



**OHIO MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008**

Members present: Tony Anteau, Mike Bakes, Becky Baute, John Moore, Indira Mulligan (9:30 am), Dr. Schwartz, Dave Viola, and Todd Walker

Staff present: Ronald Grout, Connie White, Diane Conrad, Michael Bidlack, and David Trudics

AAG Representative: Barb Pfeiffer

Excused Absence: Tom Allenstein

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chair Baute and roll call was taken with Anteau, Bakes, Baute, Moore, Schwartz, Viola, and Walker present. Allenstein had an excused absence. Mulligan showed at 9:30 a.m.

ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

Baute moved the J.M.S. Services discussion to the beginning of the meeting due to the fact that the attorney and owner of J.M.S. Services were on their way to Columbus and if they did not need to be there, Grout was calling them. Grout informed the board that a hearing was held for this service which the board approved at the November meeting. Grout and AAG Pfeiffer were in touch with the attorney for J.M.S. Services and came to an agreement which was a little more stringent than the hearing officer's recommendations. The consent agreement had J.M.S. Service paying \$10,000 by February 1, 2008 and \$1,000 payments for the next 14 months. The service will also be on a 24 month suspension which has been stayed as long as the service remains in compliance with all OMTB law and rules.

Motion was made by Anteau to accept the consent agreement. Motion was seconded by Bakes. Motion was passed by all members present.

Motion by Moore was made to accept the consent agreements for case numbers 2006-32 and 2008-19. Motion was seconded by Anteau. Motion was passed by all members present.

Motion by Viola was made to accept the consent agreement for case number 2006-35. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion was passed by all members present.

Motion by Anteau was made to accept the consent agreement for case number 2007-7. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion was passed by all members present.

Motion was made by Anteau to send the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion was passed by all members present.

BOARD RELATED MATTERS

Motion was made by Anteau to approve the Amended September 13, 2007 regular board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Viola. Motion was approved by all members present.

Motion was made by Moore to approve the November 20, 2007 regular board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Viola. Motion was approved by all members present.

Baute asked the board members if there was any discussion about the strategic planning meeting from January 14, 2008. Walker clarified that the amount of the consent agreement was \$6,000 not \$25,000. Anteau informed the board that he had spoken to Steve Wermuth and Steve stated he would be working on the strategic plan for OMTB this weekend and should be getting in touch with Grout within the next week.

OFFICE STAFF REPORT

Grout

Grout asked that the year-end report and field inspector handbook be discussed later when discussion was held regarding the goals set for him.

Grout informed the board that the air medical rules have been sent to all licensed air medical services. The air medical rules became effective January 6, 2008. Grout also informed the board that the air medical rules, air medical inspection forms, and the updated inspector handbook were sent to all OMTB field inspectors.

Grout shared with the board the progress on his OCPM project and that he would be doing his oral presentation either March 12 or 13, 2008. He stated that any board member was welcome but to let him know so that an invitation be sent from OCPM. Baute, Anteau, and Moore asked to be invited.

White

White shared with the board the letter sent to Medicare for the January renewals.

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White informed the board that she has started the Ohio Certified Public Managers (OCPM) course on January 8, 2008. Currently classes are scheduled for two days a week. Grout informed the board that most of the OCPM classes for himself and White will be on separate days of the week so should not interfere with the office. Grout also shared with the board his project that he will be presenting in March. The project is on enforcement for OMTB.

White informed the board that the contract for Shawnee State Resort has been faxed and that the dates for the July meeting will be the 7th & 8th.

Conrad

Conrad stated that the January renewal period is a light renewal and that there are still several applications that have not been received. She will try to contact the services one more time to remind them that the applications must be received by the 17th or the service will no longer be licensed and have to start the licensing process over. Conrad also stated that the new process with sending the certificates and expiration decals to the inspectors seems to be working.

Conrad informed the board that the office has received compliments on three inspectors and wanted to let the board know. The inspectors are Don Kelbley, Daryle Foglesong, and Joseph Zemek. It is always nice to hear that our inspectors are doing a good job.

Trudics

Trudics informed the board that he had sent 30 survey notices out to the services that had a November renewal. To date, 9 surveys have been completed which is about 33% return rate. The survey was sent via email which allowed the email addresses to be updated.

Grout also stated that he would like to continue to send the newsletter to the public fire/EMS services. It is a little costly but feels it has a good impact.

Mulligan asked that the phone number be more visible on the web-site. Also would like to have communications from Grout on web-site. Trudics asked that Mulligan contact him after the meeting to discuss her ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

Funding issues were discussed at the Strategic Planning meeting on the January 14, 2008. Funding issues will be left on the agenda as a continuous item. Mulligan suggested maybe looking into having seminars and work shops for licensees.

Grout shared with the board that he requested 2 resolutions from the Governor's office. To date, the board has not heard anything in return. Grout stated that he has not had any unpleasant experiences working with Governor Strickland's office. Grout also suggested only getting resolutions for members who have served 1 full term or more.

NEW BUSINESS

Anteau informed the board that there will be a webinar hosted by Nadine Levick MD regarding ambulance safety issues. Anteau concerned with information be confidential and that there is limited access but may be able to come to the offices. Baute stated it is open to the first 40 respondents. Grout stated he would like to invest in the equipment that would allow more interaction (web cam and microphone).

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Motion was made by Bakes to approve the ambulance renewal applications (see list below) based upon a satisfactory inspection. Motion was seconded by Anteau. Motion was approved by all members present.

Motion was made by Bakes to approve the ambulette renewal application (see list below) based upon a satisfactory inspection. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion was approved by all members present.

NEW SERVICES

Motion was made by Bakes to approve the ambulette applications listed below based upon a satisfactory inspection. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion was approved by all members present.

NEW HEADQUARTER LOCATIONS

Motion was made by Viola to approve the new headquarter locations (see list below) for the services listed above upon satisfactory inspection. Motion was seconded by Anteau. Motion was approved by all members present.

NEW SATELLITE LOCATIONS

Motion was made by Viola to approve the above ambulance, ambulette, and air medical (see list below) locations pending a satisfactory inspection. Motion was seconded by Anteau. Motion was approved by all members present.

SERVICES CLOSING

See list below.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Anteau to adjourn to executive session at 12:25 p.m. for the discussion of pay increase for executive director. Motion seconded by Moore. Roll call was taken: Allenstein – Absent, Anteau – Yes, Bakes – Yes, Baute – Yes, Moore– Yes, Mulligan – Yes, Schwartz – Yes, Walker – Yes, and Viola - Yes. Present for executive session were Anteau, Bakes, Baute, Moore, Mulligan, Viola, Walker, and Dr. Schwartz.

Executive Session adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Return to Regular Session at 1:30 p.m. to discuss action(s) to be taken from Executive Session.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Moore to approve a 6% pay increase for the executive director based upon the goals that were presented and accepted by the board. Motion was seconded by Viola. Motion was approved by all members present.

Motion was made by Anteau to accept the 2008 goals presented by the executive director with 2% pay raise for each goal met by next evaluation but not to exceed 8%. Motion was seconded by Bakes. Motion was approved by all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Anteau to adjourn to executive session at 1:50 p.m. for the discussion of complaints against licensed services. Motion seconded by Moore. Roll call was taken: Allenstein – Absent, Anteau – Yes, Bakes – Yes, Baute – Yes, Moore– Yes, Mulligan – Yes, Schwartz – Yes, Walker – Yes, and Viola - Yes. Present for executive session were Anteau, Bakes, Baute, Moore, Mulligan, Viola, Walker, Dr. Schwartz, Grout, White, Conrad, Trudics, Bidlack, and Pfeiffer.

Executive Session adjourned at 1:55 p.m. Return to Regular Session at 1:55 p.m. to discuss action(s) to be taken from Executive Session.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

OMTB Complaint No. 2007-54

Motion was made by Moore to dismiss the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing because service is in compliance. Motion was seconded by Anteau. Motion was approved by all members present.

OMTB Complaint No. 2008-26

Motion was made by Moore to close the case, unfounded. Motion was seconded by Bakes. Motion was approved by all members present.

OMTB Complaint No. 2008-22

Motion was made by Moore to close the case, unfounded. Motion was seconded by Bakes. Motion was approved by all members present.

OTHER

Grout wanted to let the board know that his staff gives 100% cooperation in anything that needs to be completed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be March 18, 2008 at 1952 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Bakes. Motion was seconded by Moore. Motion to adjourn was approved by all members present.

Respectfully,

Connie White, Secretary

Rebecca Baute, Chair

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JANUARY

Ambulance applications received/waiting inspections

18-022-2 Advance Ambulance, LLC
25-020-2 Critical Care Transport, Inc.
31-052-2 H.A. Service Cincinnati LLC dba Hillcrest Ambulance
80-001-2 Kare Medical Transport Services, LTD.
93-079-4 New Cumberland Ambulance Service
31-028-2 Non-Emergency Transportation Service, Inc.
73-010-2 Portsmouth Ambulance Service, Inc.
04-001-4 Pymatuning Ambulance Service, Inc.
85-012-2 Samaritan Care, Inc.
31-013-9 University Hospital, Inc. dba Air Care & Mobile Care, University Hospital

Ambulette Applications received/waiting for completed inspection

18-605-5 Advance Ambulance LLC
18-587-5 American Ride & American Wheelchair Coach
18-687-5 Boland Medical Transportation LLC
25-541-5 Critical Care Transport, Inc.
31-533-5 H.A. Service Cincinnati LLC dba Hillcrest Ambulance
25-573-5 Gary M. Ball dba Hallelujah Transit LLC
18-593-5 Healthy Home Care Transportation
18-595-5 K & L Transport
25-563-5 Lawrence Home Health Service dba Lawrence Transportation
12-505-5 Mental Health Services for Clark and Madison Counties, Inc.
18-693-5 MZM Transport Inc. dba Med Xpress
04-505-5 Pymatuning Ambulance Service
16-503-5 R.H.D.D., Inc.
85-505-5 Samaritan Care, Inc.
77-513-5 Speedy Medical Transportation, Inc.
77-523-5 Summa Health System
18-683-5 Trans Mobal Express Inc. dba Trans Mobil Express
25-537-5 Transportation Resources
18-597-5 Voyager Transport Service LLC
31-531-5 Winton Transportation LLC dba Universal Transportation System

NEW SERVICES

A. Ambulette

1. Trans-Hope, LLC – Lima, OH (1/17/2009)
2. Common Courtesy Transportation, LLC – Cleveland, OH (12/28/2008)
3. Take 2 Transport, LLC – Euclid, OH (12/15/2008)
4. Laketrans (Lake County Regional Transit Authority) – Painesville, OH (12/14/2008)
5. Friendly Ride, Inc. – Cleveland Heights, OH (11/15/2008)

New Headquarter Locations

A. Ambulette

1. Voyager Transport Service LLC – Cleveland Heights, OH
2. SVFE – Ashland, OH
3. State Veterans Medical Transportation – Niles, OH from Dayton, OH

New Satellite Locations

A. Ambulance

1. MedCorp, Inc. – Toledo, OH Youngstown, North Jackson, Ellsworth, Boardman, Newark, & Piketon, OH
2. MedCorp EMS South, LLC – Toledo, OH Youngstown, North Jackson, Ellsworth, Boardman, Newark, & Piketon, OH
3. Smith Ambulance of Stark-Summit, Inc. – Massillon, OH Canton, Barberton, & Alliance, OH
4. Donald Martens & Sons Ambulance Service, Inc. – Middleburg Hts., OH Valley View, OH
5. Life Ambulance Service – Portsmouth, OH Cincinnati, OH
6. Smith Ambulance of Northeast Ohio – Wooster, OH Millersburg, OH

B. Ambulette

1. SVFE – Ashland, OH Wooster & Lodi, OH
2. MedCorp, Inc. – Toledo, OH Youngstown, North Jackson, Ellsworth, Boardman, & Piketon, OH
3. MedCorp EMS South, LLC – Toledo, OH Youngstown, North Jackson, Ellsworth, Boardman, & Piketon, OH
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C. Air Medical

1. St. Vincent Medical University St Rita's Life Flight – Toledo, OH Milan, OH

Services Closing

A. Ambulance

1. Summit Transport System, Inc. dba Summit Ambulance
2. American Ambulance Service, LLC

B. Ambulette

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