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STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio

FINAL MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2021

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, August 18, 2021, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Room 1106, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, David DeVore, Geoff Dutton, Patrick Ferguson, Dr. Richard George, Brian Hathaway, Ruda Jenkins, Susan Kearns, Mark Marchetta, Stacey Martin, Natasha Meinert, Dr. Amy Raubenolt, Mark Resanovich, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Kevin Uhl, John Weimer, and Dudley Wright.

Board Members Absent: Thomas Allenstein and George Snyder

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: James Burke, Johanna Burgess, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Deputy Director Aaron Jennings, Ben Kimmel, Eric Mays, Jayn Mayton, Ellen Owens, Jodie Parker, Bryan Reardon, Joe Stack, Executive Director Rob Wagoner, Patrick Williams and Michael Wise

Assistant Attorney General: C. William Carter

Public Present: Joseph R. Burke, Julie Burke, James Boulger, Matt Doerschuk, Michael Norman, and Diane Simon

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Appelhans welcomed the two newest EMFTS Board members, Brian Hathaway and Natasha Meinert.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Marchetta (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Natasha Meinert	Present
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Dr. Amy Raubenolt	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Resanovich	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Dr. Richard George	Present	Mr. George Snyder	Absent
Mr. Brian Hathaway	Present	Mr. John Weimer	Present
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Uhl	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Present	Mr. Wright	Present

Open Forum

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Appelhans requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board minutes of June 16, 2021, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, June, July and the special 90-day Extensions and the June and July EMS certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including EMFTS Board minutes of June 16, 2021, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, June, July, the special 90-day extensions and the June and July EMS certifications.
 Mr. Wright– First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Appelhans introduced himself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The proceedings were called to order at 10:05 a.m. on August 18, 2021.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Absent	Mr. Mark Marchetta (V.Chair)	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (Chair)	Present	Ms. Stacey Martin	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Natasha Meinert	Present
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Dr. Amy Raubenolt	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Resanovich	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Dr. Richard George	Present	Mr. George Snyder	Absent
Mr. Brian Hathaway	Present	Mr. John Weimer	Present
Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present	Mr. Uhl	Present
Ms. Susan Kearns	Present	Mr. Wright	Present

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. 2021-253-BE100, Daniel J. Gonsor, Certificate No. 170902

Mr. Appelhans recognized Assistant Attorney General Bill Carter for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case.

- **EMS Case No. 2021-253-BE100, Daniel J. Gonsor, Certificate No. 170902.**

Mr. Gonsor's EMT certification expired on June 12, 2021. On or about June 15, 2021 in Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-20-652107-A, the Respondent pleaded guilty to two counts of Endangering Children, felonies of the second degree, five counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, felonies of the fourth degree, and three counts of Corrupting Another with Drug felonies of the fourth degree. The court accepted the guilty plea. Proof of knowing and voluntary plea in Exhibit B. Respondent was convicted pursuant to his guilty plea per the affidavit of EMS investigator, Mr. Demory. As a result of the plea and conviction, he was designated a Tier I sex offender, with annual registration for 15 years. The indictment indicates that the two victims of the Respondent's crimes were minors. Some counts refer to having sexual contact by compelling the victim to submit to force or threat of force. The Board must determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence that 1) Mr. Gonsor's continued practice presents immediate and serious harm to the public; and that 2) that Mr. Gonsor has pleaded guilty to a felony.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- EMS Case No. 2018-486-E100, Joseph R. Burke, Certificate No. 83329
- EMS Case No. 2018-688-E400, Michael L. Norman, Certificate No. 87500
- EMS Case No. 2019-658-E500, Alexander J. Fehrenbach, Certificate No. 165944
- EMS Case No. 2020-344-E300, Columbia County Career Center, Accreditation No. 108
- EMS Case No. 2020-493-E100, Matthew J. Doerschuk, Certificate No. 156633

Mr. Appelhans recognized Assistant Attorney General Bill Carter for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case.

- **EMS Case No. 2018-486-E100, Joseph R. Burke, Certificate No. 83329**

Mr. Burke's EMT certification is active. The Division found a conviction for Attempted Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a felony of the fifth degree. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing intending to take action on his certificate on the basis of his conviction to a felony. This matter went to hearing on April 29, 2021, where his felony conviction was presented to a Hearing Officer. The original allegations underlying the conviction are as follows: while driving intoxicated, the defendant caused a car accident that caused serious physical harm to another individual. The Hearing Officer reports and recommends that the Petitioner was convicted of a felony in September 2020 and complied with all EMS reporting requirements. The Petitioner has been open and honest about such conviction and is currently taking multiple actions to rehabilitate. However, a felony conviction is a serious offense and cannot be taken lightly regarding public service. The recommendation is that the Petitioner not be given certification until at least all requirements are met with his sentencing. It is also recommended that he only be given a certificate if all conditions of his sentencing have been met. If certification is ultimately granted, the final recommendation is that

EMS put in place conditions and/or testing requirements to ensure the Petitioner complies with the rules and regulations of EMS certification.

- **EMS Case No. 2018-688-E400, Michael L. Norman, Certificate No. 87500**

Mr. Norman is a certified paramedic and CE instructor and still active with an expiration date of February 20, 2022. In the course of an investigation by the Board of Pharmacy, the Division received complaints from a former EMS Director at Adena Hospital. The complaint alleged that the Respondent cardioverted a patient against his wishes and without prior sedation and failed to appropriately document the run by failing to provide a cardiac monitor strip from the Lifepac machine amongst other things. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing intending to take action on his certificate on those basis. This matter went to hearing on April 19, 2021 where evidence of his malpractice was submitted. The Hearing Officer found based on the evidence and testimony provided at the hearing, it has been established by a preponderance of the evidence that the Respondent did not provide a professional service that confirm to the minimal standards of care expected of a paramedic. The Respondent did not provide medically appropriate evaluation, treatment, and disposition of the patient, and the Respondent did not abide by the established medical protocols. Further, the Respondent did not insure that the patient's care was documented in a complete and accurate manner. The Hearing Officer recommends revocation without an imposition of a fine.

- **EMS Case No. 2019-658-E500, Alexander J. Fehrenbach, Certificate No. 165944**

Mr. Fehrenbach is a certified paramedic with an expiration date of December 13, 2021. On December 3, 2019, Respondent reported to work for Buckeye Ambulance LLC in Dayton. In the course of his employment that evening, Respondent drove an ambulance truck for Buckeye Ambulance LLC from one station to another station very erratically endangering a co-worker, Janice Lewis. Respondent had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.139%. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on the basis of being intoxicated while in the scope of his position, thereby intending to take action on his certificate. This matter went to hearing on May 6, 2021 where the Hearing Officer confirmed the allegations and recommended the following: At the minimum, the Board should issue a written reprimand to Respondent, and, if the Board determines that a suspension is warranted, I would recommend a 7 or 14-day suspension to impress upon Respondent the potential severity of his actions on December 3, 2019. In addition to the written reprimand, the recommendation is for the Board: (1) require Respondent to provide a Fit-for-Duty Psychological Evaluation by a licensed mental health professional that addresses whether Respondent has alcohol dependency issues, whether Respondent is mentally and emotionally stable and that he is free from any impairment that would render him unable to practice as a paramedic with reasonable skill and safety, and that he is free from any psychological condition or impairment that poses a significant risk to his health and safety or to the health and safety of others; and (2) require Respondent to complete an updated BCI&I background check. Upon satisfactory completion of the Fit-for-Duty Psychological Evaluation and the up-to-date BCI&I background check, Respondent should be placed on probation for two (2) years and that during the probationary period Respondent is to notify the ODPS-DEMS of any arrests within ten (10) days of the arrest. During the probationary period the Respondent is to participate in any alcohol dependency counseling, treatment, and monitoring recommended in the

Fit-for-Duty Evaluation, along with whatever additional terms of probation and reporting requirements of that probationary period as are imposed by the Board.

- **EMS Case No. 2020-344-E300, Columbia County Career Center, Accreditation No. 108**

The Columbia County Career Center is accredited by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS. They need 65% of test takers to pass the first time or 80% on second try. There was 0% during the time frame, zero students took the course, and 2 took the test. No one passed. The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to take action on the certificate on the basis of not meeting this satisfactory threshold. This matter went to hearing on May 20, 2021, where the pass rate was the central issue. The Hearing Officer recommends that the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services order Respondent to: 1) Comply with the provisions set forth in Columbia County Career Center's strength on an Improvement Plan; 2) Work closely with the Division of EMS to achieve the goals and comply with the OAC through regular communication with the Division of EMS, as well as implementation and execution of recommendations made by the Division of EMS. Any other orders that the EMFTS Board deems to be equitable and just. The imposition of a fine is not recommended.

- **EMS Case No. 2020-493-E100, Matthew J. Doerschuk, Certificate No. 156633**

Mr. Doerschuk is an advanced Emergency Medical Technician with an expiration date of September 4, 2022. The Respondent timely notified the Division of EMS of a felony conviction he obtained. On September 28, 2020, Mr. Doerschuk was convicted after a jury trial of workers compensation fraud, a felony of the fourth degree. The EMFTS Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on the basis of obtaining a felony conviction, thereby intending to take action on his certificate. The underlying facts of the conviction are that he worked at up to three jobs while he was receiving benefits for a Temporary Total Disability in violation of the law. This matter went to hearing on June 10, 2021 where the Hearing Office confirmed the facts of the conviction and recommended the following: 1) The suspension of Respondent's AEMT certification until October 26, 2021; 2) completion of a Bureau of Investigation background check at the time of Respondent's initial or renewal applications; and 3) the issuance of a letter of reprimand by the Board.

Mr. Appelhans inquired if Mr. Burke or his attorney were present. Mr. Burke was present and was given two minutes to address the Board. Mr. Burke stated that on March 28, 2018, his life and other lives forever changed. He is remorseful for his lapse of judgement on that evening. He stated that his passion for EMS began over 25 years ago. He asked if the EMFTS Board would approve his certification so that he can continue to be employed, support his family, remain a productive citizen and serve the public.

Mr. Appelhans inquired if Mr. Norman or his attorney were present. Mr. Norman's attorney, Mr. Boulger, stated that he has filed written objections to the report and recommendation. He stated that this was a hand-off investigation from the Board of Pharmacy. He supposed that the Board of Pharmacy did not provide all of the materials to the Division of EMS. When the case went to hearing he stated that they had no idea that there had been an oral interview with the patient by the Board of Pharmacy investigators, an interview that is in direct contradiction to his own statements and to the hearsay materials that were before the hearing officer. We had no access to the Riverside Hospital records where the patient was later treated and a defibrillator was placed in his chest addressing the same kind of concerns Mr. Norman had to address in the squad. We now have information in our possession that the cardiologist at Riverside who placed the defibrillator found plausible the occurrence of v-tach on November 18, 2018 when the events

occurred. The final conclusion of doctor at Riverside Hospital who started the investigation that the sub-standard record keeping resulted in an inability to come to a conclusion as to whether or not the application in this case of those paddles to that patient was appropriate or not appropriate. We would ask that the matter be remanded to the hearing officer so that the materials be considered that we have subsequently obtained which apparently was not available at the hearing.

Mr. Norman stated that he has been a volunteer firefighter and paramedic since 1997. The last 10-15 years he has gone on 30-50 volunteer calls a month for no pay simply to help the community. He stated that he is an ACLS instructor, an American Academy of Pediatrics instructor and has taught community CPR courses at the fire house. He serves on multiple boards, EMS Chief treasurer, and started the Jr. Fire and EMS program. On the call in question, this patient was a patient that he has transported multiple times. The patient passed away eight months after the transport. He had a defibrillator pace maker implanted. When transporting the patient Mr. Norman stated he was with a different department and could not get a crew. The first respondent went to stabilize the patient. The patient was crashing and burning. The patient was not alert or oriented, was hypertensive, had horrible coloring, was losing control of bowels and vomiting. He gave the patient advanced life support, Zofran, tried atropine to get the heart rate up, but after a couple of rounds the patient went into ventricular tachycardia. He did not sedate the patient. The crew with whom that he was not familiar wanted to maintain the patient's airway. The patient was already vomiting. This patient had a history of oxycodone and alcohol abuse. The patient was stabilized and transported by a helicopter to Riverside Hospital. He went through multiple cardiac procedures. He went home and had eight more months with his family before he died with cancer. As a volunteer department we helped give this gentleman eight more months with his kids. Mr. Norman stated that he never thought he would be before the Board fighting for his paramedic card of 24 years. Mr. Norman thanked the Board for their time and asked that everyone give his 24 years of service to the community consideration.

Attorney General Carter stated that there was no indication of when this evidence was purportedly received by Mr. Norman or his counsel. We have no indication as to what attempts were made to find this information prior to the hearing pursuant to 119 of the Ohio Revised Code those are the things that need to be proven before the Board can even be consider to accept new evidence for a new hearing. The evidence presented at the hearing was that two of the EMTs specifically heard this patient tell Mr. Norman that he did not want to be defibrillated. That was their testimony both before a sworn statement before the Board of Pharmacy and at the hearing the Division of EMS conducted. Both of which were presented at the hearing. Mr. Norman presented the defendant's cousin at the hearing who told the hearing officer that this patient had told her that he didn't express any wishes not to be cardioverted. The hearing officer considered both sides of this evidence. The evidence was not ultimately about what happened with this patient. It was whether or not someone should cardiovert someone who is in a manner they objected to. The other half was whether or not there was proper documentation with this particular patient and what is being submitted here does not even address that particular charge.

Mr. Appelhans inquired if Mr. Fehrenbach or his attorney were present. No one was present.

Mr. Appelhans inquired if there was a representative from Columbia Career Center or their attorney present. No one was present.

Mr. Appelhans inquired if Mr. Doerschuk or his attorney were present. No one was present. (*Please note that Mr. Doerschuk was not in attendance until after the proceedings had come to a close)

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. 2019-343-E100, John N. Wright, Certificate No. 183189
- EMS Case No. 2019-683-E100, Mark E. Taylor, Certificate No. 139486
- EMS Case No. 2021-051-BE100, Brandon L. Black, Certificate No. 149845
- EMS Case No. 2021-139-E500, Christopher J. Graves, Certificate No. 168053
- EMS Case No. 2021-140-E500, Jeffrey P. Treadaway, Certificate No. 176238

Mr. Appelhans 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. Uhl – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

There was no further evidence to come before the Board and the proceedings closed at 10:31 a.m.

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

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2021-253-BE100, Daniel J. Gonsor, Certificate Number 170902, I move that the Board issue an order to summarily suspend Mr. Gonsor'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 two counts of Endangering Children, five counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, and three counts of Corrupting Another with Drugs; all felonies. 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. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None - opposed. Mr. Wright- abstained. **Motion approved.**

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-486-E100, Joseph Burke, Certificate Number 83329, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and modify the recommendation of the hearing examiner. Mr. Burke's certification shall be suspended for thirty (30) days, following by a probationary period of three (3) years. Mr. Burke must comply with all terms of his criminal probation, and abstain from alcohol during the term of the Board's imposed probation. The reason for the modification of the hearing examiner's recommendation is to set forth more specific disciplinary terms. Mr. Rsanovich – First. Dr. George – Second. None - opposed. Mr. Wright- abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-688-E400, Michael Norman, Certificate Number 87500, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact and modifying the conclusions of law: First, cardioversion without sedation; Second, against the patient's wishes, and Third, failure to completely and accurately document. Under the count of cardioversion, we find this to be unsubstantiated. Under the count of the patient's wishes, we find it to be unsubstantiated. Under the count of documentation, we find a failure to properly and accurately document the patient care report. The Board modifies the recommendation and issues 1) a three (3) year probation period; 2) a letter of reprimand based on improper documentation. Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Raubenolt – Second. None - opposed. Mr. DeVore and Mr. Wright- abstained. Motion approved.*

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-658-E500, Alexander J. Fehrenbach, Certificate Number 165944, 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 Mr. Fehrenbach's certification for 14 days. Mr. Fehrenbach shall complete a fit-for-duty chemical dependency evaluation with a licensed professional and complete all treatment recommendations. Mr. Fehrenbach shall be on probation for two years, notify the division of any arrests within ten (10) days, and submit a BCI criminal background check at renewal. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None - opposed. Mr. Weimer and Mr. Wright- abstained. Motion approved.*

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2020-344-E300, Columbiana County Career Center, Accreditation Number 108, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and modify the recommendation of the hearing examiner. Prior to beginning a new EMT course, Columbiana County Career Center shall receive approval from the Division of EMS on its plan to improve its certification exam passage rate. Upon completion, this initial course will be reviewed, and the outcome analyzed to determine if improvements have been made before any other courses are approved by the Division of EMS. The reason for the modification is that the Board is not yet satisfied that Columbiana County Career Center has fully implemented necessary features to ensure better outcomes for its students. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None - opposed. Mr. Wright- abstained. Motion approved.*

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2020-493-E100, Matthew J. Doerschuk, Certificate Number 156633, 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 Mr. Doerschuk's certification until October 26, 2021 and submit a BCI background check at renewal.*

Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None - opposed. Mr. Wright- abstained. **Motion approved.**

GOLDMAN MOTIONS

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-343-E100, John N. Wright, Certificate Number 183189, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Wright has been convicted of Arson and Claiming to be a Firefighter, and that Mr. Wright's reciprocity application for emergency medical technician certification be denied.* Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. DeVore – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-683-E100, Mark E. Taylor, Certificate Number 139486, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Taylor has been convicted of Theft, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice, and that Mr. Taylor's EMS certification be revoked.* Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2021-051-BE100, Brandon L. Black, Certificate Number 149845, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Black has been convicted of Felonious Assault, and that Mr. Black's EMS certification be revoked.* Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Kearns - Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2021-139-E500, Christopher J. Graves, Certificate Number 168053, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Graves submitted his initial emergency medical responder application more than two years after completing his EMR course and that Mr. Graves' application be denied.* Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2021-140-E500, Jeffrey P. Treadaway, Certificate Number 176238, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Treadaway submitted his initial emergency medical technician application more than two years after completing his EMT course and that Mr. Treadaway's application be denied.* Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

The EMFTS Board did not go into executive session.

EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations

ACTION: Motion to accept the consent agreement for the following Education case(s).
 Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2021-288-E300

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

2021-131-E700

ACTION: Motion to close the following Medical Transportation case(s).
 Mr. Resanovich– First. Mr. Uhl – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-485-E700	2021-172-E700
2019-699-E700	2021-191-E700

ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements. Mr. Resanovich – First.
 Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-215-E300	2021-115-BE100
2020-008-E300	2021-135-E500
2020-536-BE100	2021-233-E100
2021-042-E100	2021-275-E500
2021-047-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. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. Mr. Wright - Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-220-E500	2021-111-E400
2020-070-E500	2021-112-E400 *WARNING LETTER
2020-188-E400	2021-123-E400
2021-045-BE100	2021-133-E700
2021-061-E500 *REFER TO MEDICAL DIRECTOR	2021-134-E400
2021-062-E500 *REFER TO MEDICAL DIRECTOR	2021-137-E400 *REFER TO MEDICAL DIRECTOR

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases; individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-317-E300	2018-473-E300
2017-609-E100	2018-587-E300
2017-796-E100	2018-592-E300
2017-801-E300	2018-666-E300
2018-31-BE100	2019-490-E300
2018-254-BE100	2019-670-BE100
2018-407-E300	

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals/Entities were audited at their respective certification level and opted to surrender their certificate to practice or certificate to teach. Re-open if re-applies: Mr. Resanovich – First. Dr. Raubenolt – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-719-E300	2020-284-E300
2020-100-E300	2021-119-BE300
2020-113-E300	2021-282-E300
2020-232-E300	

ACTION: Motion to close the following case. The following individual entered into a consent agreement with the Board. They have not met the requirements of the consent agreement. Their respective certificates to practice have expired, been surrendered, or been revoked. Re-open if reapplies:

Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-435-E300	2018-365-E300
2017-558-E300	2018-426-E300
2017-701-E300	2018-590-E300
2018-192-E300	2018-617-E300
2018-324-E300	2019-584-E400

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following individuals were audited at their respective levels. Their respective certificates to practice have expired. Re-open if reapplies.

Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-680-E300	2018-406-E300
2018-16-E300	2018-472-E300
2018-354-E300	2018-594-E300
2018-128-E300	2018-632-E300
2018-190-E300	2018-673-E300
2018-222-E300	2019-021-E300
2018-356-E300	2019-103-E300
2018-361-E300	2019-214-E300
2018-368-E300	

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to service issues with the adjudication order or Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Their respective certificates to practice are revoked, indefinitely suspended, or expired. Re-open if reapplies.

Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-296-BE300	2018-527-E300
2018-10-E300	2019-364-E300
2018-493-E300	

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

Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-695-E300	2021-066-E100
2020-029-BE300	2021-152-BE100
2020-194-BE500	2021-160-E100
2020-465-BE300	2021-254-BE100
2020-519-E100	

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons: inadvertently marked “yes” to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed “not involving moral turpitude,” continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

2017-754-E300	2021-212-E100
2020-180-BE100	2021-214-E100
2020-339-BE100	2021-226-E100
2020-351-E700	2021-232-E100
2020-371-E700	2021-237-E100
2021-078-E700	2021-240-E100
2021-079-E700	2021-245-E100
2021-147-E700	2021-248-E300
2021-163-E700	2021-252-E100
2021-174-E100 *WARNING LETTER	2021-255-E100
2021-187-E100	2021-258-E100
2021-204-E100	2021-286-E100

Chair’s Report, Kent Appelhans

Mr. Appelhans reported that there is one seat vacant on the Board; Seat 17, the EMS Chiefs’ seat.

State Medical Director, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham reported that she has four new physicians for appointment to the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB).

- James Augustine, MD – Region 3
- Robert Beight, DO – Region 8
- Robert Gwinn, DO – Region 8
- Danni Schneider, DO – Region 4

ACTION: Motion to appoint James Augustine, MD, Robert Beight, DO, Robert Gwinn, DO, and Danni Schneider, DO to the Regional Physicians Advisory Board membership. Mr. Uhl – First. Dr. Hamilton – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham thanked the Ohio EMS Chiefs for helping to recruit some members for region 8. This is the first meeting that the PRAB will have representation by all regions.

The next RBAB Chair meeting will be held September 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed will include Senate Bill 21. She will discussing the role of the local EMS medical directors and their agency protocols. The annual All-Member RPAB and RPAB chair meetings will be held on November 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

There was a memo to EMS issued on July 23rd in response to monkeypox. It was for informational purposes. It is rare that people acquire this infection.

The NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines (3rd Edition) is a document the EMFTS Board uses for a foundation for our State of Ohio EMS guidelines. It is under revision and the first of two public comment periods will be open by September 1st.

Dr. Cunningham reported that she was selected by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate to serve as a panelist with the two international panelists to address the topic of global perspectives on pandemic future proofing.

The National Homeland Security Association 2022 Conference will be held on July 11-15, 2022 in Cleveland.

The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Annual Forum 2021 will be held October 12-15, 2021 in Cleveland.

EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Mr. Wise reported that the Chapter 119 hearings will be held virtually unless the certificate holder objects. The meetings are recorded and if anyone is interested in hearing a recording to please let him know and he can supply the recording.

EMS certificate holders are still permitted to practice in any part of the hospital. That extension was part of House Bill 110, the State Budget Bill, and will remain in effect until October 1, 2022.

Mr. Wise requested a motion for an administrative rule.

ACTION: Motion that the Board approve filing rule Chapter 4766-1 (Public Notices and Hearings) and Chapter 4766-2 (Ambulances) in the Ohio Administrative Code with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. Dr. Schwartz – First. Ms. Martin – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Assistant Attorney General, Charles Carter

Assistant Attorney General Carter reported that John Holycross vs. EMFTS Board, in Franklin County Common Pleas Case number 21CV-1426/1428 is still active. There were two cases consolidated into one case. The AG's office is awaiting for Judge Brown to render a decision.

Legislative Report, Ben Kimmel

Mr. Kimmel stated that Dr. Cunningham spoke about Senate Bill 21 and his office is watching this. They do expect the legislature to come back in September.

Mr. Kimmel reported that his office will continue to track bills of interest to EMS. One of those will be House Bill 138.

EMFTS Board members inquired if the legislature is going to allow virtual meetings. Mr. Kimmel stated that there has been a broad discussion regarding this issue. Mr. Resanovich stated that House Bill 43 is Public Bodies of Electronic Meetings which went to the House Government Oversight for its first hearing in February. Mr. Kimmel stated that his office will keep track of this bill.

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the Trauma Committee did not have quorum in July. The committee has two workgroups who are very busy and working toward a conclusion regarding trauma competency and education. The committee issued a request for proposals for a grant go out to assess the competency of our trauma education. The Rural Trauma Workgroup and the Universal Workgroup have noted that education is sparse and most of EMS providers complete it online; however, money is a big issue. The workgroups are considering for nursing and EMS to establish a part online and part mobile education program. This is just a concept but are working on developing it. There is a course distributed by the American College of Surgeons called the Rural Trauma Team Development course, and it is designed especially for rural units and hospitals who treat patients. This course is excellent and expensive. Ms. Simon requested a motion that the Rural Trauma Team Development course an acceptable CEU under Priority 1 granting. Dr. Raubenolt and Dr. George reported that they offered this course and it is of tremendous value. Ms. Simon said the biggest problem is not a desire. The agencies and hospitals simply do not have staff to free up the staff to take the course. The grant money cannot pay for salaries but can certainly defray expenses for the course.

ACTION: Motion that the Board approve the Rural Trauma Team Development course as an acceptable CEU under Priority 1 granting. Dr. George – First. Ms. Martin – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Robert Wagoner

Mr. Wagoner welcomed everyone back to three-dimensional meetings. The Division of EMS (DEMS) return to office plan is currently on track. Audits resumed with July renewals, school/student inquiries should increase in September, and more staff are returning to the office.

The DEMS staffing update is as follows:

- Five of the six currently vacant positions are in process:
 - AP2 – Certifications: Testing lateral transfer candidate
 - Human Services Program Consultant: In background checks
 - AP2 – Medical Transportation: Awaiting HR recommendations
 - AP2 – Education: Position posted
 - AP3 – Deputy Director Support and Board back-up: Position approved to fill and finalize interview materials

Mr. Wagoner presented the Division of EMS update at the Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Services (OAEMS) conference in Springfield, Ohio on June 24, 2021.

Deputy Director Jennings is heading up two projects. They are the DEMS phone system review and website review and optimization projects are progressing.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety Director, Thomas Stickrath hosted the ODPS Senior Staff Retreat on July 12, 2021. Special presentations from Governor DeWine's office included an inside look at the Pike County murders, and Stress/Health/Public Safety Service provider wellness. Peer evaluations were conducted for each Division. The Division of EMS, "Best of" included responsiveness, organizational changes, and collaborative. The Division of EMS, "We'd like to see" included self-promotion both internally and externally.

The American Recue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects (FY22-23) for ODPS were submitted and currently under consideration.

- Recruitment of EMS and fire service providers
- EMS Telemedicine pilot projects by public and private agencies in both urban and rural communities
- Upgrade EMSIRS for NEMSIS version 3.5, including all CARES data elements, and ways to incentivize timely data submission for near real time surveillance and data analytics.

COVID-19 Activity

Mr. Wagoner stated that the Division of EMS (DEMS) is carefully watching increasing COVID-19 positivity and hospitalization rates, as well as the impact of the delta variant on the younger population.

House Bill 197 and 404 created a 13 month cohort of certified fire and EMS professionals that had an automatic extension that went through July 1, 2021. There were about 7,000 people that were eligible for that extension as which two-thirds of those eligible waited until July 1st before they submitted anything. The Division of EMS made phone calls to 4900 individuals to remind them that they were expiring. Over a 13 month period, the State of Ohio lost 4% of our certified Ohio EMS providers.

The State of Emergency Operations Center's (SEOC) engagement for COVID-19 response was downgraded to assess and monitor the status after 480 days of activation. The longest activation of the state's EOC activation. Deputy Director Aaron Jennings and Ted Kienzle are completing the State EOC and Web EOC training. The April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse planning is underway.

Executive Director Wagoner reported that one EMFTS Board seat remains vacant for the Third Service EMS organization nominated by the Ohio EMS Chiefs Association (EMSCA).

The timeline for DEMS compliance with HB 21 Stroke Bill is currently ahead of schedule. Dr. Cunningham has updated the draft acute stroke guidelines. The Ohio Department of Health referred a request for all Ohio hospital leaders to Ohio Hospital Association, Jim Guliano, Vice President of Operations and Chief Clinical Officer. On August 5, 2021, 282 Ohio hospital and health system CEO's and OHA board members received an invitation to provide comment and the draft guidelines. On August 8, 2021, 2892 Ohio hospital leaders (non-CEO executives in advocacy, clinical, finance, and legal) received materials through Hospital Headlines newsletter. An additional 80 hospital government relations officers also received the newsletter. Round #1 of the comment period ends on September 15, 2021 and Round #2 of the comment period commences on October 15, 2021 and ends on November 15, 2021. The final draft will be presented to the EMFTS Board for consideration and approval on December 15, 2021 with publication no later than December 20, 2021 to the DEMS website. EMS medical directors will have until March 20, 2022 to submit their revised stroke protocols to the DEMS based on these guidelines.

The annual ethics law training options are available and need to be completed by December 31, 2021. Board members are encouraged to contact Valerie Koker if they need additional information.

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame Awards and will be accepted until November 5, 2021.

Chief George Snyder informed Chair Appelhans that he would not seek reappointment on seat #7 which expires on November 12, 2021.

The DEMS staff attended a virtual presentation by the National Registry of EMTs concerning significant revision of their AEMT and paramedic certification processes, projected to be implemented in the summer of 2023. The plan includes replacing current psychomotor examination with an electronic performance examination that would be combined with the cognitive examination appointment at the PV Test Centers. It would also result in increased seat time and fee increases for these certification examinations. We will continue to monitor and update the Board.

GRANTS, Johanna Burgess

Ms. Burgess introduced Leanne Buck, who replaced Diane Walton. She comes from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Ms. Burgess stated that the motion the Board approved for the Rural Trauma Team Development course as an acceptable CEU under Priority 1 granting can be used to pay for the course fee.

EMS Exemption Requests, Jodi Parker

Ms. Parker was not available; therefore, Ms. Owens gave the report. Ms. Owens took this opportunity to express her appreciation for her staff for the good work they have done the last year and a half.

Ms. Owens stated that there are three exemptions. There is a request for a military exemption for 2021-08-02 for an EMT. All documents have been received and staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion that the Board approve the military exemption for 2021-08-02.

Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Owens stated that there is a medical hardship exemption for 2021-08-04. All documents have been received and staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion that the Board approve the request from 2021-08-04 for a medical hardship exemption. Dr. George – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Owens stated that there is a medical hardship exemption for 2021-08-05, at the EMT level. All documents have been received and staff recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion that the Board approve the request from 2021-08-05 for a medical hardship exemption. Dr. Schwartz – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education, James Burke

Mr. Burke reported that the Education Staff continues to work with schools across the state for EMS and fire. There have been 1175 exams successfully administered since last Board meeting. There have been 37 site visits for CE and fire charters using the Microsoft Teams software. The plan is to continue site visits via Microsoft Teams. If a school is struggling then our staff can visit in person. DEMS staff is also able to offer real time new program director program training. The DEMS staff has completed four new program director program training sessions. Updates to the database are in process. There has been a lot of program director turnovers.

Aria Sovann resigned and the DEMS wish her well. Her position has been posted. Jayn Mayton has stepped up and assumed all of Aria's committees. Mr. Burke thanked Ms. Mayton for her hard work.

Audits went out earlier in the week which is the first rounds of audits since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Other DEMS employees are stepping up to disburse the work load.

In regards to recruitment and retention, the DEMS is creating a pamphlet for each certification level and what the processes are for each level. These will be given to the schools and it will be posted on the EMS website.

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of June 2021, July 2021 and August 2021. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of June 2021, July 2021 and August 2021; pending a satisfactory inspection.

Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of new or pending medical transportation applications. There are 1 ambulance and 8 ambulette services. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the new medical transportation applications for new ambulette services and ambulance services; pending a satisfactory inspection.

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

Mr. Fiffick stated that he is looking for an inspector in the Cleveland area. Two people were hired and one had to resign for health reasons. Please contact Mr. Fiffick if there is someone who might be interested in the position.

Mr. Fiffick reported that there will be a 5-year rule review for ambulance, ambulette, and mobile intensive rules.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee, George Snyder

Mr. Snyder was not in attendance, therefore, Ms. Kearns gave a report. The committee met on August 17, 2021 and there was a quorum.

The committee's workgroup is continuing to work on the EMR and EMT education psychomotor testing handbook that will help program directors and EMS instructors. Ms. Kearns made a motion to approve the Psychomotor Examination Manual for the EMR and EMT Levels. There was a question as to whether it had been distributed to the Board. The final edits were made the previous day at the Education Committee meeting and it has not been distributed to the Board. Therefore, the manual will be included in the October Board packet and brought forth to the Board at the October 20, 2021 meeting. Mr. Burke thanked the committee for their work on the manual.

EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz stated that the committee had a quorum up until 8:30 am on the morning of August 17, 2021; however, a couple of people were sick. Therefore, the meeting was cancelled.

EMSC Performance Measures

The Ohio PECC Learning Collaborative State Team has sent 52 pediatric training bundles to agencies that applied. A third period for applications will be opened in September. One hundred and sixty (160) agencies have registered a PECC on the secure website hosted by the EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC).

The National Pediatric Readiness Project began surveying hospitals about their pediatric readiness in the emergency department on May 1 and will finish on August 31st. All Ohio hospitals with an emergency department open 24/7 are to be included in the survey. The National EMS for Children Data Analysis and Resource Center (NEDARC) will be hosting the survey and will contact the hospitals initially. Ohio currently has a 50.5% response rate.

Ohio EMS for Children and the ASPR Eastern Great Lakes Pediatric Consortium for Disaster Response held the second of three webinars on pediatric behavioral health for EMS providers on July 8. Drs. Carolyn Levers-Landis, PhD and Kimberly Burkhart, PhD presented "Pediatric Psychosocial Aspects of the COVID-19 Pandemic for the EMS Professional." The third webinar in the series is scheduled for November 10th. Nationwide Children's Hospital is providing continuing education credit for attending the live webinars and is also making them available for CE after the initial airing.

Other Activities

Joe Stack and Dr. Schwartz are working with the Ohio Department of Health to update the Emergency Guidelines for Schools document, with a final draft document expected to be available for review in the near future.

Dr. Ann Dietrich has resigned from the EMS for Children Committee, effective immediately, and Melanie Martin has resigned effective August 27.

EMS System Development, Kent Appelhans

Mr. Appelhans stated that there was not a meeting on August 17, 2021.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the subcommittee has not had a meeting.

EMS Rural Subcommittee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers stated that the subcommittee met on August 17, 2021 and there was a quorum.

The subcommittee's discussion focused on recruiting and retention of EMS providers. Ideas included using surveys, public service announcements about the critical need for EMS personnel, a web page set up where job postings can be listed, and using course pretests for reading and comprehension so that a tutor can be assigned to a student if needed. Separating recruiting and retention into two independent focus points is a consideration.

Discussion also ensued about contacting legislators regarding making EMS essential in Ohio. Some members shared that they have seen recent media addressing this, which is a start. A discussion ensued regarding the impacts of this and if the committee could write a letter of talking points for those who would like to contact their legislators. Dr. Cunningham reported that NASEMSO may have a resource.

Concerns about lower wages in EMS was discussed as the main reason that certified EMS personnel move on to RN and PA degrees as they can earn higher wages. Paramedics can work in emergency departments until October 1, 2022 due to the passage of the bill. This strains remaining workers who have to cover more shifts and lose work-life balance and getting burned out.

Due to nursing shortages, many hospital EDs cannot have all their beds available. Staff on ambulances are not responsible for patients once they are on hospital property, and patients are suffering as they may sit in an ED waiting room for over 12 hours.

Creating public awareness of what health services cost was discussed as well as the state needing to increase Medicaid reimbursements.

Dana J. Miller, Tuscarawas County, submitted an application to serve on the Rural EMS Committee. Ms. Miller's application has been successfully vetted. Rural EMS Chair, Eric Burns, has approved her addition to the committee. Both candidates need Board approval.

ACTION: Motion for the Board to approve the appointment of Dana J. Miller to the EMS Rural Subcommittee.

Ms. Beavers– First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that the Medical Oversight Committee met August 17, 2021 and there was a quorum. He stated that there were a number of issues discussed. One topic is the discussion of reviving the Ohio EMS Medical Director's Conference. The general consensus was that the conference be held in person. Committee members are coordinating with the American College of Emergency Physicians as to when and if the conference will be held. Mr. Dutton requested that members submit topics and/or speakers for the conference.

Another topic of discussion was the diversity and inclusion of members on the committee. As a strategy to improve diversity there are many items to take into account to include geographic location, professional experience and specialty, race, and gender. Mr. Dutton requested any suggestions that members may have.

There was a lot of discussion on a question from the Critical Care Transport Subcommittee. The question was whether it is worth considering expanding the eligibility for medical directors for specialty medical teams to consider someone other than with emergency medical specialists. The committee was not in favor of the expansion of eligibility. There may be additional discussions in the future. As a reminder there is a waiver for which a physician can apply. Dr. Cunningham explained that the Board has the ability to look at medical directors on a case by case basis for a waiver.

Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein was not in attendance, therefore, Mr. Appelhans reported that the committee met on August 17, 2021.

Mr. Appelhans reported that the committee reviewed the program training system for the passenger assistance program from American Integrated Training Systems, Inc.. Mr. Appelhans requested a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the program training system for the passenger assistance program from American Integrated Training Systems, Inc. Mr. Ferguson – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

The committee members had discussions regarding the ambulance rules and ambulette rules.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Kent Appelhans

Mr. Appelhans reported that the committee met on August 17, 2021 and there was a quorum.

The committee reviewed the committee members to ensure the geography of the state was covered. It was noted many of the members have more than 30 years in business. Therefore, may want to recruit younger committee members for their viewpoints.

The committee reviewed the mobile intensive care unit rules. The final rule recommendations will be reviewed at the October meeting.

The next objective is to review helicopter shopping.

Alternate Transportation Workgroup, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the workgroup had a meeting on August 17, 2021 and there was a quorum.

Mr. Resanovich stated that the workgroup completed its work. The new rules that will be filed with CSI were included in the Board packet for review. The rules address the facilitation of medical transportation of non-emergent patients in a safe and appropriate mode. There were a lot of staffing and availability issues. The rules were prepared for this non-emergency ambulance transport which identifies equipment needs, what they can and cannot do, modifications to the ambulance and what equipment must be carried to be certified by the Division of EMS, Medical Transportation Section.

Mr. Resanovich made a motion to sunset the Alternate Transportation Workgroup.

ACTION: Motion to sunset the Alternate Transportation Workgroup. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl

Mr. Uhl reported that the committee has not met due to quorum issues over the summer. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2021.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the scope of practice is going through the biggest revision in the history of the state's scope of practice. The National EMS Scope of Practice Model has had a lot of changes and the floor of the Ohio EMS scope of practice typically mirror's the National Scope of Practice Model.

Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee is working on another option for the continuing education. The committee is working to identify what the core curriculum will look like and what will need to be covered during a certain certification cycle. The goal is to decrease the hours required while simultaneously increasing the quality of continuing education. At the current time the Ad-hoc committee is focusing on paramedic continuing education.

Old Business

Executive Director Wagoner wanted to follow-up on the concerns from the last EMFTS Board meeting with the Attorney General's office regarding their lack of willingness to pursue cases. Mr. Wise and Executive Director Wagoner met with Assistant Director Huey and shared the concerns. She will take the concerns to Director Stickrath. Executive Director Wagoner stated that there has not been any movement on the matter.

New Business

Dr. Schwartz inquired if any members had thoughts or concerns regarding COVID-19 vaccines and the changes to the pre-hospital workforce. There are personnel who choose not to work at the hospital if an immunization is required. He inquired if there could be perceived changes in the workforce in the pre-hospital area. Dr. Cunningham stated that there is not a state mandate at the moment. Executive Director Wagoner stated that the vaccine would also be required for those paramedics who go to work at the hospital. A discussion ensued regarding whether students who are doing their clinicals at the hospital be required to be vaccinated. Some members believe that once the vaccine is FDA approved then those who are hesitant to receive the vaccine will get the vaccine.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.