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BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2006

Board Members Present

J. R. Behan
Deb Kaufman
Michael Ryan
Comm. Bob Boaldin
Sen. Jay Emler
Comm. Duane Mathes
Rep. Margaret Long

Guests

Con Olson
David Stithem
Marvin Van Blaricon

Staff

Robert Waller
Steve Sutton
Patti Artzer
Dave Cromwell

Board Members Absent

Dr. Dennis Allin
Sen. Steineger
Dr. Brian Holmes
Rep. Kasha Kelley
Joe Megredy
Dale Wasson

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Behan called the meeting to order on Friday, September 8, 2006 at 9:10am. Mr. Waller discussed the materials that were provided in the Board's packet. He explained the 2007 Budget as initially approved by the 2006 Legislature. He then explained the 2007 Proposed Budget includes a cost of living adjustment (COLA), step movements, position reclassifications, and federal money that was not available initially. He further explained that the operating expenses had some changes due to funding becoming available from KDHE for KEMIS (Data Collection) and from KDOT for KEMIS

(Data Collection). Also, there is an increase in the Aid to Locals due to the refunds of Educational Incentive Grant (EIG) monies. There were no questions from the Board on FY 2007.

Mr. Waller then discussed the FY 2008 Budget. He stated that salaries and wages remained level (outside of any benefit changes). Accordingly, contractual services, commodities and capital outlay remain level. Federal funding transferred from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is not accounted for in FY 2008. Therefore, Board Staff does not estimate those revenue sources in FY 2008. He explained that aid to local funding (Educational Incentive Grant funding) remains the same for FY 2008, pending any changes the Board may have. He noted that the Board must decide whether to increase Educational Incentive Grant program from \$200,000 to \$400,000, and the whether to add 1.0 FTE Examination Manager. Mr. Waller added that he did receive a letter a request from Dave Stithem, Chairman of Region I requesting an increase from \$19,000 to \$25,000 in Regional Funding.

Mr. Waller advised the Board that a preliminary audit of the Educational Incentive Grant program demonstrated that 85 percent of students in 2005 and 90 percent of students in 2006 who participated in the EIG program completed the course. However, the number of those who passed the course dropped off significantly, with those completed the mandatory one year totaling 70 percent. He noted that there was approximately \$17,000 in FY 2005 and \$21,000 in FY 2006 in refunds that should have been returned to the Board due to unfulfilled obligations from students who did not complete the contract as signed. He explained that in discussions with some services, they do not have the financial ability or the time to acquire the refunds. Board staff will contact the State Setoff Program to assist service directors to collect this money.

Vice-chairman Behan asked if a Committee had reviewed the management of the Educational Incentive Grant program as was discussed previously. Mr. Waller advised the Board that the information would be available during the October or December meetings, and also discussed some of the issues that would be addressed by the Committee (i.e. expanding the program to include part-time and full-time attendants, the disparity of funding between a paramedic and EMT's and their obligation to the program).

Representative Long asked if there was a procedure for auditing this program. Mr. Waller advised the Board that Board staff would be developing computerized auditing procedures to ensure that the information is updated and can be provided to the Board.

Mr. Waller then discussed Regional Funding and advised that financial documents from each Region were part of the packet. Vice-Chairman Behan asked Mr. Stithem to provide an explanation of his request. Mr. Stithem discussed Regional issues and the need for additional funding. Mr. Con Olson, Chairman of Region V, also discussed the need for additional funding. Discussion continued relating to funding, and the Board directed Board Staff to being with discussions with the Regions on a program to provide additional funding to the Regions for training and education purposes. The information would be available by the December meeting.

Mr. Waller then discussed the request for an additional 1.0 FTE Examination Manager. He explained that due to KBEMS going to a Kansas specific certification exam, and the process of operating the exam, it is recommended that KBEMS request the additional of a position to address the new duties and other exam issues. Mr. Waller directed the Board members to the last pages of the packet which describes some of the examination issues.

Vice-Chairman Behan asked if there were further question. There were none.

Motion was made to approve the Budget with the addition of 1.0 FTE Exam Coordinator and the increase in Education Incentive Grant monies from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Moved by Senator Emler, second by Mr. Behan. Motion passed.

Robert Wall

October 6, 2006

Approved