



Dudley H.A. Wright II, Chair
Kent Appelhans, Vice Chair

Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director

**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

December 16, 2020

FINAL

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, December 16, 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, Geoff Dutton, 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, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent: Karen Beavers, Susan Kearns, and Dr. Glen Tinkoff

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Johanna Burgess, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Valerie Koker, Eric Mays, Ellen Owens, 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 10:04 a.m.

Mr. Wright welcomed Mr. Geoff Dutton back to the Board. He was reappointed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Absent	Dr. Amy Raubenolt	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz (10:06)	Absent
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Dr. Richard George (arrived 11:25)	Absent	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Absent
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent		

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 October 21, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, the October and November 90-day extension requests, and the October and November EMS certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board minutes of October 21, 2020, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, the October and November 90-day extension requests, and the October and November EMS certifications. Mr. Marchetta – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. DeVore (30327) - 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 10.08 a.m. on December 16, 2020.

Roll Call

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

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

The Board reviewed the following case(s):

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

- EMS Case No. 2020-120-BE100, Walter A. Lash, Certificate No 79752

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- EMS Case No. 2018-540-BE100, Justin M. Bancroft, Certificate No. 174354
- EMS Case No. 2019-121-BE100, Heather Roberts, Certificate No. 175817

- EMS Case No. 2019-232-BE500, Ricardo Galarza Jr., Certificate No. 171515
- EMS Case No. 2020-103-BE100, Richard J. Kordish II, Certificate No. 103156

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

- **EMS Case No. 2020-120-BE100, Walter A. Lash, Certificate No 79752.** Mr. Lash is a certified EMT and active from July 20, 2018 to July 29, 2021. On November 17, 2020 in Franklin County Common Pleas Court, Case No. 20CR2258, he pleaded guilty to and was convicted of attempted unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, an F4, in violation of R.C. 2923.02 and 2907.04. The underlying circumstances of this conviction involve a child between 13 and 16 years of age. With a proposed summary suspension, the Board must determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Lash's continued practice presents immediate and serious harm to the public and that he has pleaded guilty to a felony.
- **EMS Case No. 2018-540-BE100, Justin M. Bancroft, Certificate No. 174354.** Mr. Bancroft is a certified EMT and active from September 13, 2019 to September 13, 2022. On April 3, 2019 in the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, Case no. B1805012, Mr. Bancroft pleaded guilty to and was convicted of two reduced charges of attempted felonious assault, two Felony 3's. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing intending to take action on his certificate on the basis of the felony convictions. The underlying facts were that, without any influence of substances, Mr. Bancroft cause significant damage to outside bystanders, causing two of the men to suffer broken facial bones, necessitating reconstructive surgeries, and severe fractures. This matter went to hearing on February 24, 2020, where he confirmed the pleas and underlying law enforcement reports and the recommendation was to revoke Mr. Bancroft's EMT certificate.
- **EMS Case No. 2019-121-BE100, Heather Roberts, Certificate No. 175817.** Ms. Roberts is a certified EMT and active from January 7, 2020 to January 7, 2023. On August 7, 2019, in Muskingum County Common Pleas court, Case no. CR2019-0187, Ms. Roberts pleaded guilty to and was convicted of aggravated assault. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on the basis of the felony conviction intending to take action on the certificate. Underlying facts involved a domestic dispute where Ms. Roberts allegedly reached for a gun and corkscrew, and caused bruising on her husband when attempting to push him down the stairs. This matter went to hearing on October 2, 2020 where the hearing examiner confirmed the conviction and considered the underlying facts, and ultimately recommended that the Board not impose a revocation, but rather a suspension for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Board.
- **EMS Case No. 2019-232-BE500, Ricardo Galarza Jr., Certificate No. 171515.** Mr. Galarza is not a certified EMT; however, he was previously certified from 2016 to 2018, expired and reapplied on September 5, 2019. The Division of EMS received a tip-off about two things involving Mr. Galarza. The tip stated that Mr. Galarza never completed any continuing education for the prior or new certifications and that he continued to practice and hold himself out as an EMT for 183 calls when he wasn't certified. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on unauthorized practice and failure to maintain continuing education records. The matter went to hearing on January 27, 2019 where the hearing examiner confirmed unauthorized practice and failure to maintain or produce any continuing education records and the recommendation is to revoke the 2016 to 2018 certification and deny the pending September 5, 2019 application.

- **EMS Case No. 2020-103-BE100, Richard J. Kordish II, Certificate No. 103156.** Mr. Kordish is certified as an advanced emergency medical technician, valid from March 28, 2018 to March 28, 2021. On February 13, 2020, in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas court, case no. CR-19-641786-D, pled guilty to 2 counts of drug possession, one count of trafficking, and one count of possessing criminal tools. Mr. Kordish was not convicted, but opted to enter into an intervention in lieu of conviction and participate in a series of drug rehabilitation programs. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on the guilty plea and finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for the felonies. This matter went to hearing on October 27, 2020, where the hearing officer confirmed the pleas and findings of eligibility for intervention. The underlying facts state that Mr. Kordish housed a marijuana grow operation. The hearing officer also heard from Mr. Kordish and his attorney where Mr. Kordish claimed he never saw or smelled the marijuana. Based on facts and evidence, the hearing examiner recommended that the Board revoke Mr. Kordish's certification as an AEMT. Mr. Kordish submitted objections to the Board. He claims that his attorney advised him to lie about partaking in drugs or alcohol so that Mr. Kordish could be found eligible for the intervention in lieu program. During the hearing Mr. Kordish said that he opted to enter the program to avoid a prison sentence, however, now he is telling the Board that he lied to the Court to enter into the program.

Mr. Wright asked if Mr. Bancroft or his attorney were present. No one was present.

Mr. Wright asked if Ms. Roberts or her attorney were present. Ms. Roberts was present and was given the opportunity to speak to the EMFTS Board. Ms. Roberts requested that the Board members take the evidence provided into consideration. She has not been practicing for a year and a half due to this situation. She stated she has gone above and beyond what was asked of her to do. She thanked the Board members for their time and consideration.

Mr. Wright asked if Mr. Galarza or his attorney were present. No one was present.

Mr. Wright asked if Mr. Kordish or his attorney were present. Mr. Kordish was present and was given the opportunity to speak to the EMFTS Board. Mr. Kordish explained he had never had any contact with law enforcement before this incident. He said he is proud of his 15 year career. He requested that the Board reconsider and thanked the Board for allowing him to speak.

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. 2019-283-BE100, John E. Robinson, Certificate No. 174471
- EMS Case No. 2019-400-E100, Beverly Santiago, Certificate No. 172313
- EMS Case No. 2019-445-E100, Charles Baston, Certificate No. 175747
- EMS Case No. 2019-521-BE100, Jack E. Reall, Certificate No. 29359
- EMS Case No. 2020-004-E100, Edward K. O'Daniel, Certificate No. 155943

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 cases into evidence. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

There was no further evidence to come before the Board and the proceedings closed at 10:28 a.m.

ACTION: Motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations. Mr. Ferguson – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Roll Call

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

SUMMARY SUSPENSION MOTION

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2020-120-BE100, Walter A. Lash, Certificate Number 79752, I move that the Board issue an order to summarily suspend Mr. Lash's certificate to practice. There is clear and convincing evidence that Respondent's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and that the certificate holder has pled guilty to Attempted Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, a felony of the fourth degree. The Board order shall include a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4765.112 and Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson- abstained. **Motion approved.**

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION MOTIONS

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-540-BE100, Justin M. Bancroft, Certificate Number 174354, 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. Bancroft's certificate to practice. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Uhl - abstained. **Motion approved.**

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 2019-121-BE100, Heather Roberts, Certificate Number 175817, 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 suspend Ms. Robert's certificate to practice. The suspension shall be for a period of one (1) year, followed by three years of probation. Ms. Roberts, as a stipulation that her probation and on completion of said probation, shall submit a BCI&I check at renewal. Ms. Roberts shall complete all other standard conditions of renewal during the period of probation. The reason for the background check and probation is due to the serious nature of the offenses.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-232-BE500, Ricardo Galarza, Jr., Certificate Number 171515, 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. Galarza's certificate to practice.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2020-103-BE100, Richard J. Kordish II, Certificate Number 103156, 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. Kordish's certificate to practice.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

GOLDMAN MOTIONS

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-283-BE100, John E. Robinson, Certificate Number 174471, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Robinson has been convicted of theft while working as an emergency medical technician, that he failed to report this conviction to the Board, and that Mr. Robinson's certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Appelhans- abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-400-E100, Beverly Santiago, Certificate Number 172313, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Santiago has been convicted of felony Endangering Children, and that Ms. Santiago's certification be permanently revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Rose - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-445-E100, Charles Baston, Certificate Number 175747, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Baston has been convicted of Possession of Heroin and Aggravated Possession of Drugs, both felonies of the fifth degree and that Mr. Baston's certification be permanently revoked.*

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

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-521-BE100, Jack E. Reall, Certificate Number 29359, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Reall has been convicted of Dereliction of Duty while working as a paramedic, that he failed to report this conviction to the Board, and that Mr. Reall's certification be revoked.*

Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2020-004-E100, Edward K. O'Daniel, Certificate Number 155943, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. O'Daniel has been convicted of felony Possession with Intent to Deliver, and that he failed to report his felony and misdemeanor convictions on his renewal applications, and that Mr. O'Daniel's certification be permanently revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations

ACTION: *Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43(A)(2) or 4765.102(B).* Mr. Marchetta – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Absent	Dr. Amy Raubenolt	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Absent	Mr. Mark Resanovich	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	Absent
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

ACTION: Motion to accept the consent agreement for the following certification case.

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

2020-186-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following education case.

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

2019-700-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following Medical Transportation case(s).

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

2020-093-E700

ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Dr. Raubenolt (2020-31-BE100) – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-111-BE100	2020-398-E100
2020-317-BE100	2020-399-BE100
2020-361-E100	2020-535-E100
2020-365-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. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Ferguson (2020-407-BE100) - Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-166-BE500	2020-346-E400 * Refer to Medical Director
2020-167-BE500	2020-372-E100
2020-279-BE500	2020-407-BE100
2020-301-E500	

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.**

2017-562-E300	2019-063-E700
2017-707-E300	2019-166-BE100
2017-794-BE300	2019-338-E700
2018-227-E500	

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.**

2018-349-E300
2020-231-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following case. Individuals/Entities did not meet the requirements of their consent agreement or failed to meet audit requirements prior to surrender or expiration of certification. Re-open if reappears.

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

2017-706-E300

2018-574-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-appears. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2016-218-E100

2017-272-E300

2019-365-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.**

2017-750-E300
 2018-16-E300
 2018-486-E100
 2019-354-BE300
 2019-498-E300
 2019-565-E300
 2019-594-E300
 2019-600-E300
 2019-605-E300
 2019-627-E300

2019-637-E300
 2019-639-E300
 2019-662-E300
 2020-010-E300
 2020-145-BE100
 2020-428-BE100
 2020-435-E300
 2020-440-E100
 2020-543-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.**

2018-448-E300
 2019-396-E300
 2019-611-BE300
 2020-072-E300
 2020-212-BE100
 2020-359-E100
 2020-375-E100
 2020-438-E100
 2020-439-E100

2020-441-BE100
 2020-444-E100
 2020-449-E100
 2020-450-BE100
 2020-451-BE100
 2020-456-BE100
 2020-457-E100
 2020-488-E100
 2020-506-BE500

Report, Dudley Wright

Mr. Wright expressed his appreciation to the EMFTS Board members, committee members, DEMS staff and legal staff for all of their hard work over his tenure as Chair the last two years. It has been a tough year for everyone.

State Medical Director, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham reported that the annual All-Member Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) meeting was held virtually on November 5, 2020. The RPAB Chair meeting was also held virtually on November 5th. The next meeting will be March 10, 2021. Membership is still needed in regions 7 and 8. The tentative date for the Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference will be November 3, 2021.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the RPAB chairpersons did not recommend Matthew Bradley Smith, M.D. for granting his request for a medical director waiver due to failure to meet the eligibility requirements to request a waiver as cited in OAC 4765-3-05(A)(2). He is not currently actively practicing emergency medicine.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to deny the request for a waiver for Matthew Bradley Smith, M.D. due to the failure to meet the eligibility requirements as cited in OAC 4765-3-05(A)(2). Mr. Marchetta– First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham requested a motion for the following reappointments to the RPAB:

Region 1

- Dr. Todd Brookens
- Dr. Valerie Lint

Region 2

- Dr. Jeffrey Luk

Region 3

- Dr. James Brown
- Dr. Andrew Hawk
- Dr. Joshua Klepinger
- Dr. William R. Marriott
- Dr. Jeffrey Robinson
- Dr. Brian Springer

Region 4

- Dr. Paul Zeeb

Region 5

- Dr. Randy Johnson

Region 6

- Dr. Dustin Calhoun
- Dr. Bentley Curry
- Dr. Donald Locasto
- Dr. Edward Otten
- Dr. Nathan Timm

Region 7

- Dr. Brian Barhorst

ACTION: Motion for the Board to reappoint the following members to the Regional Physician Advisory Board: Dr. Todd Brookens, Dr. Valerie Lint, Dr. Jeffrey Luk, Dr. James Brown, Dr. Andrew Hawk, Dr. Joshua Klepinger, Dr. William R. Marriott, Dr. Jeffrey Robinson, Dr. Brian Springer, Dr. Paul Zeeb, Dr. Randy Johnson, Dr. Dustin Calhoun, Dr. Bentley Curry, Dr. Donald Locasto, Dr. Edward Otten, Dr. Nathan Timm, and Dr. Brian Barhorst. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director Wagoner requested a motion for Dr. Carol Cunningham to be reappointed as a member of the Regional Physician Advisory Board.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to reappoint Dr. Carol Cunningham as a member to the Regional Physician Advisory Board. Mr. Marchetta– First. Mr. Resanovich– Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

The State of Ohio Adult EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual has been updated. Dr. Cunningham requested a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve the State of Ohio Adult EMS Guidelines and Procedures manual. Mr. Marchetta– First. Mr. Resanovich– Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dr. Cunningham is in the final stages of drafting an EMS training module for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. It was determined by legal counsel that the EMFTS Board does not need to approve a training module. The Board members were in support of the completion of the training module. If the medical director provides and authorizes the administration of the vaccine, provides a written protocol, and provides the appropriate training the EMS providers can administer vaccines. The training module and associated documents are a resource and completion of the module is not mandatory.

Dr. Cunningham reported that Dr. Jon Krohmer, the director of NHTSA's Office of EMS has requested that state EMS medical directors who elect to get vaccinated for COVID-19 to provide photos of the event to him. Also, photos are especially welcomed of medical directors receiving a vaccine administered by an EMS provider if permitted by the state's EMS scope of practice.. The American Ambulance Association has social media in the works to encourage EMS providers to receive the vaccines. Ms. Rose requested photos to be posted on the website.

The Ohio Department of Health is supportive of revamping the "Be a Part of the Solution" video that was released on March 1st and is posted on the EMS website.

The Ohio Fire Chiefs Association has requested that Dr. Cortez and Dr. Cunningham participate in a COVID-19 webinar on December 30, 2020.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise reported that there are two COVID related pieces of legislation that affect licensing boards.

HB 197 extended the certification deadlines for any certification that was due to expire after March 8th and moved it to December 1st. It also allowed regulatory Boards to meet virtually up through December 1st.

HB 44 was passed last month. It also extended the certification deadline to July 1, 2021 for any certification that expires between March 9, 2020 and April 1, 2021. Also, virtual meetings are allowed through July 1, 2021.

HB 151 lifted the hospital center restrictions off of all EMS providers so now all four certification levels can practice anywhere in the hospital. The scope of practice is the same. The bill requires a designated APRN to provide medical direction when EMS certificate holders are working outside of the emergency department while in the hospital.

The chair and vice chair will be decided later in the meeting and their term begins on January 1, 2021.

Mr. Wise reported that an Administrative Rule states that if there are any regulatory restrictions in a rule; where shall or must, then you must remove 2 regulations, the shall or must, to other rules. The rules being approved have kept the 2 to 1 ratio.

Mr. Wise requested a motion to approve the filing of 4765-2-04 (Public notice of rule adoption, amendment, or rescission.) and 4765-2-05 (Notice of meetings) with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve the filing of Ohio Administrative Code rules 4765-2-04 and 4765-2-05 with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Marchetta– First. Mr. Ferguson– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Mr. Wise reported that Ms. Mowad has been assigned to a different position at the attorney general's office. Mr. Wise and many of the Board members thanked Ms. Mowad and wished her good-luck in her new endeavors.

Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad

Ms. Mowad reported that she will be taking another position within the Attorney General's office. She thanked the EMFTS Board and the Division of EMS.

The only matter pending is the administrative appeal with James Fields. The Division is awaiting the decision of the Court.

Legislative Report, Ben Kimmel

Ben Kimmel was not in attendance. Therefore, Executive Director Wagoner reported on six bills that are moving that Mr. Kimmel provided.

HB 61 - Health provider residential information.

HB 263 - Occupational Licensing Criminal Convictions. There are some concerns with this bill due to the significant risk to the public.

HB 441 - Dementia Training

HB 444 - Changes in township laws and some information that may affect EMS

SB 246- Occupational Licensing that recognizes licensure or satisfactory working experience in another state as a pathway to licensure in Ohio.

SB 302 - EMS and Stroke Patient Protocols. This may have some impact on the Division in the collection of protocols and the writing of guidelines and reference materials in the management of stroke patients in addition to the ability to post within the Division's website.

Ms. Rose stated that with regards to SB 380 on balanced billing EMS was not included until July. Her association testified on the impact the proposed billing will have on all medical transportation companies; both public and private.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Robert Wagoner

Mr. Wagoner thanked the DEMS staff for their continued dedication and teamwork. The Ohio Department of Public Safety received authorization to fill fifteen positions agency-wide. On November 12, 2020, the DEMS submitted a critical needs request with justification to ODPS HR and shortly thereafter the Division of EMS received permission to fill all six (6) positions we requested. The hiring process for all positions is currently in progress.

An "Ohio Legislative Service Commission Survey on Occupations Regulated by the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services" was completed and submitted on November 27, 2020 (117 pgs.). It was misrouted for several months, leaving the DEMS only one month to complete the survey.

An OBM Audit Review of EMS Risk and Controls for access to EMS databases was completed on December 2, 2020. Several opportunities for improvement in closing out decommissioned accounts were identified.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency asked the Division of EMS to assume the role of the coordinating agency for the State Emergency Operations ESF-8 Mass Casualty Plan. A preliminary meeting was held on November 18, 2020 and draft work to update the plan is underway.

A follow-up to the Strauss Commission in which any changes to Board policy and procedure, as well as related staff functions was submitted on December 4, 2020 as requested. The Division of EMS noted that all the DEMS investigators have now completed trauma-related training for issues concerning victims of abuse or other wrongdoing. The DEMS investigations software was updated to include a new report tracker for sexual misconduct cases.

The EMFTS Board's proposed legislation that would require a criminal background check with RapBack for all Division of EMS licensees was unfortunately not enacted by the General Assembly in 2019.

Mr. Wagoner congratulated all of Ohio EMS agencies. On Monday he received notification from the National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) that Ohio earned the distinction of producing the greatest total number of voluntary responses to the opioid overdose survey of EMS agencies over the past 3 months (82/1148 or 7.14% of the total responses). The Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) partnered with NASEMSO on this CDC-funded project to collect and compile information about the innovative ways EMS agencies are responding to opioid overdoses in the field. The next step is for ASTHO researchers to analyze the data collected and present it via webinar sometime in the first half of 2021.

COVID-19 Activity

Governor DeWine has delayed Ohio's plans to resume in-person work at state-owned facilities that was to be phased in beginning in January. The Division will continue to work virtually until further notice.

House Bill 404 extends the extended deadlines and licensure expiration dates under HB 197 that sunset on Dec. 1, 2020. Now, deadlines and licensure expiration dates that occurred between March 9, 2020 through April 1, 2021, are extended until July 1, 2021.

Executive Director Wagoner represented the Division of EMS and participated in the first meeting of the ODH COVID-19 Vaccinations Priority Populations Workgroup on December 9, 2020.

Within the past week the Division of EMS refreshed the unaffiliated EMS provider survey originally completed in May for ODH. We will then verify certification status for all respondents within the week.

The DEMS Staff remains engaged with the State EOC ESF-8 Public Health, participation in zone calls, and ESF-8 partner calls. In particular, we have reported a noticeable increase in minimum staffing requests from EMS and transporting agencies within the past week for the first time in this pandemic.

EMFTS Board Points of Interest

Seven (7) Board seats expired on 11/12/2020. We are still awaiting notification while the seats remained filled by the incumbents for up to 60 days following expiration.

Eight Board members still need to complete the mandatory Ethics Training by Dec. 30, 2020. Please complete the mandatory training and forward your completion verification to Valerie as soon as possible. Executive Director Wagoner reminded the Board members to “save the date” for February 9 – 11, 2021 for the first virtual EMFTS Board Retreat. Topics will need to be developed that needs discussion, to craft an agenda and set the virtual schedule.

GRANTS, Johanna Burgess

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

SFY 2020-2021

Priority One – 1358 requests processed for a total of \$878,277.07

Supplemental Grant – 2 of 3 awards have been processed for a total of \$50,570.68

COVID-19 PPE Reimbursement Grant – 103 agencies awarded for a total of \$131,749.55

- The 2020-2021 grant cycle will close in a little over 15 days. The DEMS staff will begin sending notifications to remind grantees to spend their grant dollars and submit their requests for reimbursement. Agencies will have until January 31, 2021 to submit invoices.
- Items requested to be added to the equipment list includes ultraviolet or ionization style decontamination equipment.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve adding ultraviolet, electrostatic, and ionization style decontamination units to the equipment list. Mr. Appelhans– First. Mr. Marchetta– Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS Exemption Requests, Ellen Owens

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

Education, James Burke

Mr. Burke reported that the EMS education staff continues to work with all the schools in Ohio. As of now there have not been any classes or schools that has stopped completely.

Mr. Burke thanked his staff and the Board for helping these schools during this difficult time.

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

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

Mr. Marchetta – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (250114 and 253315) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation applications for October, November and December 2020 new services. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve medical transportation applications for October, November and December 2020 for new ambulance services, ambulance services and air medical; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Marchetta – First. Dr. Schwartz - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the Trauma Committee meeting was held virtually on November 4, 2020. There was a quorum.

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 are being created. One will have a global focus and the other one will have a focus on rural areas.

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 2019 Ohio Trauma Registry Annual Report was included in the Board packet and Ms. Simon requested a motion to approve the report.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve the 2019 Ohio Trauma Registry Annual Report.

Ms. Martin – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee met virtually on December 15, 2020 and there was a quorum.

The Education Committee has several workgroups that have been adversely affected by COVID-19 and have not met.

The Instructor I and II updates are being completed. The EMT and EMR Psychomotor skill evaluation manual is being updated. Mr. Burke reported that the workgroups are working on these for the new standards. The workgroup is looking at over 30 rules to be modified or change for this to happen. The idea is to align EMS with fire to streamline the process. The workgroup is also looking into grandfathering Instructors as a pathway for an instructor to get to another level.

Mr. Snyder reported that they had a request for the approval for a specific training from a specific training group. Mr. Steven Click, the first responder liaison to the Ohio Mental Health and Addition Services presented a program called Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) that is a national evidence based program which provides education, prevention and awareness for suicide issues. The course is a 2 hour training program. The committee is still concerned with the concept that individual entities are coming for approval for specific programs. The committee had a long discussion. The consensus was to add these training links to the EMS website as a resource for first responders.

EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz reported that they held a meeting via Microsoft Teams® on December 15, 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. Ohio EMSC has received 41 applications that are currently under review. The offer has been expanded to include all Ohio EMS agencies that choose to register a PECC on the new secure website. New applications for training equipment have already been received as a result. The deadline for new applications is December 31st.

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 summer 2021. More details on both surveys will be provided as it becomes available.

Other Activities

The Ohio EMSC Committee has forwarded the draft State of Ohio EMS Pediatric Guidelines and Procedures Manual to the EMFTS Board for review.

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

EMS System Development, Herb de la Porte

Mr. de la Porte was not in attendance; therefore, there was not a report.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the subcommittee met on December 4, 2020.

Mr. Resanovich stated that the Homeland Security Subcommittee put together a recommendation and guideline as a quick reference as to what would need to be done during a pandemic. Staffing issues, capacity issues and other measures. The subcommittee requested that a public safety announcement to go out regarding when to call 911. Some EMS agencies have developed protocols for transport and non-transport. Links are included for Ohio and from the Federal government. The mental health of the providers needs to be recognized during this time. Some of the programs are local and some are statewide. The subcommittee would like to offer this to the Executive Director to place on the EMS website as a resource and be sent via gov delivery.

EMS Rural Subcommittee, Herb de la Porte

Mr. de la Porte was not in attendance; therefore, there was not a report.

Medical Oversight Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee has not met. Mr. Dutton has returned to the Board and has agreed to chair the Medical Oversight Committee.

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 has not met; therefore, there is not a report.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose

Ms. Rose reported that the committee has not met; therefore, there is not a report.

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 has not met due to the surge of COVID-19. The DEMS is hopeful that the awards ceremony can be held in the fall of 2021.

Old Business ~ none

New Business

Mr. Wright reported that he would like to reauthorize all of the existing committees, subcommittees, and ad hoc committees. All of the liaisons, chairs, and vice chairs will remain on all the committees with the exception of Mr. Dutton being the chair of the Medical Oversight Committee.

Data Use Agreement

Mr. Mays reported that a summary of the data use agreement had been sent to the EMFTS Board members in the Board packet. The request is from Priti Parikh, PhD at the Wright State University. The two requests are for the same researcher; one request for data from EMSIRS and one request for data from the Trauma Registry. They will link data from two different data sources. These researchers are recipients of one of the EMS grants. They are requesting the release of addresses of provider agency and potentially the recipients of care. The names of patients will not be disclosed. Mr. Ferguson has concerns with providing addresses. Mr. Mays stated that the address of the EMS agency address would be provided because they are researching the time and distance that it took the agency to get to the incident and from the incident to the trauma facility. They are linking the continuum of care and the outcome of the trauma event. The results will be presented in aggregate and will not name specific agencies, patients, or hospitals.

ACTION: Motion to approve the data use agreements from Dr. Priti Parikh at the Wright State University. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. de la Porte– Second. Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Resanovich and Mr. Snyder - opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Appelhans was nominated at the October Board meeting. The floor was open for additional nominations for the chair position. There were no additional nominations.

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

Mr. Marchetta was nominated at the October Board meeting. The floor was open for additional nominations for vice chair. There were no additional nominations.

ACTION: Motion to close nominations for the vice chair of the EMFTS Board. Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Jenkins– Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to nominate Kent Appelhans for the chair and Mark Marchetta for the vice chair of the EMFTS Board. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. Mr. Appelhans and Mr. Marchetta - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Wright stated that the term will be for one year beginning January 1, 2021.

RPAB Membership

Dr. Cunningham requested a motion to reappoint the following members to the Regional Physicians Advisory Board; Dr. David Lindstrom and Dr. Thomas Krzmarzick.

ACTION: Motion to approve and reappoint Dr. David Linstrom and Dr. Thomas Krzmarzick to the Regional Physicians Advisory Board. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Marchetta– 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 Thursday, February 11, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.