns, nitrile gloves)
- Minimum Staffing Reporting Process – rare
- Transportation issues, especially non-urgent cases from nursing homes and LTC facilities – more later from Mr. Allenstein and the Medical Transportation Committee

Executive Director Wagoner reported that he continues to participate in a biweekly call of all State EMS Directors, NASEMSO staff, NHTSA Office of EMS staff, and the NEMSIS TAC focused on COVID-19 impact, issues, current trends and emerging challenges for states:

- Chief Fiffick and Executive Director Wagoner attend as many ECHO COVID-19 presentations as possible (3/week) to stay current with the pandemic as it unfolds and developing patient care best practices.
- Governor DeWine's Pandemic Recovery and Response Leadership Team has created a Vaccine Preparedness Office to coordinate a smooth and swift distribution and vaccination process statewide for COVID-19.

For the Board's awareness, late last week US Representative Susan Wild (D-PA) and US Representative Fred Keller (R-PA) introduced H.R. 8592 – EMS Counts Act of 2020 – to address the chronic miscounting of first responders, particularly firefighters and EMS personnel. The act would require the Secretary of Labor to revise the Standard Occupational Classification System by

dividing the general occupational category of Firefighter into four sub-categories to allow firefighters to identify themselves as cross-trained EMS providers to better ensure an accurate count of trained EMS professionals throughout our communities. It is currently endorsed by NAEMT, IAFC, IAFF, AAA, NASEMSO, NAEMSP, NAEMSE, International Academy of Emergency Dispatch (IAED), National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA), NREMT, and the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS).

Our Committees and workgroups are dealing with manpower issues, recruitment/retention/attrition, HR, and workforce resiliency under the 2018 EMFTS Strategic Plan. As this develops, watch for potential improvement in our related data collection and interpretation efforts.

The Division of EMS will have 9 vacancies by December 31, 2020. The data team will consist of Mr. Mays and Ms. Aurand. Director Stickrath and HR is fully aware of the vacancies. Hopefully some of our vacancies can be filled. Human Resources has given the Division part-time persons to help with certifications, investigations and grants. The Deputy Director position will be vacant.

GRANTS, Johanna Burgess

Ohio EMS Priority One, Supplemental, and Priority 2-5 Research Grants Update:

SFY 2019-2020

The Ohio EMS 2019-2020 Priority One and Supplemental grant cycle is now closed. The final leftover balance for these grants are:

Priority One – \$44,959.04

Supplemental – \$ 11,968.16

Total SFY 2019-2020 remaining balance = \$56,927.20

All 2019-2020 P2-5 requested and received 1 year grant extensions.

SFY 2020-2021

Priority One – 331 requests processed for a total of \$219,999.32

Supplemental Grant - 1 request processed for a total of \$25,186.52

COVID-19 PPE Reimbursement Grant – 84 agencies awarded for a total of \$107,442.77

Grant updates:

- Executive Director, Rob Wagoner, visited Supplemental award recipients on October 6th and October 16th to present large checks.
 - On October 6th, Mr. Wagoner visited Bridgeport & Crooksville Fire Departments.
 - On October 16th Mr. Wagoner visited Phillipsburg Fire Department.
 - All grantees were awarded funds for the purchase of heart monitors with waveform capnography.
 - All agencies were also reminded to apply for the COVID-19 PPE funds
- The 2020-2021 grant cycle will close in a little over 60 days. The DEMS staff will begin pushing notifications to remind grantees to spend their grant dollars and submit their requests for reimbursement.

EMS Exemption Requests, Jodie Parker

Ms. Parker reported that there were not any EMS exemption requests.

Education, James Burke

Mr. Burke reported that they continue to work with schools across the state. The DEMS staff is seeing an increase in classes. The DEMS staff has requested that each school add a “disruption policy” into their policy and procedures for review by the DEMS staff. The need for this policy was brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The policy should address different scenarios where the student needs to leave the school for any length of time or if the plan is disrupted.

Mr. Burke thanked his staff for helping these schools. The DEMS continue to use Microsoft Teams® for site visits. Many statewide meetings have been held virtually with program directors.

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of September, October and November 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 September, October, and November 2020; pending a satisfactory inspection.

Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (250114), Mr. Appelhans (320324 and 325055) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

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

ACTION: Motion to approve medical transportation applications for September, October and November for new ambulette services, ambulance services and air medical; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Marchetta – First. Mr. Resanovich - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick stated that inspections began in June but only with the new services. As of August 1st the Division completed renewal services that were under investigations and services that had numerous violations in the past year. On October 1st all inspections will commence.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the Trauma Committee meeting was held virtually on September 9, 2020. There was a quorum.

There are no changes in Trauma Center status due to the American College of Surgeons suspending their inspections until March 2021.

Individual hospitals are able to submit 2020 data; however, regional centers are unable to submit due to a vendor issue. The deadline was extended for data submissions for first, second and third quarters until December 31, 2020.

The Trauma Committee reviewed the IEM reports that were done through grant money looking at the impact of trauma education and where there are potential gaps. Numerous gaps were indicated, especially in the rural areas. Two workgroups will be formed to put a plan in motion on how to address those gaps. One group will address rural education and the other group will be more global.

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee met October 20, 2020.

The education committee has several workgroups that have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

House Bill 441 would require very specific training with identifying and interacting with individuals with dementia. The committee will review the bill. Mr. Snyder stated that he is very adverse to adding required continuing education. He stated that he is concerned that a number of special interest groups wants continuing education. The committee will review and make a recommendation.

The other topic of discussion was the EVOC training. Several members expressed some interest in being a part of the workgroup. There are many concerns regarding this training.

At the last Board meeting the committee received the second Child Maltreatment Training Module from Nationwide Children's Hospital. There was an issue in how to handle refusals. Changes were made; however, the Board has not received the updated training module. The training will not be mandatory. Dr. Schwartz stated that the module is very good and that Nationwide Children's Hospital are the experts in maltreatment. The training will be on the Public Safety Training Campus with the first module. Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the training module.

ACTION: Motion to approve the second Child Maltreatment Training Module.

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

EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz reported that they held a meeting via Microsoft Teams® on October 20, 2020.

EMSC Performance Measures

The Ohio PECC Learning Collaborative State Team is offering pediatric training equipment to Ohio EMS agencies with a registered Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator. Agencies with current PECCs were allowed to apply for training bundles through October 16 and 35 applications were received by the deadline. The process will be opened to all agencies who wish to register a PECC in the next week.

The Ohio PECC Learning Collaborative State Team has developed a new webpage for Ohio PECCs hosted at the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) website. Access to the page requires registration and includes a calendar of events, a resource library with pediatric training materials, and a link to a discussion page for PECCs to share best practices. Agencies must have access to this page in order to download the application for pediatric training bundles.

The EMSC Program will be surveying Ohio EMS agencies beginning in January to collect data for EMSC Performance Measures 2 and 3. PM2 is the adoption of a PECC for the agency, and PM3 is the type and frequency of pediatric skills training. All Ohio EMS agencies that respond to 9-1-1 emergency calls are included in the survey.

The National Pediatric Readiness Project will begin surveying hospitals about their pediatric readiness in the emergency department in Spring 2021. More details on both surveys will be provided as it becomes available.

Other Activities

The Ohio EMSC Committee is reviewing the current State of Ohio Pediatric Guidelines and Procedures Manual to ensure its alignment with the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. Dr. Schwartz has provided the Committee with a draft including algorithms for review. The Committee will conduct its final review and will submit the document to the Board at the next meeting.

Joe Stack and Dr. Schwartz are working with the Ohio Department of Health to update the Emergency Guidelines for Schools document, ensuring accurate guidance is provided to school nurses and staff in responding to emergencies in their schools. Future calls will continue the project.

Dr. Julie Leonard and Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove will provide a webinar for EMS providers on current pediatric disaster preparedness efforts, including an update on the ASPR Pediatric Centers of Excellence Grant, on November 5th.

EMS System Development, Herb de la Porte

Mr. de la Porte was not in attendance. Mr. Wagoner reported that the DEMS has been in contact with the Chair, Chief Vincent Gildone who has agreed to create a workgroup for the EVOC training.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee has not met; therefore, there is not a report.

EMS Rural Subcommittee, Herb de la Porte

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

Medical Oversight Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee has not met; however, with the new platform they will schedule a meeting.

Alternate Transportation Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

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

Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein and Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose (a combined meeting)

Mr. Allenstein reported that the Medical Transportation Committee and the Critical Care Subcommittee met virtually October 20, 2020.

The committee had a passenger assistance training program that they reviewed for approval. It is a combination of four services that created the program. They presented the full passenger assistance training program with hands-on training. The four services include Med Star, CAS of Warren, Quality Care and ProCare. The committee recommended to approve the training program.

ACTION: Motion to approve the passenger assistance training program by Med Star, CAS of Warren, Quality Care and ProCare. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Marchetta– Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

The committee also received a passenger assistance training specifically for CPR and first aid from Pacific Medical Training that is an online course. The CPR portion is online, then they have a form so that you can get an instructor or you can get your own hands-on training. The only issue was that on the card there is no distinction as to whether they actually completed the hands-on-training. The first aid is completely virtual. Mr. Allenstein suggested that they deny the training from Pacific Medical Training.

The committee discussed the issues of the attestation of the services during the time the DEMS was not doing inspections.

There have been licensing requests for services that do not have ambulances but emergency response vehicles. The DEMS does not have anything in place to license those types of vehicles.

The committee also discussed whether EMS agencies were reporting when they are in auto accidents. It is important to keep providers and citizens safe.

There were discussions regarding mandatory testing of providers who are going into nursing homes. They are to be tested weekly and this is bringing a strain on organizations. Ms. Rose stated that this requirement is a financial burden. Agencies are struggling to be compliant.

Ms. Rose is requesting information on what has happened with the endorsements. This will be discussed in future meetings.

Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl

Mr. Uhl reported that the committee did not meet due to scheduling conflicts.

Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee did not meet due to scheduling conflicts.

Star of Life Awards

Executive Director Wagoner reported that the committee engaged in a phone conference. An email went out to the recipients letting them know that the committee is working on alternative methods to recognize them.

Old Business

Senate Bill 302 – Stroke Bill - Executive Director Wagoner reported that this continues to be discussed. The DEMS is watching the language as it develops and how to address some of the issues. The DEMS continues to work with the ODPS Legislation representatives, Dan Fitzpatrick and Ben Kimmel.

Ben Kimmel reported to the Executive Director that House Bill 441 has not had any hearings in the past four months and no movement is expected.

Dr. Raubenolt reported that she is receiving inquiries regarding if the Board was giving any consideration in addressing whether the EMS providers to collect nasal swabs for COVID-19 testing. Executive Director Wagoner stated that the collection of any samplings through nasal swabs is outside of the scope of practice. A change to the scope of practice requires educational institutions to provide training. There are also many other concerns. Dr. Raubenolt suggested that in the future the DEMS may want to include this into the scope of practice; specifically for pandemics. Executive Director Wagoner stated that it is a long process to change the scope of practice.

New Business

Nominations

ACTION: Motion to nominate Kent Appelhans for the Chair of the EMFTS Board. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein– Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to nominate Mark Marchetta for the Vice Chair of the EMFTS Board. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein– Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 PM. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams® on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.