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STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2023

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, June 21, 2023, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Tom Allenstein, Dorothy Battles, Geoff Dutton, Patrick Ferguson, Jeff Fishel, Brian Hathaway, Ruda Jenkins, Mark Marchetta (chair), Mark Resanovich (vice chair), Darin Robinaugh, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Dave Viola, John Weimer and Dudley Wright

Board Members Absent: Kent Appelhans and Karen Beavers

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Asia Bange, Johanna Burgess, Robin Burmeister, Dr. Carol Cunningham (State Medical Director), Joel Demory, Doug Edwards, Dave Fiffick, A.J. Johnson, Ed Long, Eric Mays, Jim Oberle, Ellen Owens, Jodie Parker, Bryan Reardon, Kelly Sparks, Joe Stack, Dan Swords, Executive Director Rob Wagoner, and Michael Wise

Assistant Attorney General: Thomas Puckett

Public Present:, John Aeh, Scott Melling, Nathan Rasich, and Diane Simon

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:04 a.m. Mr. Marchetta welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation in the 2023 Board Retreat.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Mr. Mark Marchetta (Chair)	Present
Ms. Dorothy Battles	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich (vice chair)	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Absent	Mr. Darin Robinaugh	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. Dave Viola	Present
Mr. Jeff Fishel	Present	Mr. John Weimer	Present
Mr. Brian Hathaway	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright	Present

Open Forum

No one was present.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Marchetta requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the EMFTS Board retreat minutes of April 18th and April 19th and the EMFTS Board meeting minutes of April 20, 2023, Certificates of Approval, Certificates of Accreditation, April and May 90-day extensions and EMS certifications for April and May.

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Mr. Marchetta introduced himself as the chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The proceedings were called to order at 10:06. on June 21, 2023.

Roll Call

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Mr. Mark Marchetta (chair)	Present
Ms. Dorothy Battles	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich (vice chair)	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Darin Robinaugh	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. Dave Viola	Present
Mr. Jeff Fishel	Present	Mr. John Weimer	Present
Mr. Brian Hathaway	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright	Present

It was noted for the record that a majority of the Board members were present. The Board reviewed the following cases:

Summary Suspension Case:

- o EMS Case Nos. 2021-562-BE100 & 2023-302-BE100, Elijah Hilderbrand, Certificate No. 178990

Mr. Wise reported that Elijah Hilderbrand who was convicted of a felony offense involving a minor victim between the ages of 13 years old and 16 years old. Mr. Hilderbrand is a registered sex offender.

Report and Recommendation Case(s):

- EMS Case No. 2022-151-E100, John C. Aeh, Certificate No. 84994
- EMS Case Nos. 2022-275-BE500 & 2022-349-BE100, Nathan D. Rosich, Certificate No. 161331
- EMS Case No. 2022-457-E500, Jamien A. Gibson, ID No. 235033

Mr. Marchetta recognized Assistant Attorney General Thomas Puckett for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of each case.

- **EMS Case No. 2022-151-E100, John C. Aeh, Certificate No. 84994**

Mr. Aeh is an EMT certificate holder whose certificate was set for expiration on October 2022. On August 9, 2022, Mr. Aeh was issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing because while he was employed as a corrections officer, Mr. Aeh transported contraband into a correctional facility at the Scioto County Jail, resulting in a conviction for Illegal Conveyance of Drugs of Abuse onto the Ground of a Government Facility, a felony of the third degree. A hearing was held virtually on January 25, 2023, where the Respondent appeared with Counsel. On March 26, 2023, the hearing officer issued her Report and Recommendation which recommended revocation of Mr. Aeh's certificate.

Mr. Marchetta inquired if Mr. Aeh or his attorney were present. Mr. Aeh reported that he brought tobacco to the inmates. He stated he has been a first responder since 1996 and has never been in trouble aside from speeding tickets. He reported that he is very remorseful and EMS is what he wants to do with his life Mr. Aeh will abide by the consequences to keep his certifications. He stated that he has helped a lot of people in doing his job and has trained many others. He reported that he has been completely honest with law enforcement and the Division of EMS. An EMFTS Board member asked if he was working in EMS currently and he said that he has not worked in EMS in about 2 years and now works on a safety team with AEP.

- **EMS Case Nos. 2022-275-BE500 & 2022-349-BE100, Nathan D. Rosich, Certificate No. 161331**

Mr. Rosich is an EMT certificate holder whose expiration is set for February 2024. On October 3, 2022, the Division of EMS issued Mr. Rosich a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing alleging that Mr. Rosich had operated an ambulance and struck a fence, and was later drug tested and found to be positive for cocaine. Additionally, Mr. Rosich failed to disclose a 2016 conviction for Physical Control when he applied to renew his certificates in 2018. An administrative hearing was held on March 7, 2023, and Respondent appeared without counsel. On May 6, 2023, the hearing officer released her Report and Recommendation which found Mr. Rosich in violation and recommended indefinite suspension of Respondent's certificates.

Mr. Marchetta inquired if Mr. Rosich or his attorney were present. Mr. Rosich stated that he has worked in public service for 10 years and is the most rewarding career. He stated that it has been a privilege to serve his community. He was with a small team from Ohio that received personal commendation from the head of emergency management and chief of operations during a disaster employment with FEMA. He stated that he takes full responsibility for his actions. Mr Rosich requested that his certifications not be revoked and that his objections and years of service be taken into account as he wants to continue to serve his community.

- **EMS Case No. 2022-457-E500, Jamien A. Gibson, ID No. 235033**

On November 7, 2022, Mr. Gibson was issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing by the Division for allegedly practicing as an EMT from October 2021 through July 2022 without ever being a certificate holder by the State Board of EMFTS. In that time span, Mr. Gibson participated in over 100 emergency runs without holding any kind of EMT certificate. In September 2022, Mr. Gibson submitted his initial application to become a certified EMT-B. On March 2, 2023, an administrative hearing was held and Mr. Gibson attended in person. Mr. Gibson admitted to not having a certificate and provided mitigating evidence. On April 3, 2023, the hearing officer issued her Report and Recommendation in which she recommended that Mr. Gibson's application be denied, and if he re-applies after September 2023, Mr. Gibson would have to submit to a background check during the period of his certificate application.

Mr. Marchetta inquired if Mr. Gibson or his attorney were present. No one was present.

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. 2018-191-E300, John R. Berry, Certificate No. 136824
- EMS Case No. 2019-352-E300, David A. Harlan, Certificate No. 173545
- EMS Case No. 2019-539-E300, Belinda Groppi, Certificate No. 171455
- EMS Case No. 2019-592-E300, Annette J. Schick, Certificate No. 100276
- EMS Case No. 2022-246-BE100, Kevin M. McCarthy, Certificate No. 177935

Mr. Marchetta 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. Ferguson— First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. None abstained.
Motion approved.

Summary Suspension Case:

- **EMS Case Nos. 2021-562-BE100 & 2023-302-BE100, Elijah Hilderbrand, Certificate No. 178990**
- Mr. Wise reported that Elijah Hilderbrand was convicted of a felony offense involving a minor victim between the ages of 13 years old and 16 years old. Mr. Hilderbrand is a registered sex offender.

There was no further evidence to come before the Board and the proceedings closed at 10:22 a.m.

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

SUMMARY SUSPEMSION

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Numbers 2021-562-BE100 and 2023-302-BE100, Elijah Hilderbrand, Certificate Number 178990, I move that the Board issue an order to summarily suspend Mr. Hilderbrand'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 Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, felonies of the fourth degree. 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).* Ms. Battles - First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2022-151-E100, John C. Aeh, Certificate Number 84994, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order approving the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the hearing examiner to revoke Mr. Aeh's certification.* Ms. Battles - First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Viola and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Numbers 2022-275-BE500 and 2022-349-BE100, Nathan D. Rosich, Certificate Number 161331, 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 to suspend the certification until successful completion of a fit for duty exam by OPHP including drug testing and substance abuse evaluation and a BCI background check, followed by 3 years of probation and 3 years of random drug testing. This modification was based on the circumstances and history of public service.* Ms. Battles - First. Mr. Hathaway – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2022-457-E500, Jamien A. Gibson, Applicant ID Number 235033, 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 deny Mr. Gibson's application for certification.* Ms. Battles - First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

GOLDMAN MOTIONS

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-191-E300, John R. Berry, Certificate Number 136824, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Berry failed to complete continuing education requirements as indicated in the notice of opportunity for hearing, and that Mr. Berry's EMS certification be indefinitely suspended until continuing education requirements are completed.* Ms. Battles - First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright- Abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-352-E300, David A. Harlan, Certificate Number 173545, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Harlan failed to complete continuing education requirements as indicated in the notice of opportunity for hearing, and that Mr. Harlan's EMS certification be indefinitely suspended until continuing education requirements are completed. Ms. Battles – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-539-E300, Belinda Groppi, Certificate Number 171455, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Groppi failed to comply with a consent agreement as indicated in the notice of opportunity for hearing, and that Ms. Groppi's EMS certification be indefinitely suspended until she completes the terms of the consent agreement. Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Ferguson - Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright- Abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-592-E300, Annette J. Schick, Certificate Number 100276, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Schick failed to comply with the terms of a consent agreement as indicated in the notice of opportunity for hearing, and that Ms. Schick's EMS certification be indefinitely suspended until she completes the terms of the consent agreement. Ms. Battles – First. Dr. Schwartz- Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2022-246-BE100, Kevin M. McCarthy, Certificate Number 177935, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. McCarthy has been convicted of Reckless Homicide, a felony of the third degree, and that Mr. McCarthy's EMS certification be permanently revoked. Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Ferguson- Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations

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). Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Viola – Second. None opposed. None Abstained. Motion approved.

****Please note that the Board did not go into Executive Session**

EMS and Medical Transportation Investigations Motions

ACTION: Motion to accept the consent agreement for the following Education case.
Ms. Battles– First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Fishel, and Mr. Wright - Abstained.. **Motion approved.**

2019-315-E300
2022-594-E300
2023-008-E300

ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the following Medical Transportation case.

Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Hathaway – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained..
Motion approved.

2023-138-E700

ACTION: Motion to close the following Medical Transportation case.

Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Hathaway – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained..
Motion approved.

2020-085-E700 Warning letter

ACTION: Motion to accept the Consent Agreements for the following cases.

Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - Abstained.
Motion approved.

2022-688-BE100	2023-086-E400
2022-703-E100	2023-106-E300
2023-012-E100	2023-115-E100
2023-049-E400	2023-159-E100
2023-064-E100	2023-174-E300
2023-085-E400	

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. Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Dutton - Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Fishel (2023-193-BE100) and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

2019-652-BE100	2022-461-BE500
2020-262-E400	2022-524-BE500
2021-395-E500 <i>Warning letter</i>	2022-681-BE100 <i>Warning letter</i>
2021-416-E400 <i>Refer to Medical Dir.</i>	2022-704-BE500
2022-376-BE500	2023-114-E400
2022-387-E400 <i>Refer to Medical Dir.</i>	2023-193-BE100 <i>Warning letter</i>
2022-394-BE500	
2022-401-E500	

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

2017-539-E300	2022-434-E100
2019-293-E100	2022-492-E500
2019-393-E400	2022-530-BE500
2020-197-BE100	2022-588-BE100

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals were audited at their respective certification levels and opted to surrender their certificate to practice or certificate to teach. Re-open if re-applies: Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained.. **Motion approved.**

2022-346-E300
2023-158-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following case. Individual entered into a consent agreement with the Board. They have not met the requirements of the consent agreement. Their respective certificate to practice has expired, been surrendered, or been revoked. Re-open if reapplies.
Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained. **Motion approved.**

2015-555-E100	2019-347-E100
2016-232-E300	2019-384-E300
2018-638-E300	2019-462-E300
2018-716-E300	2019-624-E300

ACTION: Motion to accept the surrender for permanent revocation of their certificate to practice and close the following case. Ms. Battles– First. Mr. Hathaway – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained.. **Motion approved.**

2022-499-BE100

ACTION: Motion to accept the surrender for revocation of their certificate to practice and close the following case. Ms. Battles– First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright – Abstained.. **Motion approved.**

2023-071-BE500

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearing for the following cases.
Ms. Battles – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Wright - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

2020-448-BE500	2023-107-E300
2022-184-BE100	2023-139-E300
2022-477-E300	2023-209-E300
2022-478-E100	2023-287-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons: inadvertently marked “yes” to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed “not involving moral turpitude”, continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.

Ms. Battles– First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Fishel (2023-183-BE100) and Mr. Wright- Abstained. **Motion approved.**

2018-268-E100	2023-141-BE100
2021-382-E500	2023-165-E300
2021-585-BE100	2023-176-E100
2022-028-E100	2023-177-E100 <i>Warning letter</i>
2022-446-BE100	2023-183-BE100
2022-460-E500	2023-200-E100
2022-521-E100	2023-204-E500
2022-538-BE500	2023-226-BE100
2022-555-BE100	2023-248-E100
2022-665-BE100	2023-284-E100
2023-051-E100	

Board Chair Report, Mark Marchetta

Mr. Marchetta will include his report later in the meeting.

State Medical Director, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham reported that the RPAB Chairpersons’ meeting was held on May 10, 2023. The next RPAB Chairpersons meeting will be held on September 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Executive Director Wagoner and Dr. Cunningham had a very productive meeting with the Ohio Department on Aging regarding the dementia training. They will allow us to create a module that is directed toward EMS and persons providing medical care.

The updated draft EMFTS Board position papers were sent to the EMFTS Board members in the board packet. The position papers are as follows:

- Capnography
- Electronic Technologies and the Impact on EMS
- EMS Providers and the Emergency Medical Record
- Interfacility Transport of Patients
- Prehospital Transport of Patients with Pre-existing Medical Devices or Drug Administrations
- Rapid Sequence Induction for Endotracheal Intubation

Dr. Cunningham reported each of the changes made to the position papers at the Medical Oversight Committee. A discussion ensued regarding questions the Board members have with the position papers.

Dr. Cunningham requested a motion to approve the six position papers.

ACTION Motion to approve the following position papers: *Capnography, Electronic Technologies and the Impact on EMS, EMS Providers and the Emergency Medical Record, Interfacility Transport of Patients, Prehospital Transport of Patients with Pre-existing Medical Devices or Drug Administrations and Rapid Sequence Induction for Endotracheal Intubation.*

Mr. Dutton— First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. None Abstained. **Motion approved.**

The Ohio EMS Medical Director conference is scheduled for November 8, 2023 at the Columbus Fire Training Academy. The venue was moved from the Ohio Department of Transportation due to remodeling being done in the auditorium. Development of the speakers and agenda will be completed soon. Medical directors will receive continuing medical education (CME) credits. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has a new requirement that physicians must complete 8 hours of training on substance use disorder to renew their DEA license, and the conference will include a 1-hour presentation that will qualify for this specific CME requirement. A few of the topics include

- ASPR's Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities and the development of National Special Pathogen System,
- Emergency Preparedness and Response, and
- Lithium-Ion Battery and Powered Vehicles
- Cybersecurity and the Evolving Role of Electronic Technologies in EMS
- Acute Stress and Resilience
- Substance and Opioid Use Disorders and Solutions to Explore: Suboxone Bridge Programs/Mobile Mental Health Teams Substance Use Disorder
- Human Trafficking/Domestic Violence
- Rural EMS
- State of Ohio EMS, State Board of Pharmacy, and Ohio ACEP updates

The National Association of State EMS Officials annual meeting was held June 12-15, 2023. Some important topics discussed included:

- U.S. Fire Administration has created a dedicated Fire and EMS Division
- Freedom House and Kevin Hazzard
- Prehospital airway management evidence-based guidelines (EBG) to be published soon in Prehospital Emergency Care
- NHTSA Office of EMS - Grants
 - Grants to the state departments of transportation include "post-crash care"
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
 - Local EMS agencies
 - 5-year grant allocation
 - \$800 million allocated in 2023; \$200 million unawarded funds to roll over in 2024
 - Total awarded in Ohio in 2023: \$3,414,000

https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-04/SS4A-FY22-Action-Plan-Awards-by-State_4-19-23.pdf

Ohio agencies need to apply for 2024 grant funds and the DEMS should send out the information via gov delivery. Mr. Dutton suggested that committees research the information and how agencies need to apply.

Legal Counsel, Mike Wise

Mr. Wise was not in attendance as he was tasked to attend the National Transportation Safety Board meeting in East Palestine, Ohio..

Assistant Attorney General, Thomas Puckett

Assistant Attorney General Puckett did not have a report.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Robert Wagoner

Executive Director Wagoner reported that there are currently 5 vacant seats from 2021 and 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 expired November 12, 2022; however were active until January 12, 2023.

Seat #1 – Dr. Amy Raubenolt

- .Emergency Physician

Seat #5 – Stacey Martin

- Trauma Program Manager

Seat #10 – Captain Kevin Uhl

- Firefighter/Paramedic

The Division of EMS and the State Fire Marshal have been working to provide a more detailed analysis of EMS and fire response times for the Governor's Task Force and Volunteer Fire Service to identify areas of need and discuss ways to improve services and the delivery of care. There is also a need to improve resuscitation rates based on that data in concert with Ohio CARES and this effort is ongoing.

Executive Director Wagoner congratulated all of the EMS Star of Life Award recipients. He thanked Holly Dorr with Ohio ACEP, the Division of EMS staff and the EMFTS Board members for making the awards ceremony a success.

The Division of EMS remains engaged with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and ESF8 partners through regular partner meetings, a newly formed weather workgroup, and the ongoing planning for the 2024 solar eclipse.

The legislative changes and the proposed fiscal 2023/2024 budget for the Division is intact and has worked its way through the legislature currently. Executive Director Wagoner thanked those who were involved in providing information. The language has been restored regarding the ANSE vehicle manufacturing standards as well as CAPS vehicle standards in the budget bill. Senator Stephen Huffman was instrumental in working on behalf of the Division of EMS.

The Executive Committee received an update regarding the pilot program using Microsoft TEAMS® for management of attendance and documents for each committee. At this time there are 5 committees involved in the pilot which will continue.

The Division of EMS is working to fill its staffing needs. The deputy director position interviews have been completed. Assistant Director Huey will assist in reviewing the candidates.

Grants, Johanna Burgess

The SFY 2023-24 Priority One Grant Award Recommendations list was provided to the Board members with agencies that need to be approved for funding.

ACTION: Motion to approve the SFY 2023-24 Priority One Grant Award Recommendations. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Viola - Second. Discussion. None opposed. Ms. Battles (Thompson F.D.), Mark Resanovich (Tri-Division Ambulance, Greentown F.D., and Alliance F.D.), Mr. Hathaway (Union City F.D.), Mr. Fishel (BST&G Fire District, Concord Twp. F.D., Delaware F.D., Genoa Twp F.D., Porter Kingston Fire District), and Mr. Wright (Monroe Twp. F.D) -, Abstained. **Motion passed.**

The Supplemental Grants will be brought forward for approval at the August EMFTS Board meeting.

EMS Exemption Requests, Jodie Parker

Ms. Parker introduced the two new certification staff members, A.J. Johnson and Asia Bange.

Ms. Parker reported that there is a voluntary surrender of an advanced EMT due to a heart condition.

ACTION: Motion to approve the voluntary surrender of an advanced EMT. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Dutton- Second. None opposed. None Abstained. **Motion approved.**

Education Section, Ed Long

Mr. Long did not have a report. Executive Director Wagoner stated that Mr. Swords is in East Palestine, Ohio to testify before the National Transportation Safety Board in response to a subpoena regarding the training of volunteer firefighters. Executive Director Wagoner reported that it is an open meeting and is being live streamed.

Investigative Services, Joel Demory

Mr. Demory reported to date that the investigation section has opened 357 cases and is keeping pace as in past years. Since the last Board meeting there have been 3 conviction review determinations and three 119 hearings. Mr. Demory acknowledged Attorney General Puckett in regards to a case where there were many witnesses. He also acknowledged the DEMS's attorney, Mike Wise, for his support.

Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick

Dave Fiffick, EMS Chief of Medical Transportation, presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of April, May and June 2023. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of April, May, June 2023; pending a satisfactory inspection.
Mr. Hathaway – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (250704 – CEMS of Ohio) - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

Dave Fiffick presented the list of new or pending medical transportation applications for 18 new services; 3 ambulance services, and 15 ambulettes. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the list of new or pending medical transportation applications for 18 new services; 3 ambulances and 15 ambulettes; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Dutton – First. Dr. Schwartz - Second. None opposed. - Abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director Wagoner

Executive Director Wagoner reminded the EMFTS Board members to complete the Ethics Training by December 31, 2023.

The total solar eclipse, April 8, 2024 is only 294 days away.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the Trauma Committee met on May 10, 2023 and a quorum was attained.

The committee received a request to look at the trauma triage education training requirement for renewals. The committee discussed the requirement and decided to recommend that the EMFTS Board remove the requirement to complete trauma triage upon every certification renewal; however, the training will need to be completed upon initial certification.

ACTION: Motion to approve the removal of the requirement to complete the trauma triage course upon every certification renewal; however, the training is required for initial certification. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Wright - Second. None opposed. - Abstained. Motion approved.

The committee discussed whether the state of Ohio would designate level 4 facilities in our state. It may be beneficial to have level 4 trauma centers in the southeast part of the state. The committee decided that the ACS is changing the standards in September from the orange book to the gray book and any facility that would attempt to become a level 4 it would be under requirements cited in the gray book..

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) also wants facilities to use the Abbreviated Injury Scale 2015 (AIS-15) which will affect trauma data and how injuries are coded. The committee's concern is that there are very few facilities using AIS15; therefore, there would be an expense to get everyone trained along with insufficient availability of classes. If this is not manageable then the committee would contact the ACS.

Education Committee, Dr. Amy Raubenolt

Dr. Raubenolt was not in attendance; however, she provided a written report. Mr. Marchetta reported that the committee met June 20, 2023 with a quorum. The Education Committee would like the Board to consider removing section D of OAC 4765-17-04 as all paramedic programs are required to be accredited by CoAEMSP, which has many similar standards. This section forces the programs to do a lot of extra paperwork to make sure that they are meeting both the state minimum and the CoAEMSP minimums. The rule is up for review and due to be submitted in August. Mr. Marchetta requested a motion for approval. Ms. Owens stated that the programs that are new need to be accredited by Ohio with one class before they are eligible to acquire CoAEMSP accreditation and she asked how will that affect their programs. There is a rule for initial accreditation for a paramedic program not yet CoAEMSP accredited.

A discussion ensued regarding information related to filing of rules and the timeline.

It was decided that more research would need to be completed regarding a change in the rules before a motion is made.

The committee approved the Child Maltreatment Training Module and requests a motion for approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Child Maltreatment Training Module. Dr. Schwartz – First. Mr. Fishel - Second. None opposed. - Abstained. **Motion approved.**

EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz reported that the committee met June 20, 2023 and reached quorum. The Ohio EMS-C program manager Jessica Davis presented the results of the 2023 EMS=C Survey. Ohio EMS for Children had the highest response rate in the history of the committee. There were 667 responses out of 997 agencies which is a 67 percent response rate. Ms. Davis will reach out to the agencies who indicated their interest in a pediatric advocate, the pediatric emergency care coordinator (PECC)

The first annual Ohio EMS-C conference is scheduled for March 1, 2024, and it is slated to be held at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

The webinars have been a success with an entire series on the first year of life. The first webinar was “Out of Hospital Deliveries and Management of the Neonate” with 173 participants. The second webinar was “Out-of-Hospital Management of a Newborn” with 50 participants. The next webinar will be held in August and the 4th webinar in the fall.

The State of Ohio Pediatric EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual, which is being reviewed and aligned with the new NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines will be completed in the next few weeks.

Dr. Schwartz stated that EMS-C does not have a second EMFTS Board member and needs a vice chair. He asked if anyone has interest to contact him.

The Child Maltreatment Modules is part of a package of modules and the next module will be on pediatric mental health issues.

EMS System Development, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers was not in attendance. Executive Director Wagoner attended the meeting on June 20, 2023 and stated that the committee had a discussion regarding the importance of data collection and ways to improve data fidelity. The committee also discussed utilization of EMSIRS data to begin to inform the Human Resources Ad-hoc Committee on skills and procedures being contemplated and examining the current utilization of them nationwide. The importance of statewide efforts of improving services and quality assurance will need to include the measurement of effectiveness once the changes and implementations of new technologies are made. The ability to get providers and agencies to provide a complete set of data that has met all of the quality standards are a challenge for many agencies.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee, Jeff Fishel

Mr. Fishel reported that the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee has not met.

EMS Rural Subcommittee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers was not in attendance. Ms. Battles attended the meeting on June 20, 2023 and quorum was achieved. Ms. Battles stated that the committee had a discussion on the best way to move forward on ways to improve data collection to make people understand why it is important and to identify better ways to use the data. The State Fire Marshal provides reimbursement for EMS courses taken through the Ohio Fire Academy. The biggest discussion was on the white paper of a checklist designed to help provide information for compliance with legal requirements and best practices to implement to keep agencies out of legal trouble when they take over.

EMS Funding Ad-hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that the committee is on a hiatus and will begin again after the budget has been revealed.

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that the committee met June 20, 2023 and achieved quorum. The Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference will be held on November 8, 2023 at the Columbus Fire Academy.

The committee reviewed the draft EMFTS Board position papers and made updates. A discussion regarding transports with medical devices and will also be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Dutton stated that the committee would research the grants that may be available.

The committee discussed the memo from Mr. Uhl regarding the scope of practice. Mr. Dutton explained the basics of the possible changes the Scope of Practice Ad-hoc Committee is reviewing. It would require a rule change before any changes become active. The memo was meant to brainstorm ideas and bring questions forward. Dr. Schwartz explained that it has nothing to do with creating new certifications. A discussion ensued regarding the competencies that may be included. Each program or department may provide education for a competency; however, every competency would need to be approved by the EMFTS Board. The schools would not need to add any training to their curriculum. As a reminder, all of the items for Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee are still under discussion.

Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein, the Chair of the Medical Transportation Committee stated that they met on June 20, 2023 and achieved quorum. The committee is hopeful that the language in the budget bill regarding the addition of CAAS and NFPA to the approved accreditation specifications is retained.

When critical care teams have an RN, EMT, and paramedic and the paramedic calls off. Mr. Allenstein inquired if that RN and EMT can function as an ambulance crew and transport. In the current EMS rules, this is not allowed. The question is what can be done within this scenario. A discussion ensued regarding this issue. It was decided that the Medical Oversight committee review this issue.

Psychiatric Transportation Workgroup, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the workgroup met June 20, 2023. The workgroup is compiling a seven question survey for those who deal with psychiatric patients. The goal is to collect data and meet with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Hospital Association to show the impact on the EMS and healthcare systems. The workgroup is facilitating the gathering

of information and working with the other groups. There are many challenges with transport and financial issues.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Ruda Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins reported that the subcommittee met June 20, 2023 and achieved quorum. The committee has a list of suggestions in regards to the memo from Mr. Uhl and the scope of practice.

The committee had discussions regarding financial issues that are in legislation with Medicaid increases for transport services and changes in administrative payments.

Scope of Practice Ad-hoc Committee, Dr. Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz stated that the committee has not met, but plans to meet next month.

Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee met has not met, but plans to meet next month.

EMS Star of Life

Mr. Marchetta recognized Ms. Koker for her work in making this a great ceremony with so many amazing stories. The young man who survived over 20,000 bee stings, a police officer shot in the head, the 52 car pile up with crews working in -30° F temperatures and the many other amazing acts of survival.

Mr. Allenstein stated that Ms. Koker does a tremendous job from start to finish with all of the work done behind the scenes to make the EMS Star of Life Awards a great ceremony. If everyone came to the ceremony or watched it live streaming they would see why these departments were chosen for going above and beyond to save those who are having the worst day of their life.

Old Business ~ none

New Business

Mr. Resanovich stated that he thought the Board had great discussions; however, he requested that everyone to be courteous to others and asked to be recognized by the chair before speaking.

Mr. Marchetta stated that a facilitator is still needed for the strategic planning meeting to be held in October or November.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.. Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: The EMFTS Board meeting will be held on August 16, 2023 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety Columbus, Ohio at 10:00 am.