



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2022

~FINAL~

**Committee Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

**Committee Members Present:** Tom Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, Jeff Fishel, Ruda Jenkins, Mark Marchetta, Dr. Amy Raubenolt, Mark Resanovich, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, and Diane Simon.

**Committee Members Absent:** Geoff Dutton and Kevin Uhl

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

**Public Present:** ~none~

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#### **Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting began at 8:33 am. Mr. Appelhans welcomed everyone.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Appelhans requested a motion to approve the August 17, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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**ACTION:** Motion to approve the August 17, 2022 Executive Committee minutes. Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

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Executive Director Rob Wagoner reported there are six EMFTS Board seats expiring November 12, 2022.

The following seats are still vacant from 2021:

Seat #2 – Trauma Surgeon - need 5 additional nominations

Seat #8 – EMS Educator - all of the nominating organizations are now defunct

Seats expiring November 12, 2022:

Seat #1 – Dr. Amy Raubenolt

- 3 nominations received from American College of Emergency Physicians
- Ohio Osteopathic Association has not provided nominations

Seat #5 – Stacey Martin

- 9 nominations were received; however, 4 nominations did not qualify for the seat

Seat #6 – Chief Dudley Wright

- 3 nominations sent to Director's office September 15th

Seat #10 – Captain Kevin Uhl

- 3 nominations received from the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters
- Northern Ohio Fire Fighters has not provided nominations

Seat #11 – Chief Mark Marchetta

- 3 nominations sent to Director's office on September 15th

Seat #15 – David DeVore

- 3 nominations sent to Director's office on September 15th

Should Mr. Marchetta not be appointed before the February EMFTS Board meeting then the vice chair will conduct the meeting. Mr. Devore is no longer in EMS and will not seek reappointment for seat #15.

## **Committees**

### **Trauma**

- The workgroups will have the final proposal for the IEM that affects trauma education throughout the state for EMS and nurses.

### **Education**

- Dr. Raubenolt reported that they had a representative from the National Registry of EMTs to provide information regarding the upcoming changes. They gave a demonstration of what the new questions will look like and alleviated the concerns of many committee member's; however, there was discussion regarding the psycho motor exams. The committee is working on a survey for high school programs and students. There are not any motions.

### **EMS for Children**

- Dr. Schwartz does not have any motions.

### **EMS System Development**

- Ms. Beavers reported there was not a meeting.

### **Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee**

- The subcommittee discussed the solar eclipse. The subcommittee will create a flyer to have links to information about the event and associated preparation considerations. Once approved the flyer will be distributed through gov delivery and posted on the EMS website. Some people are not taking this seriously due to the event being so far in the future. It can be a huge issue regarding traffic at the central point and all of the grocery and gas stations will have issues. The Division of EMS sent out a notice via gov

delivery. Franklin County and Delaware County will be closest to the center. The subcommittee will also be reviewing the last CHEMPAK information.

### **EMS Rural Subcommittee**

- Ms. Beavers reported that they had quorum but do not have any motions. The Rural Subcommittee discussed funding in regards to EMS as an essential service. The Paramedic Foundation survey indicated that paramedics are not being paid what they believe they should be paid. The subcommittee discussed the possibility of them receiving raises if they take additional training.

### **EMS Funding Ad-hoc Committee**

- The committee will not reconvene until March to discuss long term sustainable sources of funding. There are efforts ongoing to help with the funding and legislative needs as discussed at the EMFTS Board retreat.

### **Medical Oversight**

- A meeting was not held due to lack of having a quorum.

### **Medical Transportation**

- Mr. Allenstein has members that they will remove from the committee. The removals will be David DeVore and Christopher Grosch. The committee had many discussions regarding the Broda chair and will speak to Dave Fiffick. There is a question on the law change requiring standards. The committee had discussions regarding staffing and what the future will look like with medical transportation.

### **Critical Care Subcommittee**

- The subcommittee had a quorum. The removals will be Christopher Groesch and Daniel Heuchert. The subcommittee discussed air medical regulations regarding fixed wing aircraft. They will create a survey with the fixed wing licensed providers. There was an update given by Kevin Uhl at the meeting regarding scope of practice.

### **Alternate Transportation Workgroup**

- The DEMS staff will need to collect applications from those that are not currently on a committee.

### **Scope of Practice Ad Hoc Committee**

- Mr. Uhl was not present to give a report.

### **Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee**

- Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee did not meet.

Dr. Cunningham will provide information on mobile mental health units and the role of EMS as well as suboxone initiatives.

### **New Business**

Mr. Resanovich reported that he has been approached by many chiefs and EMS agencies who have very active medical directors who will be retiring but would like to retain their roles in medical direction. They will not be working in emergency departments but they would like to

continue as medical directors. Mr. Resanovich would like to have this conversation with the Board members.

Mr. Resanovich stated that he understood the financial straits on the budget but these meetings are being cancelled. He would like to have this discussion regarding the lack of quorum issues. If members are having attendance issues then they need to be removed from the committee. Dr. Schwartz asked if there were issues with quorum during the time when meetings were being conducted virtually. Some members felt like there was not good discussion during virtual meetings. There were also members who had issues connecting virtually. Director Wagoner stated that the Education section is continuing their site visits virtually. Some sites need to have in-person meetings. A number of Boards have expressed to the Boards and Commissions that they are in favor of virtual meetings; however, this would require a law change.

A discussion ensued regarding high school pass rates. An example was given of an adult who went through the EMT curriculum who questioned why so many items were being taught. On the exam the student was concerned about the questions that were on the exam. The National Registry of EMTs sets those standards and writes the test from the curriculum and standards. Director Wagoner suggested that while the National Registry is at the retreat that they should also provide a presentation on how a standard is set and how an adaptive test will measure competency.

Director Wagoner stated that the EMS for Children's coordinator position that was staffed by Joe Stack has been removed from the Division. Dr. Julie Leonard at Nationwide Children's has been the medical director for many years and it has been very difficult for her to manage EMSC with the coordinator based at ODPS. The federal funding has been moved to Nationwide Children's Hospital. The EMS for Children's Committee will still remain under the EMFTS Board.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Appelhans stated that all of the committees will need to be repopulated in February 2023. Committee applications need to be submitted by December 15, 2022. The committee chair and vice chair will also be appointed in February 2023 for all of the committees. EMFTS Board members do not need to submit a resume with the application.

Ms. Koker stated that the EMFTS Board retreat dates will be April 18, 19, and 20, 2023.

### **Adjourn**

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***Mr. Appelhans requested a motion to adjourn: Mr. Allenstein - first; Mr. Resanovich - second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.***

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***\*\*Minutes approved at the Executive Committee meeting on December 14, 2022.***