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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

December 15, 2021

**Board Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Room 1106, Columbus, Ohio.

**Board Members Present:** Kent Appelhans (chair), Thomas Allenstein, Karen Beavers, David DeVore, Geoff Dutton, Patrick Ferguson, Jeff Fishel, Dr. Richard George, Brian Hathaway, Ruda Jenkins, Mark Marchetta (vice chair), Stacey Martin, Dr. Amy Raubenolt, Mark Resanovich, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, John Weimer, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright.

**Board Members Absent:** George Snyder

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

**Associate Assistant Attorney General:** Shelli Brock

**Public Present:** Christopher Blake, Akron Children’s Hospital, and Diane Simon, ProMedica Defiance

#### **EMFTS Board Meeting**

##### **Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

##### **Roll Call**

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

**Open Forum**

Mr. Appelhans welcomed Mr. Fishel to the Board. He was appointed October 16, 2021. 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 October 20, 2021, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, October and November 90-day extensions and the October and November EMS certifications.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including EMFTS Board minutes of October 20, 2021, the Certificates of Accreditation, the Certificates of Approval, October and November 90-day extensions and the October and November EMS certifications.***  
Mr. Ferguson– First. Dr.Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Devore and Mr. Uhl - 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 10:03 a.m. on December 15, 2021.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ~ none**

**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 four adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

- o EMS Case No. 2017-695-E300, Scott E. Lute, Certificate No. 98829
- o EMS Case No. 2019-183-BE300, Michael J. Ernst, Certificate No. 153351
- o EMS Case No. 2019-213-E300, Nicholas C. Trotta, Certificate No. 154924
- o EMS Case No. 2019-354-BE300, Marcus E. Yagour, Certificate No. 140074

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. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

There was no further evidence to come before the Board and the proceedings closed at 10:05 a.m.

The EMFTS Board did not go into quasi-judicial deliberations.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**GOLDMAN MOTIONS**

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-695-E300, Scott E. Lute, Certificate Number 98829, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Lute failed to comply with a consent agreement and that Mr. Lute's EMS certification be revoked.***  
 Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

**ACTION:** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-183-BE300, Michael J. Ernst, Certificate Number 153351, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Ernst failed to complete continuing education requirements as indicated in count 2 and count 3 of the notice of opportunity for hearing, and that Mr. Ernst's EMS certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

**ACTION:** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-213-E300, Nicholas C. Trotta, Certificate Number 154924, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Trotta failed to complete continuing education requirements as indicated in the notice of opportunity for hearing, and that Mr. Trotta's EMS certification be revoked.

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

**ACTION:** In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-354-BE300, Marcus E. Yagour, Certificate Number 140074, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Yagour failed to complete continuing education requirements as indicated in the notice of opportunity for hearing, and that Mr. Yagour's EMS certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

**EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations**

**ACTION:** Motion to issue a Notice for Opportunity for the following certification case:

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

2021-503-E300

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

2021-499-E300

2021-500-E300

2021-501-E300

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

2021-176-E700

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

2020-001-E700

2020-155-E700

2020-292-E700

2020-014-E700

2021-096-E700

2021-105-E700

***ACTION: Motion to accept voluntary surrender for the following Medical Transportation case(s):*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2021-169-E700

***ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for the following Medical Transportation case(s):*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. DeVore – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2021-216-E700

2021-387-E700

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

2019-471-E300

2021-064-E100

2021-249-BE100

2021-301-BE100

2021-310-BE100

2021-341-E100

2021-347-E100

2021-373-E500

2021-398-BE100

2021-482-E300

2021-483-E300

***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. Allenstein, Mr. Fishel (2021-362-E400), Dr. Raubenolt (2020-115-E400 and 2021-321-E400) and Mr. Wright - Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-047-E500

2020-320-BE500

2021-332-E500

2020-115-E400 \*Raubenolt Abstain

2020-484-E500

2020-485-E500

2021-309-E400

2021-321-E400 \* Raubenolt Abstain

2021-362-E400 \*Fishel Abstain

2021-365-E400 Warning Letter

2021-405-E400 Refer to Med. Dir.

2021-406-E400 Refer to Med. Dir.

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

2016-461-E300

2018-499-BE100

2018-680-BE100

2019-018-E700

2020-147-BE100

2020-163-E500

2020-429-E400

***ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals 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. Mr. Hathaway – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-112-E300

2021-449-E300

2021-450-E300

2021-454-E300

2021-477-E300

2021-485-E300

**ACTION:** Motion to close the following case. The following individual did not supply required documentation. Therefore, their application was rendered incomplete: Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson - Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-186-E100

**ACTION:** Motion to close the following cases; accept surrender for permanent revocation of their respective certificate(s): Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Jenkins - Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2020-417-BE100

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

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

2018-191-E300	2020-504-E300
2018-732-E500	2021-006-BE100
2019-393-E400	2021-159-BE100
2019-628-E300	2021-210-E300
2019-711-E300	2021-230-BE100
2020-099-E300	2021-256-E300
2020-109-E300	2021-272-E100
2020-114-E300	2021-273-BE100
2020-129-E300	2021-323-BE100
2020-134-E300	2021-379-BE100
2020-229-E300	2021-426-E100
2020-230-E300	2021-474-E300
2020-470-E300	2021-481-E300
2020-473-E300	2021-486-E300
2020-478-E300	2021-487-E300
2020-480-E300	2021-488-E300
2020-481-E300	2021-489-E300
2020-499-BE300	2021-490-E300
2020-502-E300	2021-492-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.

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

2019-533-E300	2021-386-E100
2019-612-E500	2021-396-E100
2020-281-BE100	2021-400-E100
2020-461-BE100	2021-404-E100
2020-474-E300	2021-413-E100
2021-293-E100 Warning Letter	2021-417-E100 Warning Letter
2021-322-E100	2021-433-E100 Warning Letter
2021-366-E100 Warning Letter	

**Board Chair Report, Kent Appelhans**

Mr. Appelhans reported that resignations have been received from Natasha Meinert and Susan Kearns. Both have moved onto other occupations and will no longer be in EMS.

The following Board members seat will expire on January 12, 2022: Mr. Allenstein, Dr. George, Mr. Resanovich, and Ms. Jenkins.

Mr. Appelhans reported that there are some committees that do not have two Board members. Those Board members not on a committee were encouraged to sign up. Board members only need to submit the committee application.

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

Dr. Cunningham requested a motion to approve the new members to the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB):

- John B. Hill IV, M.D. – Region 5
- Jordan Singer, M.D. – Region 2

Dr. Cunningham requested approval of the reappointments to the Regional Physicians Advisory Board:

- Jeff Bare, D.O. – Region 4
- Mark Gebhart, M.D. – Region 6
- Matthew Roehrs, D.O. – Transitioning from Region 1 to Region 2

***ACTION: Motion to approve new members to the Regional Physicians Advisory Board; John B. Hill IV M.D. (Region 5) and Jordan Singer M.D. (Region 2) and to approve the reappointments to the Regional Physicians Advisory Board; Jeff Bare, D.O. (Region 4), Mark Gebhart, M.D. (Region 6), and Matthew Roehrs, D.O. (Region 2). Dr. Raubenolt – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. \*Discussion. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

A discussion ensued regarding medical directors and the number of agencies that they can oversee. It was found that some medical directors have a support system of people employed for continuing education and quality assurance.

Dr. Cunningham reported that there is a proposal to add attestation language to the RPAB application that would require the applicant's signature.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the proposal to add attestation language to the RPAB application that would require the applicant's signature. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

Dr. Cunningham reported that the RPAB Chairpersons meetings for 2022 are as follows:

- March 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm
- May 11, 2022 at 1:00 pm
- September 14, 2022 at 1:00 pm
- November 10, 2022 immediately following the conclusion of the Annual All-Member RPAB meeting.
- Annual All-Member RPAB meeting, November 10, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Dr. Cunningham reported that notification of local EMS medical directors and engagement with the respective healthcare stakeholders as required by Senate Bill 21 has been completed. Comments on the second draft of the updated State of Ohio acute stroke guideline were received on from four hospitals. All commenters were sent a letter on December 10, 2021, explaining which of their comments were accepted and for those not accepted, an explanation was provided. The EMFTS Board members received the final draft of the updated acute stroke guideline that must be approved for compliance with the Senate Bill 21.

Dr. Cunningham requested a motion to approve the final draft of the State of Ohio acute stroke guideline, to post the document to the Division of EMS website and to include the updated acute stroke guideline in the State of Ohio Adult EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual as required by Senate Bill 21 to be completed by December 20, 2021.

***ACTION: Motion to approve, as required by the Senate Bill 21, the updated acute stroke guideline, post the guideline to the EMS website and include the guideline in the State of Ohio Adult EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual.***

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

The next step requires local EMS medical directors to engage with their stakeholders. They are required to post their local acute stroke protocols guidelines by March 20, 2022 and annually beginning July 1, 2023. The guidelines should be submitted to the Ohio Division of EMS and to the Ohio Health Department. Dr. Cunningham thanked the Ohio Hospital Association in their willingness to distribute a draft to all the hospitals.

The updated Pfizer®/BioNTech® COVID-19 vaccine administration by Ohio EMS providers training module for Ohio EMS providers has been completed. EMS agencies that would like to participate in the COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Administration there is a training module that has been completed for Ohio EMS providers. Dr. Cunningham is awaiting final approval from ODPS prior to these training materials being available and added to the Public Safety Training Campus.

Dr. Cunningham is a member on the OnStar® Public Safety Advisory Council. A hybrid and electric vehicle emergency response and extrication training course is being developed.

Dr. Cunningham will attend the National Association of EMS Physicians annual meeting to be held January 11-16, 2022.

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

Mr. Wise requested a motion for the Board to approve the filing of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4765-10 (*Complaints*) with the Common Sense Initiative office and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4765-10 (Complaints) with the Common Sense Initiative office and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.***

Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

### **Associate Assistant Attorney General, Shelli Brock**

Associate Assistant Attorney General Brock 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. This case involved the revocation of Mr. Holycross's EMT and fire certifications due to his failure to disclose on his renewal application that he had been convicted of multiple felony counts of burglary. All briefs were submitted mid-June. The attorney general's office is awaiting a decision from the court.



**Legislative Report, Ben Kimmel**

Mr. Kimmel reported on the following:

The Ohio House ended their regular session so they are on the winter break. The Senate will be meeting today, December 15, 2021.

HB 138 - to amend the version of section 4765.11 of the Revised Code regarding scope of emergency medical services provided by emergency medical service personnel. This was passed by the House with 93-0 votes and is now in the Senate. Executive Director Wagoner stated that this bill contains language that we can recognize no more than two representatives from any hospital or EMS system that affects the Trauma Committee. As of now they are limited to one member. Many years ago there were 20 to 30 agencies; however, many have combined leaving only a few agencies. Also, this bill would like to change minimum staffing to at least an EMT and a driver both to the scene and from the scene.

HB 392 – ambulance transport of a police dog. This bill was passed in the house with a vote of 90 to 1.

It was reported that HB 218 would affect the ambulance companies to comply. Mr. Kimmel stated that originally it was a shell, a bill to give money toward bars, restaurants and hotels. There was a similar measure in another bill that was passed by the Senate. They then put in the vaccine items into the bill. Mr. Kimmel stated that his office will keep watch on this bill. One of the included measures is mandatory vaccinations for hospitals and vendors; therefore, anyone who has contracts with the hospital are being required to also have the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. This would require many ambulance companies to require this mandate. It was also reported that the requirement would be for nursing homes. Mr. Kimmel stated that the current status of this bill is that it is in the Senate General Budget Committee on the second hearing. Dr. Cunningham stated that NASEMSO is trying to get clarification on this bill from the federal aspect, specifically the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). Anyone who bills Medicare or Medicaid would be affected.

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

Executive Director Wagoner reported that the return to office plan for the Division of EMS has been delayed indefinitely. The DEMS will continue working with the current hybrid schedule until further notice.

The DEMS staffing update is as follows:

- Six current vacant positions are in process:
  - AP2 – Medical Transportation: applications sent to supervisor on 10/12/21. The applicant is in background checks.
  - AP2 – Education: An internal lateral move pending background check.
  - AP1 – Certifications: The position is on hold indefinitely.
  - Program Administrator, Section Chief, Education and Testing: The applicant is in background checks.
  - AP3 – Certifications: HR currently reviewing the position.
  - Program Administrator 2, Education and Testing Section: Reviewing position for posting.

Executive Director Wagoner stated that he attended Governor DeWine’s press conference on December 6, 2021 concerning the \$250 million funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). There will be a grant process through Emergency Management Agency (EMA) for fire and EMS to access \$75 million of the \$250 million ARPA funds.

On November 17, 2021, Mr. Wagoner provided testimony to the House State and Local Government Committee on occupational licensure. The Buckeye Institute report on Occupational Licensing Reform in Ohio on November 9, 2021 recommended the following:

- Elimination of HRO, Assistant Fire Instructor, and Live Fire Instructor certifications
- Elimination of required continuing education credits for all firefighters

After the DEMS response, the recommendation now only includes “elimination of credit requirement and amend the statute to account for or reflect local conditions”.

### Status of Board Seats

All of the following Board seats expired on November 12, 2021; however, per the statute the members remain on the Board for 60 days or until someone is appointed to that seat.

- Seat #2, Trauma Surgeon, currently held by Dr. George
  - Have received one of the six nominations as required from the two nominating organizations
- Seat #7, Volunteer Fire Chief, currently held by Mr. Snyder
  - Three nominations were received; however, one did not meet the more than 50% volunteers. Therefore, the DEMS have two of the three required nominations.
- Seat #8, EMS Instructor, recently vacated by Ms. Kearns
  - All of the nominating organizations are now defunct
- Seat #12, Paramedic, currently held by Mr. Resanovich
  - All nominations have been sent to the Boards and Commissions
- Seat #14, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic, recently vacated by Ms. Meinert
  - Ms. Meinert resigned due to accepting a new job position; therefore, she no longer qualifies for this seat as a possible nomination
- Seat #18, MOICU Provider, currently held by Ruda Jenkins
  - All nominations have been sent to the Boards and Commissions
- Seat #19, Air Medical Provider, currently held by Mr. Allenstein
  - All nominations have been sent to the Boards and Commissions

Executive Director Wagoner reported that House Bill 21, the Stroke Bill remains ahead of schedule. The final draft will be presented today for consideration by the EMFTS Board with publication not later than December 20, 2021 to the DEMS website. EMS Medical Directors will have until March 20, 2022 to submit revised stroke protocols to the DEMS. Once submitted the DEMS then must make available to the public on the EMS website.

The Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame and Fire Awards will be conducted on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at COSI at 2:00 pm.

Executive Director Wagoner thanked all of the Board members for completing their annually required ethics law training.

The DEMS continues to work on replacing printed and mailed certifications for EMS and fire certificate holders to electronic credentials accessible online.

Executive Director Wagoner thanked Joe Stack, EMS for Children Coordinator, for helping to restart the Firefighters for Kids Toy Drive at the Ohio Department of Public Safety following last year’s unplanned COVID-19 interruption. He also thanked the Columbus Division of Fire personnel who picked up 23

garbage bags full of new toys which were collected from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Emergency Management Agency, and the Ohio State Patrol Academy.

Executive Director Wagoner reminded the Board members that the Board Retreat was moved to April; therefore, there will be a regular Board meeting on February 16, 2022 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The location for the April Board Retreat has been moved to the Department of Administrative Services at 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. The EMFTS Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

### **Data Use Agreement, Eric Mays**

Mr. Mays stated that a data use request was received from Emory University by Carla Jones Harrell and Dr. Hannah Cooper. They are requesting data for patient level data from the Emergency Medical Services Information Systems (EMSIRS). This is a PhD candidate conducting this research to understand the spatial variation in EMS response times to opioid overdoses and identify any associations between different place-based characteristics.

***ACTION: Motion that the Board approve the Data Use Agreement from Carla-Jones-Harrell and Dr. Hannah Cooper at Emory University.***

Mr. Dutton – First. Dr. Raubenolt – Second. \*\*DISCUSSION.

**Vote:** In Favor – 3. Opposed – 13. Abstained – 1. **Motion failed.**

\*\*A discussion ensued regarding the use of the data and what data are they requesting. There were some concerns regarding the use of identifiable data. It has typically been the position that the Board would not release information that would identify the patient, the provider, or the agency. Mr. Wise stated that this request is within the discretion of the EMFTS Board. One question is if the potential research from this data will benefit the state of Ohio. A question was asked whether there was a way to use a unique identifier for the information. There is not a way to use unique identifiers because they need the location. A vote was taken of the Board members: In Favor: 3. Opposed – 13. Abstained – 1. The motion failed.

Mr. Mays stated that there will soon be an addendum to an existing Data Use Agreement that is a multi-agency statewide agreement signed in 2019. This agreement has to do with the opioid crisis. Ohio, along with New York, Massachusetts, and Kentucky received an NIH federal grant to do research on the opioid epidemic. Different counties in Ohio are being targeted and being studied. The Division of EMS supplies the data. The addendum puts an ending on the master agreement to 2024. The change is to open it up to all 88 counties.

### **Deputy Director, Aaron Jennings**

Deputy Director Jennings reported that the phone system was fully implemented on December 17<sup>th</sup>. It is an auto-attendant system with a menu that helps the Division to get the calls to who it needs to go to. Hopefully now when someone calls the office that they can get to the right person for information. If they choose certifications then all the certifications personnel phones ring at the same time. The goal for the new phone system is to provide better customer service.

The Trauma Triage training in the Public Safety Training Campus was updated in November. Deputy Director Jennings is currently working on the burn surge course. Dr. Cunningham and Deputy Director Jennings is also working on other courses on the Public Safety Training Campus. The flash technology made the pervious trainings obsolete.

Executive Director Wagoner and Deputy Director Jennings was invited by Chief Klouda to the Division of State Fire Marshal's Fire Officer's Symposium on February 6, 2022.

The Division has put out information to fire providers who are not affiliated with an agency. Anyone who is affiliated needs to update their information in the Division of EMS system. Should the provider be audited they will need a fire chief to sign off on their continuing education hours.

### **Grants, Johanna Burgess**

Ms. Burgess reported that the first grant cycle will be closing. Notifications will go out to the agencies that they need to spend their grant money. Agencies need to have their reimbursements in by the end of January. The Division has processed 938 invoices with a total of \$617,000.00.

Ms. Burgess stated that she had received a request from a department to add the portable dopplers to the grant reimbursement list. The EMFTS Board members had a discussion regarding why these would be needed and it was decided that the portable dopplers not be added to the grant reimbursement list.

Ms. Burgess presented a document to the EMFTS Board members with a historical Board priority reimbursement by the grant year and the economic hardship reimbursement by the grant year. She also provided information regarding reasons for denials for the Ohio EMS Board priority grant applications.

It was suggested that the EMFTS Board have a discussion as to whether they would like to change the board priorities for the next year.

### **EMS Exemption Requests, Ellen Owens**

Ms. Owens reported that there was one EMS extension request from a paramedic that is in the military for an additional extension beyond the 90 day extension period. The US Army Special Forces Medics are mandated to attend the special Operations Combat Medic Sustainment and skills course which is March 13-24, 2022. Staff has received all documentation and recommends approval of a 120 day extension.

***ACTION: Motion that the Board approve the military extension request for 120 days for a paramedic; 2021-12-02. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Beavers - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.***

### **Education Report, Kris Miller**

Ms. Miller reported that the Education Section is continuing to do site visits virtually. The Division does on-site visits for new applicants. Any problem programs the Division will also do an on-site in-person visit.

The Education Section is working on the training for the EMR/EMT new skill sheets.

Ms. Miller stated that they are still seeing the issue of EMT students unable to get into hospitals for their clinical hours due to them requiring students to have the COVID-19 vaccine. They are required to do 10 hours of patient assessment. It is impacting mostly the EMT students; especially the high school students.

**Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of October, November and December 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 October, November and December 2021; pending a satisfactory inspection.***

Mr. Dutton – First. Mr Hathaway – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (Ohio Medical Transportation, Inc and CEMS of Ohio) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of seventeen new or pending medical transportation applications; 2 ambulances, 14 ambulettes and 1 air medical. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the seventeen new or pending medical transportation applications for new services for October and November (none in December); pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Wright– First. Mr. Dutton - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trauma Committee, Diane Simon**

Ms. Simon reported that the Trauma Committee met on November 10, 2022 and they had a quorum.

The Trauma Committee is reviewing the trauma triage rules. Not many changes are anticipated. The committee is on schedule with the JCARR process.

The workgroups, the Universal workgroup and the Rural workgroup, regarding the IEM reports on education met last month. The Rural workgroup has finished its work and is making two proposals. One is to pair the level III trauma center’s with the critical access hospitals in their regions to help provide classes. A lot of the critical access hospitals would like to have the TNCC program. Unfortunately, staffing shortages does not allow any flexibility to travel for training. EMS would like a hybrid model similar to the tactical EMS program where there is an online portion to complete and a mobile simulation station.

The Performance Improvement Workgroup has completed the annual Trauma Report that will go to the Trauma Committee in January and then to the EMFTS Board in February 2022.

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

Dr. Schwartz stated that the committee met on December 14, 2021 and had a quorum.

**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 closed in mid-November, with 50 applications received for the

remaining 38 bundles. Three hundred individuals have registered as a PECC on the secure website hosted by the EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC).

The Ohio EMS for Children Program will survey Ohio EMS agencies beginning in January 2022 for its required annual data collection for the EMSC Performance Measures. NEDARC will host the survey online and will assist with maintaining the database of EMS agencies and with contact efforts.

Ohio EMS for Children and the ASPR Eastern Great Lakes Pediatric Consortium for Disaster Response held the third and final webinar in the pediatric behavioral health series on Wednesday, November 10, at 12:00 pm. Carolyn Ievers-Landis, PhD and Kimberly Burkhart, PhD presented "Preparing for the Child with Special Health Care Needs." Nationwide Children's Hospital provided continuing education credit for attending the live webinars and is making them available for CE after the initial airing.

Joe Stack, Dr. Carol Cunningham, and Dr. Schwartz are planning a webinar to highlight the State of Ohio EMS Pediatric Guidelines and Procedures Manual. The planned date for the webinar is February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 pm. Nationwide Children's Hospital will offer continuing education credit for EMS.

### **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.

Christopher Blake of Akron Children's Hospital and Juliene VanCleve of Dayton Children's Hospital have applied to become members of the Ohio EMS for Children Committee. Their applications have been vetted by EMS staff, and Dr. Schwartz made the motion to the Board to approve their membership.

**ACTION: Motion to approve Christopher Blake and Juliene VanCleve for membership to the EMS for Children Committee.** Mr. Schwartz– First. Mr. Resanovich - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

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

Mr. Snyder was not in attendance and his term as a Board member expires on January 12, 2022. Ms. Kearns resigned her membership on the EMFTS Board. Mr. Snyder was the Chair of the committee and Ms. Kearns was the Vice Chair. Mr. Appelhans requested a motion to appoint Dr. Amy Raubenolt as the Chair and Mr. Chuck Sowerbrower as the Vice Chair to the Education Committee.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Amy Raubenolt as the Chair and Mr. Chuck Sowerbrower as the Vice Chair of the Education Committee.** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson - Second. None opposed. Dr. Raubenolt - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dr. Raubenolt reported that the Education Committee met on December 14, 2022 and they did have quorum.

She stated that they reviewed the workgroups and the assignments to each workgroup. None of the workgroups have met recently. Information will be provided to Dr. Raubenolt regarding the workgroups.

The EMR/EMT skill sheets were approved by the Board in October. Mr. Wagoner will be sending these out to all of the schools. Any class or course beginning after July 1, 2022 will need to utilize the new skill sheets.

It was discovered that in order to include the Instructor I and Instructor II those certifications that there is at least 30 rule updates that would need to be completed.

The committee had a discussion regarding the change in the AEMT and paramedic exams. In 2023 the psychomotor exam will be dropped and there will be a longer computer based exam to incorporate what is done now in the psychomotor exam. A discussion ensued regarding this change.

### **EMS System Development, Kent Appelhans**

Mr. Appelhans stated that there was not a meeting on December 14, 2021 due to the lack of quorum. However, Vince Gildone, Chair of the committee, submitted a note regarding the attendance of some members. It was reported that a couple members have not responded to emails, phone messages or has participated in meetings during the 2021 year. Ms. Beavers made a motion to remove Bruce Shade and Julie Rose from the membership of the EMS System Development. Should they want to be reappointed they would need to resubmit a committee application.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the removal of Bruce Shade and Julie Rose from membership to the EMS System Development Committee.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Dutton - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

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

Mr. Resanovich reported that the subcommittee did not have a meeting. Mr. Resanovich recommended that the Board have a discussion at the Board Retreat in April to discuss the possibility of sunsetting this subcommittee.

### **EMS Rural Subcommittee, Karen Beavers**

Ms. Beavers stated that the subcommittee met on December 14, 2021 and there was a quorum with Chair Eric Burns leading the meeting.

Dan Prokop with the Ohio Department of Health was at the meeting. There is a \$50,000 grant that can assist rural departments. A conference call will be set up to discuss the parameters of the grant.

Ms. Beavers stated that to make EMS essential is a primary focus as EMS is not considered essential in Ohio unlike fire. A discussion ensued that legislators and special interest groups need to work on changing mindsets which can relate to updating Ohio's laws.

Concerns were addressed that public transportation companies are exempt from having to obtain state permits and have oversight. They are not eligible for grant funds. The state can publish guidelines for these companies, but it is up to local communities to make decisions. Public transportation companies are required to submit transfer data to EMSIRS.

The committee discussed the federal funds that Governor DeWine received for Ohio. Executive Director Wagoner recommended that EMS sites use a good grant writer when applying for funding.

Executive Director Wagoner confirmed that Priority 1 grant funds can be used towards training (if it is a CE site or EMS Accredited training site) and for equipment. Information about grants is on the EMS website.

Daniel Prokop will be setting up a virtual grant-writing seminar and will notify the committee once he has the details.

### **Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton**

Mr. Dutton reported that the Medical Oversight Committee met on December 14, 2021 and had a quorum.

The committee had a discussion regarding grant priorities. One suggestion was to survey the agencies and grant recipients as to what grant priorities would serve their needs.

The committee discussed the annual Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference that was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic. They do not want to have a virtual conference. The committee would need a six month lead time to reserve the venue and the speakers.

The committee had a discussion regarding recruitment and retention. There are some good suggestions from the committee members that they will continue to discuss in future meetings.

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

Mr. Allenstein reported that the committee did not meet due to quorum issues; therefore, there is not a report.

### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Kent Appelhans**

Mr. Appelhans reported that the committee did not meet due to quorum issues; therefore, there is not a report.

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

Mr. Uhl reported that there was not a meeting in November; however, they are scheduled to meet on December 28, 2021. Mr. Uhl thanked Mr. Wise for his guidance in giving the committee information on what they need to work on. The work to be done is massive.

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

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee did not meet in November; however, they are scheduled to meet on December 28, 2021.

Mr. Resanovich stated that the goal is to present a model regarding continuing education at the April Board Retreat. It is about quality and not quantity.

### **EMS Star of Life, Valerie Koker**

Ms. Koker reported that the American College of Emergency Physicians, who are our partners, approved \$2500 for the year for the EMS Star of Life lapel pins and refreshments. It is hopeful that we can have the 2020 EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony during the EMS week on May 18, 2022. The venue is limiting



the number of attendees to 100 when typically we have 300 attendees. The awards ceremony is always live streamed for those not able to be in attendance. Also in discussions is the possibility of having a second awards ceremony in the fall for incidents/runs that happened in 2020 and 2021.

Mr. Dutton commented that the EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony is one of his favorite events of the year. He asked if it was possible to have the 2020 and 2022 awards ceremony at the same time. Ms. Koker explained that the workload would be an issue and very doubtful that we could combine the ceremonies.

**Old Business ~ none**

**New Business**

Mr. Appelhans reminded the Board members that the Board Retreat will be held April 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Department of Administrative Services at 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Appelhans requested if any member had ideas for the Retreat. Mr. Allenstein suggested that a focus should be discussed regarding temporarily and long-term staffing in EMS in Ohio because many EMS agencies are currently in crisis mode. It was suggested that if anyone has ideas to email Ms. Koker. Dr. George inquired if the Board has a position to support a declaration of whether there is a crisis. It was stated that it is not within the prevue of the Board. Dr. Cunningham stated that many years ago there was a document for a crisis standards of care plan for Ohio from a CDC grant. It is titled the Ohio Medical Coordination Plan and it is housed at the Ohio Department of Health.

***ACTION: Motion to approve that the EMFTS Board make a formal request for the Ohio Medical Coordination Plan from the Ohio Department of Health.*** Dr. George – First. Mr. Allenstein - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dr. George stated that the blood banks have sent out another message saying that there is a critical shortage of blood and that it will be worse than this past year. The vaccine mandate will also reduce their workforce. It is anticipated that there will be a shortage of 47 units of O positive and 48 units of O negative packed red blood cells this month.

**Nominations**

Mr. Appelhans requested if there were any additional nominations for the chair or vice chair of the EMFTS Board. At the October Board meeting Mr. Appelhans was nominated for chair and Mr. Marchetta was nominated for vice chair.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Kent Appelhans as the Chair to the EMFTS Board for 2022.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None opposed. Mr. Appelhans - abstained. **Motion approved.**

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Mark Marchetta as the Vice Chair to the EMFTS Board for 2022.*** Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. DeVore – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

**Adjournment**

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

**NEXT MEETING:** The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

\*\* The December 15, 2021 EMFTS Board meeting minutes were approved at the February 16, 2022 Board meeting.