



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2022

~FINAL~

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Tom Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Geoff Dutton, Jeff Fishel, Mark Marchetta, Dr. Amy Raubenolt, Mark Resanovich, Diane Simon, and Kevin Uhl.

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Deputy Director Aaron Jennings, Valerie Koker, Executive Director Rob Wagoner, and Mike Wise.

Public Present: ~none~

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 8:35 am. Mr. Appelhans welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Appelhans requested a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion to approve the February 16, 2022 Executive Committee minutes. Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director Wagoner reported that seat #7 has been appointed. Dorothy Battles has been the chief of Thompson Fire Department since 1997 in Thompson, Ohio. She is a deputy coroner and a paramedic and will make a great addition to the Board and Fire Committee.

Ms. Koker reported that the Division has only received one nomination for seat #2 and six nominations are needed since there are two nominating organizations. Seat #7 had three nominations; however, one did not qualify for the seat. A replacement nomination was made and now Dorothy Battles has been appointed.

Seat #8 will remain vacant until new legislation due to the nominating organizations being non-existent.

Committee

Education

Dr. Raubenolt reported that she will appoint another board member, Stacey Martin, along with other new members today at the EMFTS Board meeting. Dr. Raubenolt stated that the committee would then have 13 members.

Dr. Raubenolt stated that she will bring a motion forward to approve the Child Maltreatment module.

EMS for Children

Mr. Appelhans will give the report. There are currently 2 Board members on the committee.

EMS System Development

Ms. Beavers stated that she will appoint another board member, Stacey Martin, to the committee.

Medical Oversight

This committee has at least two board members.

Medical Transportation

Mr. Allenstein stated that the committee members attendance needs to be reviewed. The biggest discussion by the committee the day before was the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regarding ambulettes. The PUCO seems to have a regulation that involves ambulettes. A discussion ensued regarding this issue and will be continued at the Board meeting. A church bus was cited to be licensed by the PUCO in northern Ohio. The other discussion at the Medical Transportation Committee concerning the KKK specifications. Language was created at one point which was very broad about federal agency oversight. Ambulances are not being manufactured to KKK standards. A discussion ensued regarding this issue and will be continued at the Board meeting. Another discussion at the committee meeting was in regards to the scope of practice and legislation House Bill 28 that was soft voted on by the House regarding stretcher vans. By informally passing the bill it will keep its spot on the calendar.

Another discussion regarded psychiatric patient transports in Ohio ensued. An inquiry was made about alternate modes of transport, other than an ambulance, to perform the transport of psychiatric patients. A solution is needed because, frequently, an ambulance is not available for emergent calls due to being tasked to psychiatric patient transport, some of which involves transport across state lines. Ms. Beavers reported that other states have a specific psychiatric transport team matrix that has a social worker along with a paramedic on the ambulance. Mr. Resanovich suggested that the Alternative Transport Workgroup become active again. The old members will be contacted and invited to be on the workgroup.

Rural EMS

Ms. Beavers stated that letters will be sent to members who are not attending the meetings.

EMS Preparedness Ad hoc Committee

The committee will meet on July 8th.

Scope of Practice Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Uhl reported that they did not have a meeting. It was noted that Dr. Schwartz is the vice chair for the committee as a correction to the spreadsheet.

Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Resanovich reported that they did not have a meeting.

EMS Funding Ad Hoc Committee

It was suggested that this meeting be scheduled to follow the Scope of Practice and Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee meetings which are held on the Tuesday after the Board meeting. It was suggested the meeting begin at 12:45 pm and last 2 hours.

Mr. Appelhans reported that EMS Funding was not on the agenda.

Trauma Committee

Ms. Simon reported that they did not have a meeting due to not having a quorum.

Mr. Allenstein inquired about the American College of Surgeons guidelines regarding trauma centers. Executive Director Wagoner stated that the problem is that the level 1 trauma centers will be overloaded. The trauma rules are being updated and will not include this guideline. Once the Trauma Committee meets, the Board will get guidance from them. The urban areas will not be impacted.

Other Motions and Reports

Dr. Cunningham was not in attendance and Executive Director Wagoner will give her report at the EMFTS Board meeting.

Mr. Fishel will make a motion to add additional members to the EMS Preparedness Committee.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding the number of EMFTS Board meetings a year. When the Board had only 4 meetings per year, it was very difficult for discipline. It was suggested that the legislators be pushed to have virtual meetings. It would take a law change to open meetings. Another issue with only 4 meetings annually is the adjudication for discipline. It is not fair to the EMS and fire certificate holders to hold them for 30 days. It was suggested that the EMS Funding committee do research on other states regarding their boards. It was stated that it is important to meet in person at least part of the time.

Adjourn

Mr. Appelhans requested a motion to adjourn: Ms. Beavers - first; Mr. Marchetta - second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

***The June 15, 2022 Executive Committee minutes were approved at the August 17, 2022 meeting.*