



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

**MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2019
~FINAL~**

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, June 19, 2019, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference room 1106, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Herb de la Porte, Geoff Dutton, Patrick Ferguson, Dr. Richard George, Deanna Harris, Ruda Jenkins, Mark Resanovich, Julie Rose, George Snyder, Dr. Glen Tinkoff, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent: Karen Beavers, David DeVore, Susan Kearns, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, and Jason Walsh

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Ellen Owens, Kris Patalita, Bryan Reardon, Joseph Stack, Rob Wagoner Patrick Williams, and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Lidia Mowad

Public Present: Diane Simon

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:18 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. David DeVore	Absent	Mr. George B. Snyder	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
Dr. Richard George	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (Chair)	Present

Open Forum

Mr. Wright inquired if there were any guests who would like to address the Board. No guests were present.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the May 22, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, the April 17, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, the Certificates of Accreditation, the April 90-Day Extension Requests, the May 90-Day Extension Requests, the April 2019 EMS Certifications and the May 2019 EMS Certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the April 17, 2019 and May 22, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes the Certificates of Accreditation, the April 90-Day Extension Requests, the May 90-Day Extension Requests, the April 2019 EMS Certifications and the May 2019 EMS Certifications. Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (Certifications 1085 and 1377) - abstained. Motion approved.

Summary Suspension and Report and Recommendations

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 10:20 a.m. on June 19, 2019 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. David DeVore	Absent	Mr. George B. Snyder	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
Dr. Richard George	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (Chair)	Present

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

EMS Report and Recommendations

- **EMS Case No. 2018-474-E100, Kimberly D. Bethel, Certification No. 12105**

Mr. Wright recognized Assistant Attorney General Lidia C. Mowad for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and the recommendation for disciplinary action.

EMS Report and Recommendation Synopsis, Ms. Mowad

- **EMS Case No. 2018-474-E100, Kimberly D. Bethel, Certification No. 12105.**
Ms. Bethel was certified as a paramedic. She submitted a renewal application without disclosing pending felony charges and later convictions for theft. She failed to notify the Division of EMS as required. Ms. Bethel stole funds in the amount of \$5,300 while she served as the Treasurer of the Ross County Fire and Rescue Association. The EMFTS Board issued a notice to revoke Ms. Bethel's certification on this basis. A hearing was held on April 22, 2019 and the Hearing Examiner recommended that the Board revoke Ms. Bethel's certification.

EMS 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. 2015-680-BE100, Chester R. Poplin, Certificate No. 23620
EMS Case No. 2017-18-BE100, Thomas G. Gulch, Certificate No. 132606
EMS Case No. 2017-614-E300, Kevin L. Carver, Certificate No. 29409
EMS Case No. 2017-716-E300, Jason E. Coss, Certificate No. 67902
EMS Case No. 2018-164-E500, Jeremy T. Fetters, Certificate No. 171964

Mr. Wright recognized Assistant Attorney General Lidia C. Mowad for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and the recommendation for disciplinary action.

EMS Goldmans Synopsis, Ms. Mowad

- **EMS Case No. 2015-680-BE100, Chester R. Poplin, Certificate No. 23620.**
Mr. Poplin was certified as an EMT and on his renewal application of December 18, 2017 he failed to disclose any convictions. It was discovered that he was convicted in Franklin County Municipal Court for Vehicle Manslaughter. Part of the sentence included that respondents firefighter and EMT certifications would be revoked. A Notice for Opportunity of Hearing was issued on February 14, 2019. Mr. Poplin did not request a hearing. The recommendation is revocation of his EMT certificate.
- **EMS Case No. 2017-18-BE100, Thomas G. Gulch, Certificate No. 132606.**
Mr. Gulch was certified as a paramedic and EMS Instructor. It was discovered that he was found guilty for disorderly conduct with persistence which was pled down from sexual imposition for inappropriately touching a female co-worker. The conviction was never disclosed to the Division of EMS. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued on February 14, 2019. Mr. Gulch did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Gulch's certifications as a paramedic and EMS Instructor.

- **EMS Case No. 2017-614-E300, Kevin L. Carver, Certificate No. 29409.**
Mr. Carver was certified as an EMT. He submitted a renewal application on April 14, 2017 and attested that he completed all continuing education requirements. An audit letter was sent to Mr. Carver. He submitted the completed audit form and letter certifying refresher course. Investigations Section requested certificate of completion; however, there was no response. A Notice for Opportunity of a Hearing was issued on August 15, 2018. Mr. Carver did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Carver's EMT certification.
- **EMS Case No. 2017-716-E300, Jason E. Coss, Certificate No. 67902.**
Mr. Coss was certified as a continuing education instructor. He submitted a renewal application on June 30, 2017 and attested that he completed the required number of continuing education hours. Upon an audit he was deficient in two methodology continuing education credits. A deficiency letter was sent, to which he did not respond. He was contacted with options to resolve the issue. Mr. Coss, via telephone, elected to surrender his certification and was advised that he had to submit that election in writing; however, he never did. The day after the telephone conversation he provided proof of completion for two courses, however, the dates fell outside of the audit period. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued and he did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke the continuing education Instructor certificate.
- **EMS Case No. 2018-164-E500, Jeremy T. Feters, Certificate No. 171964.**
Mr. Feters was certified as an EMT. The Division discovered that he had a conviction in Champaign County Municipal Court for vehicular homicide. He was given a 3-year suspension of driving privileges. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued and Mr. Feters did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Fetter's EMT certificate.

Having heard AAG Mowad's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, 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. de la Porte – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. Wright requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). Mr. de la Porte– First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

EMS Report and Recommendation Motion

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-474-E100, Kimberly D. Bethel, Certificate Number 12105, 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 Ms. Bethel's certificate to practice.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS Goldman Motions

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-614-E300, Kevin L. Carver, Certificate Number 29409, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Carver failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Carver's certification be revoked.* Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-716-E300, Jason E. Coss, Certificate Number 67902, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Coss failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Coss's certification be revoked.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-164-E500, Jeremy T. Fetters, Certificate Number 171964, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Fetters has been convicted of Vehicular Homicide, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice, and failed to report the conviction to the Division of EMS, and that Mr. Fetters's certification be revoked.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-18-BE100, Thomas G. Gulch, Certificate Number 132606, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Gulch has been convicted of Disorderly Conduct, and failed to report the conviction to the Division of EMS, and that Mr. Gulch's certifications be revoked.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-680-BE100, Chester R. Poplin, Certificate Number 23620, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Poplin has been convicted of Vehicular Homicide, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice, and failed to report the conviction to the Division of EMS, and that Mr. Poplin's certification be revoked.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS Investigations

ACTION: Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B). Mr. Uhl – First. Ms. Rose – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V. Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Mr. David DeVore	Absent	Mr. George B.Snyder	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Present
Dr. Richard George	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II (Chair)	Present

ACTION: Motion to close the following Medical Transportation cases. Ms. Harris – First. – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. de la Porte – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved**

2017-724-E400 <i>Refer to local Medical Director & federal Inspector General</i> 2018-53-E700 2018-152-E500 2018-153-E500	2018-212-E400 <i>Refer to local Medical Director</i> 2018-213-E400 <i>Refer to local Medical Director</i> 2018-219-E400
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ACTION: Motion to issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the following Medical Transportation case(s): Ms. Harris – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved**

2018-227-E500	2019-063-E700
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ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement(s): Ms. Harris – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Uhl (2017-794-BE500) – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2016-461-E300	2018-364-E300	2018-652-E100	2019-139-E300
2017-706-E300	2018-365-E300	2018-679-E300	2019-140-E300
2017-794-BE500 *Uhl to abstain	2018-428-BE100	2018-696-BE100	2019-142-E300
2018-058-E300	2018-429-E300	2018-724-E300	2019-148-E300
2018-101-BE100	2018-471-E300	2019-029-E300	2019-149-E300
2018-214-BE100	2018-528-E300	2019-030-E300	2019-164-E300
2018-254-BE100	2018-574-E300		2019-169-E100
2018-265-E300			

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Ferguson (2018-26-E400 and 2018-93-E400), and Mr. Uhl (2018-396-E400) – Abstained. **Motion approved.**

2018-26-E400 *Ferguson to Abstain; Refer to department & Medical Director	2018-248-E500	2019-113-E400 Refer to local Medical Director
2018-55-E400 Refer to local Medical Director	2018-396-E400 *Uhl to Abstain	2019-152-B400 Refer to local Medical Director
2018-93-E400 *Ferguson to Abstain; Refer to department & Medical Director	2018-559-E400 Refer to local Medical Director	2019-160-E400 Refer to local Medical Director
2018-133-BE100 Re-open if Re-applies	2019-041-E400 Issue Warning Letter	

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

2011-867-E300	2016-475-E300	2016-702-E300
2016-137-E100	2016-499-E300	2017-795-E400
2016-353-E300	2016-583-E300	2018-138-E500
2016-381-E300	2016-587-E300	2018-628-E100
2016-387-E300	2016-634-E300	2019-020-E500

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The Board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies: Ms. Harris – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Snyder – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-358-E300	2018-352-E300	2019-136-E300	2019-162-E300
2017-549-E300	2018-398-E300	2019-137-E300	2019-200-E300
2017-622-E300	2019-134-E300	2019-145-E300	2019-201-E300
2017-631-E300	2019-135-E300	2019-153-E300	2019-222-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following case(s). The individuals/entities did not meet the requirements of their consent agreement prior to certification surrender or certification expiration. Re-open if re-applies. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Snyder – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2016-107-E100	2016-707-E300
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ACTION: Motion to close the following case due to individuals not providing the required documentation to process their applications. Therefore, their application was rendered incomplete. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Snyder – abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-156-E100

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

2017-670-BE100	2018-505-BE300	2018-632-E300	2019-023-E100
2018-144-E300	2018-532-E300	2018-665-E300	2019-031-E300
2018-296-E500	2018-534-E300	2018-666-E300	2019-039-E300
2018-356-E300	2018-535-E300	2018-673-E300	2019-087-E400
2018-366-E300	2018-594-E300	2018-709-E300	2019-103-E300
2018-367-E300	2018-608-E300	2019-002-E300	2019-171-E400
2018-379-E300	2018-614-BE100	2019-021-E300	
2018-406-E300			

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. Ms. Harris – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Snyder– Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2005-26-308	2018-314-E100	2019-074-BE100	2019-192-E100
2017-126-E400	2018-389-E500	2019-109-E100	2019-197-E100
2017-226-E500	2018-483-BE100	2019-115-BE100	2019-207-E100
2017-227-E500	2018-491-BE100	2019-118-BE100	2019-209-E100
2017-444-E500	2018-533-E300	2019-127-E100	2019-224-BE100
2018-29-E100	2018-613-BE100	2019-156-BE100	2019-225-BE100
2018-61-E400	2018-653-BE100	2019-161-BE100	2019-227-E100
2018-163-E500	2018-672-BE100	2019-165-BE100	2019-230-E100
2018-201-BE100	2019-007-E100	2019-174-BE100	2019-236-BE100
2018-233-E300	2019-022-BE100	2019-185-E100	2019-247-E500
2018-248-E500	2019-067-BE100	2019-190-E100	2019-255-BE100
2018-262-BE100	2019-068-E100	2019-191-BE100	2019-357-E400

EMFTS Board Chair’s Report, Dudley Wright

Mr. Wright expressed his appreciation for the success of the EMS Star of Life Awards to the Division of EMS staff, Ms. Koker, and Dr. Tallman.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham reported that the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) Region 8 still has a need for membership. The RPAB Chairperson meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Several committees were working on the proposed language for the transport of pediatric patients. Under current rules the transport of a patient on a ventilator of 16 years and older required a paramedic. Transport of non-emergent transport of pediatric patients utilizing ventilators currently requires a mobile intensive care unit, and this is not an ideal due to the limited resource with is often not available in rural areas. Dr. Cunningham requested that a motion to amend the scope of practice to authorize the non-emergency transport of a patient with a tracheostomy tube who utilizes a ventilator to be transported provided the patients caregiver accompanies the patient during transport.

ACTION: Motion to amend Ohio Administrative Code 4765-17-03 paramedic scope of practice to include non-emergent transport of a patient with a tracheostomy tube who utilizes a ventilator to be transported provided the patients caregiver accompanies the patient during transport..
Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The 2019 Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference is scheduled for November 13, 2019 at the Ohio Department of Transportation auditorium. Dr. Cunningham requested approval of the proposed content agenda. Ms. Harris made suggestions for additional speakers and subjects to include Joel Dickinson, Dr. Thomas Charlton, First Net® and community mobile integrated healthcare.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise reported that there were two motions to be brought forward.

ACTION: Motion to approve the final filing for Rule 4765-4-03 (Required reporting) of the Administrative Code pending the end of JCARR's jurisdiction on July 14, 2019.
Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Wise reported that a request was received from Ohio State to release EMSIRS related data to other research databases. The research involves a grant from a national institute on drug abuse received from Ohio State. The purpose relates to an opioid study. The research will evaluate the effectiveness of an integrated set of prevention treatment and recovery programs implemented in 19 urban and rural counties in the state. Mr. Wise requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the transfer of EMSIRS data in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 4765.06 to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services for use in the Optimizing Healing in Ohio Communities study led by the Ohio State University. Mr. Resanovich – First.
Mr. de la Porte – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Resanovich inquired if closed cases could be disclosed as a list to the Board. The Board can reject the recommendation of Case Review. There is no need to go through each case when there is not a criminal conviction, violation of scope of practice or the case is referred to medical director. Mr. Wise said that the slides could be sent prior to the Board meeting for review by the members.

ACTION: Motion to approve the cases closed by Case Review be provided to the EMFTS Board members in advance of the meeting for their consideration to streamline the Board meeting. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad

Ms. Mowad reported that there are two pending matters; Mr. Hackworth and Mr. Coyle. Mr. Hackworth's matter has been active for 6 months. Ms. Mowad stated that she filed a motion to dismiss in the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court and then Mr. Coyle filed a voluntary withdrawal.

Legislative Report, Dan Fitzpatrick

Mr. Fitzpatrick was unable to attend; therefore, Director House presented the legislative report.

The Senate is moving the operating budget bill forward.

ODPS legislative affairs are monitoring Senate Bill 7 – Temporary Occupational License for Active Military and spouses. If an individual moves to Ohio from another state and already holds a valid license from another state, this person would be issued a temporary license for three years. This bill passed the Senate unanimously.

The background checks passed the House and an amendment by the Senate was successful. Research was completed and found that twenty out of twenty-one states require background checks.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House

Executive Director House reported that Aaron Jennings resigned from the EMFTS Board due to a change in his work status. The letter requesting nominations has been sent to the Ohio EMS Chiefs Association to fill this seat.

The Division of EMS Staff vacancies and new positions:

- *Program Administrator 2 - Education Coordinator*, Ted Kienzle will start June 24, 2019.
- *Program Administrator 2 - Medical Transportation*, Stephanie Ferguson started on April 29, 2019. Mr. Fiffick introduced Ms. Ferguson who has been working in Public Safety for 10 years.
- *Administrative Professional 2 – Education*, Aria Sovann starts on July 8, 2019.

Last summer the Division of EMS applied for the National Rural EMS and Care Conference sponsored by the Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care that includes the National Organization State Office of Rural Health, the National Association of State EMS Officials, the National Rural Health Association and the National Rural Health Resource Center. The Division of EMS has been selected to host the 2020 National Rural EMS and Care Conference, a two-day conference with approximately 150 to 200 attendees. There have been some issues with funding; therefore, we are waiting for additional information.

EMSIRS Project, Deputy Director Rob Wagoner

Mr. Wagoner reported that compliance from the National EMS Incident System database (NEMSIS) for certification of the developed server to accept the submitted data was completed this week and the DEMS are about two-thirds through this process. It is expected that within the next two weeks, the DEMS will be in complete compliance.

The DEMS are in the process of developing dashboards for agencies, medical directors and others who may need access to bits and pieces of data from EMSIRS. Mr. Wagoner, Mr. Mays, and Dr. Cunningham met to discuss the needs of medical directors and others.

Executive Director, Melvin House

The 2019 American Heart Association Mission Lifeline Awards winners were announced, and this award recognizes EMS organizations as it relates to STEMI, stroke, and cardiac arrest. For several years Ohio has come in second with Pennsylvania being number one. This year Ohio was number one.

A conference call with the State Board of Pharmacy was held on April 30, 2019. The issues discussed were:

- The medical director's social security number and date of birth on the application issue with respect to the applications being stored at the agencies

- Narcan® protocol with medical director's name on the Narcan® boxes
- Mutual aid calls and the requirement of a wet signature of the drug provider
- Community paramedicine non-emergency drug administration license

Executive Director said the conference call went well and the Board of Pharmacy is very receptive to discussions regarding EMS agencies and providers. They would like to understand mobile integrated healthcare as it relates to administration of drugs in a non-emergency situation and they are working with Dr. Paul Zeeb.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the State Board of Pharmacy made a change on June 13, 2019 regarding mutual aid calls; therefore, they are receptive to the Board's concerns. The notice from the Board of Pharmacy that includes the changes will be sent to the EMFTS Board members.

EMS Exemption Requests, Jean Booze

Jean Booze reported that there was one military exemption request; 2019-06-02. Military documentation was received. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military exemption request of 2019-06-02 due to being on active military duty. Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Jean Booze reported that there were two voluntary surrender requests. Amy N. Lisky, certification number 148466, requested to voluntarily surrender her EMT certification as she is no longer practicing in EMS field. Jeffrey C. Leimbach, certification number 68401, requested to voluntarily surrender his EMT certification as he is retired. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the voluntary surrender requests from Amy N. Liskey, certification #148466 and Jeffrey C. Leimbach, certification #68401. Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. Mr. Uhl (Jeffrey Leimbach) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education, James Burke

Mr. Burke requested approval for the certificates of accreditation to include two initial accreditations and two accreditation renewals. Staff is recommending approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Certificates of Accreditation. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Burke requested approval of the Certificate of Approvals for continuing education for 5 initial approvals, 29 renewals and 4 expired or relinquished programs. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Certificate of Approvals. Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. abstained. **Motion approved.**

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of April, May, June, and July 2019. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of April, May, June and July 2019; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (CEMS of Ohio) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation applications for 7 new ambulette services and 1 ambulance service. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve medical transportation applications for 7 new ambulette services and 1 ambulance service.; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Snyder - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of new satellite locations for 5 ambulette and 9 ambulance services. Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation new satellite locations for 5 ambulette and 9 ambulance services. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. Mr. de la Porte (Life Care Ambulance) - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Grants, Johanna Burgess

Ms. Burgess distributed documents for the 2019-2020 EMS Priority One Grant Recommendations, the Ohio EMS Supplemental Grant Recommendations and the Priority 2-5 RFP Research Proposal Recommendations to the Board members. Mr. Wise stated that the members should review the *list and abstain accordingly.*

ACTION: Motion to approve the SFY 2019-2020 EMS Priority One Grant Recommendations, the SFY 2019-2020 Ohio EMS Supplemental Grant Recommendations and the SFY 2019-2020 Priority 2-5 RFP Research Proposal Recommendations. Dr. Tinkoff – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. Mr. de la Porte (LifeCare Ambulance), Mr. Wright (Monroe Twp. Vol Fire), Mr. Resanovich (Greentown Fire), Mr. Appelhans (Pemberville-Freedom Fire and Hanco EMS), Mr. Ferguson (Columbus Fire), Mr. Snyder (Kinsman Vol Fire, Orangeville Vol Fire, Burghill-Vernon Vol Fire and Johnston Twp Fire) and Mr. Uhl (Cincinnati Fire) - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Burgess requested a motion to add the qualitative fit test kit and the lifting cushion be added to the training and equipment list. Agencies have been requesting that these be added to the list.

It was noted that the EMFTS Board cannot recommend or endorse any specific name brands or vendors.

ACTION: Motion to approve the qualitative fit test kit and the lifting cushion be added to the training and equipment list. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. None - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Board Committee Reports

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the committee met on May 8, 2019 and they had quorum. The Trauma Committee is completing a grant regarding trauma education of EMT's, nurses, and physicians. A survey will soon be released those individual disciplines to gather data of where the education lies and any gaps that may exist.

The data submission has changed the formatting and last minute changes have been requested which has put the software vendors at a disadvantage. Hospitals were requesting extensions and it was soon realized that hospitals would not be able to meet that deadline. The new deadline for the first and second quarter submissions will now be on the due date of the second quarter.

Ms. Simon reported that there is a need for pre-hospital information at patient arrival. Some hospitals get the information quickly and some receive it two days later. There is some critical information that the physician needs to be aware of to give the best patient care. Ms. Simon is requesting a motion to identify a committee to take on this task. A discussion ensued as to which committee would be best suited for this study.

A study is being created to look at run sheet availability upon arrival to the hospital. The doctors rely on this information and it is important to have better communication.

ACTION: Motion to approve that the Medical Oversight Committee will complete a study to investigate and gather information regarding the issues surrounding the issue of the hospital receiving the pre-hospital information run sheets upon patient arrival to the emergency room.
Dr. George – First. Dr. Tinkoff – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The next Trauma Committee meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2019.

EMS Children Committee, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz was not in attendance; therefore, Joe Stack gave a report. The EMS-C committee met on June 18, 2019 and there was a quorum.

The Ohio PECC Learning Collaborative State Team held a conference call on June 6th to plan future actions to continue to promote PECC to Ohio EMS agencies. Discussion included ideas for regionalizing several aspects of the PECC project and recording interviews with current PECCs for submission to HRSA and for use in a webinar. The next conference call is scheduled for July 11th, and a face-to-face meeting is scheduled for August 6th.

Joe Stack gave a presentation on the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) project to the Ashtabula County EMS Council on May 2nd, and the Northeast Ohio Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) on June 7th.

The Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition met on June 12th, and worked on issues related to the Pediatric Champion project. A survey of emergency departments will be distributed in July through the Regional Hospital Coordinators. The next meeting will be on September 17th.

The Ohio EMSC Committee is reviewing the current 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. All workgroups have submitted their drafts

to Dr. Schwartz and he will have a comprehensive draft for review to the Committee in the next week or two.

Joe Stack and Dr. Schwartz are working with the Ohio Department of Health to update the Emergency Guidelines for Schools document to best ensure that accurate guidance is provided to school nurses and staff in responding to emergency situations in their schools. Conference calls were held April 30th, May 14th, and June 4th; the next call is scheduled for June 25th.

Joe Stack attended the Ohio EMS Conference on May 20th and 21st at the Greater Columbus Convention Center where he, along with other staff member distribute information about Ohio EMSC and the Ohio Division of EMS.

The next meeting has been rescheduled. It will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on August 13, 2019.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris stated that the committee met on May 3, 2019. The June meeting was cancelled.

Ms. Harris motioned that Mr. David Gerstner be named the Chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee.

ACTION: Motion to appoint David Gerstner as Chair to the Homeland Security Subcommittee.
Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Harris motioned that Christopher Kyer be appointed to the Homeland Security Subcommittee.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Christopher Kyer to the Homeland Security Subcommittee.
Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on July 12, 2019.

EMS System Development, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris reported that the committee met on June 18, 2019.

Ms. Harris motioned that Chad Magrum and Royce Goodpaster be appointed to the EMS System Development Committee and appoint current member Vince Gildone as Chair as Ms. Harris steps down as Chair.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Chad Magrum and Royce Goodpaster to the EMS System Development Committee and to appoint current member Vincent Gildone as Chair of the EMS System Development Committee. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The committee discussed the crash reports that were presented at the EMFTS Board Retreat. Deputy Director Wagoner and Sue Morris presented at NASEMSO and provided a poster presentation which was well received. Ohio has a unique opportunity due to the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Division of EMS being under the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Other states are interested in completing their own crash data. Additional work is being completed to break the data down by counties and zip code. They were asked to present the *Public Safety Services Crash Involvement* at the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals conference on August 4th in Austin, Texas. The crash data will be presented by Sue Morris.

The EMFTS Board viewed the Ving Online Training informational video. Everyone learns differently and today it is about short bursts of video, minimal tasks and relevant information. If you are full-time or part-time it is easy to train in a short period of time.

The second video was produced using Ving utilizing the crash data regarding how to assure safe distance when driving an ambulance. Ms. Harris stated that this was for informational purposes for possible use in the future.

The committee was tasked with funding for non-emergency medical services. A letter is being sent to the EMS chiefs and vendors on how important it is to turn on the fields to capture non-transport data. This data will be collected and the data can be used in many different ways to make determinations of burden on vehicles and providers in providing non-emergency transports.

Mr. de la Porte reported that he is still researching information on the Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model and cautioned that one cannot believe everything that is on the internet. The ET3 Model says that it will provide greater flexibility to ambulance care teams to address emergency health care needs of Medicare beneficiaries following a 911 call. He will continue his research and report to the committee.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on August 20, 2019.

EMS Rural Committee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers was not in attendance; therefore, Ms. Harris reported that the committee met June 18, 2019 and there was a quorum.

Ms. Harris reported that the committee members created a list of possible speakers and topics for the Ohio EMS Medical Director's Conference.

The committee is also planning for the National Rural EMS and Care conference to be held in April 2020 in Columbus, Ohio. DEMS staff is awaiting additional information from the conference organizers.

Ms. Harris made a motion to accept the resignation of Karen Beavers as Chair; however, she will remain on the committee, to accept the resignation of Deanna Harris as Vice Chair and from the committee, to appoint Herb de la Porte to the committee, to appoint Eric Burns as Chair, to appoint Vincent Gildone as Vice Chair to the EMS Rural Committee.

ACTION: Motion to accept the resignation of Karen Beavers as Chair; however, she will remain on the committee, to accept the resignation of Deanna Harris as Vice Chair and from the committee, to appoint Herb de la Porte to the committee, to appoint Eric Burns as Chair and appoint Vincent Gildone as Vice Chair to the EMS Rural Committee. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder– Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve that the EMS Rural Committee expand from 15 members to 16 members.

ACTION: Motion to approve the EMS Rural Committee be allowed to expand from 15 members to 16 members. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder– Second. Mr. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Ms. Harris made a motion to appoint Royce Goodpaster to the EMS Rural Committee.

ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Royce Goodpaster to the EMS Rural Committee. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Uhl– Second. Mr. Resanovich abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on August 20, 2019.

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee met on June 18, 2019 and there was not a quorum.

A survey was sent out to all of the program directors in reference to the ultrasound assisted IV insertion. Whenever an item is added into the scope of practice it affects the institutions. Many of the questions on the survey inquired how this addition would affect their hours or affect their finances. The survey results demonstrate that this will have an impact on schools. The committee had robust discussions regarding these matters. The recommendation is that the Board have a process of adding items to the scope of practice or to the rules. It was suggested that there be a checklist. The current rule says that those items added to the scope of practice would be required to be taught by the schools. A discussion ensued and it was decided that the rules need to be changed.

The Quality Continuing Education workgroup is looking into doing more online continuing education refreshers and completing the skills at an accreditation site. Ideas include cross training with law enforcement in respect to the Rescue Task Forces.

Mr. Burke reported that the National Registry is offering early practical skills testing for advanced and paramedic levels. The Division will continue to gather data and information regarding this issue. It was noted that the program directors need to be given advance notice if there is a change based on the data and information collected.

ACTION: Motion to approve the early practical skills testing for advanced and paramedic levels that is currently being utilized and to notify the schools that this may change January 1, 2020.

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

Thomas Beers from Cleveland Clinic presented the lack of awareness about human trafficking in the state of Ohio. He has a training module prepared in hopes it can be added to the ODPS Training Campus as continuing education. If Ohio responders are unaware of human trafficking signs, the problem will continue to grow.

Mr. Snyder requested approval for the letter to CAPCE that was included in the Board packet in regards to the approved levels of continuing education courses.

ACTION: Motion to approve the letter to be sent to the Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Education (CAPCE) regarding the approved levels of continuing education courses.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on August 20, 2019.

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that the committee met June 18, 2019 and there was a quorum.

The committee discussed the transport of pediatric patients and the Ohio EMS Medical Directors conference.

Mr. Dutton made the following three motions:

ACTION: Motion to approve filing rules 4765-12-04 and 4765-12-05, amended to include CO-oximetry, and the Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office.
Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve filing rules 4765-16-04 and 4765-16-06, amended to include ketamine, and the Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. Mr. Dutton – First.
Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: Motion to approve filing rules 4765-17-03 and 4765-17-04, amended to revise “blood chemistry analysis” to “blood and body fluid analysis, with the exception of amniotic fluid,” and the Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. Mr. Dutton – First.
Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on August 20, 2019.

Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein reported that the committee met on June 18, 2019 and there was a quorum.

Mr. Allenstein motioned to approve a passenger assistance training for public transport program that has been vetted for ambulettes.

ACTION: Motion to approve the passenger assistance training for public transport program for ambulettes. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Allenstein motioned to approve the appointment of Paul Thomas, Chief Wolters and Robert Norton to the Medical Transportation Committee. All of these have been vetted.

ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Paul Thomas, Doug Wolters, and Robert Norton.
Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on August 20, 2019.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose

Ms. Rose reported that the committee met on June 18, 2019 and there was a quorum.

Ms. Rose requested the approval for appointment of Ryan Sullivan, Jason Waltmire, and Paul Thomas to the Critical Care Subcommittee.

ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Ryan Sullivan, Jason Waltmire and Paul Thomas to the Critical Care Subcommittee. Ms. Rose – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Rose gave an update regarding the criteria that the subcommittee will recommend to the Board in the proper language for the endorsement of a critical care paramedic at the August meeting. Ms. Rose thanked attorney, Mike Wise for attending their committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on August 20, 2019.

Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl

Mr. Uhl reported that members of the committee met on June 19, 2019.

Mr. Uhl reported that this committee will meet every month on the 4th Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon.

If a committee member would like to sit on the Scope of Practice Ad Hoc committee they should contact him or the committee's support personnel.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on July 25, 2019.

Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich, Chair of the committee was not in attendance; therefore, Mr. Appelhans gave the report.

Mr. Appelhans reported that the committee met May 21, 2019. It was decided that the committee would meet on the 4th Thursday of each month from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

The committee's focus will be on staffing needs, recruitment retention, safety, health, vehicle accidents, reciprocity, workforce resilience, quality continuing education and impaired practitioners. Workgroups will be created for specific topics.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on July 25, 2019.

EMS Star of Life Awards, Dr. Tallman

Dr. Tallman reported that the committee is on hiatus at this time.

Old Business ~ none

New Business

A discussion ensued regarding whether certificate holders who fail the initial audit then all of their certifications will be audited.

It was suggested that Case Review make the recommendation that if a certificate holder fails the initial audit then all certificates would have an audit.

ACTION: Motion to approve that Case Review make a recommendation to audit all certificate holders certifications should they fail the initial audit. Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m. Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Snyder – Second.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, conference room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

