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BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

Landon State Office Building, Room 106

April 6, 2007

Board Members Present

Dr. Dennis Allin
J.R. Behan
Comm. Bob Boaldin
Sen. Jay Emler
Dr. Brian Holmes
Deb Kaufman
Comm. Duane Mathes
Joe Megredy
Chief Michael Ryan
Colonel Dale Wasson

Board Members Absent

Rep. Kasha Kelley
Rep. Margaret Long
Sen. Chris Steineger

Guests

Steve Isaacson
Pam Kemp
John Hultgren
Jeff Smith
Dalene Deck
Bob Prewitt
Ed Sorter
Ruth Schillig
Jon Friesen
Mark Willis
Rob Jones
Con Olson
David Stithem
Gary Winter
Terry David
Kerry McCue
Frank Williams

Randy Cardonell
Chris Way

Staff

Robert Waller
Steve Sutton
Carman Allen
Patti Artzer
Gina Chard
Suzanne Cornelius
Dave Cromwell
Jerry Cunningham
Jean Claude Kandagaye
Joe Moreland
Nancy Robinson
Ann Stevenson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allin called the meeting to order on Friday, April 6, 2007 at 9:08 am.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the February 2nd Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Board Member Ryan, seconded by Board Member Kaufman to approve the minutes of the February 2nd Board Meeting. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Executive Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Senator Emler to report on the Executive Committee activities. Senator Emler reported that the Committee discussed talked about background checks with Dave Sim, Assistant Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). Handouts from the KBI showing the different types of checks that are available and the cost were also provided to the Committee. The Committee request that Board staff develop a matrix on the background checks to determine the laws of the surrounding states, the costs, and what level of background check is conducted.

The Committee also discussed 2007 SB 299, and is requesting that the services submit to Board staff documentation of problems with reimbursement from insurance companies due transporting to the most appropriate facility rather than the closest. Staff will then meet with Insurance Commissioner Praeger's office to review that information.

Senator Emler further reported that the Committee discussed authorized activities and medical direction and whether or not we needed to make any changes to the statute. This was just informational.

Planning and Coordination Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Board Member Megredy to report on the meeting conducted by the Planning and Coordination Committee. Board Member Megredy reported that the Committee met to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for testing, so there was not an official Planning and Coordination Committee meeting. Board Member Megredy explained that meetings reviewing the MOA had been conducted and each EMS Regional Council had expressed some concerns with the document. He noted that the current MOA expires on June 30, 2007. He continued by discussing the Committee's three recommendations to the Board: the first recommendation was to address the language that requires the regions to report their finances; the second recommendation was authorization from the Board to allow Vice Chairman Behan, Board Member Megredy, and Board staff to continue working with those Regional Councils that are interested in signing the MOA; the third recommendation was that the Board direct Board staff to develop alternatives to testing in the event an agreement can not be finalized between KBEMS and the Regional Councils.

Motion: To direct Board Staff to develop alternative plans for testing in lieu of an agreement between the EMS Regional Councils and KBEMS being finalized. Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Chairman Allin. Motion passed.

Investigations

Chairman Allin reported that all of the cases the Committee reviewed were closed. Chairman Allin summarized that the Committee conducted an appeal hearing on a denial, a reinstatement hearing, an issue with a service and response time, a case with inappropriate staffing of a unit, and a review past felonies applications.

Education and Examination

Chairman Allin called upon Vice Chairman Behan to report on the Education and Examination Committee activities. Vice Chairman Behan advised the Board that the Instructor Development Task Force (IDTF) would be meeting in mid-April. The Educator Curriculum Review is still being developed on by IDTF. He also noted that the Regulation Review Committee met April 5, 2007 and February 20, 2007 in Salina and continues to review the educational regulations. He further noted that there were no respondents to the RFP for the EMT-D Curriculum, so the IDTF will initiate the development of the curriculum. Vice Chairman Behan advised the Board that Carman Allen, Education Manager continues to develop a quarterly education program, and the project is almost complete. The program should meet the eight hour requirement for a workshop for instructor coordinators and training officers.

Vice Chairman Behan also advised the Board that the Committee heard a report on IO Solutions and feedback back to instructors. It hasn't occurred due to software and connectivity problems.

Vice Chairman Behan reported on the following variances. The Topeka Fire Department requested a variance to use their closed circuit television to deliver educational programs. The Committee recommended approving the request.

Motion: Approve the request for a variance submitted by the Topeka Fire Department to utilize closed circuit television to deliver educational programs. Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin. Motion passed.

Garden City Community College (GCCC) requested a variance to offer a combined Training Officer I and Training Officer II course. GCCC have combined the curriculum for both programs so that an attendant could become a TO II without having to become a TO I first. The Committee recommended to approve the request.

Motion: Approve the request for a variance submitted by Garden City Community College (GCCC) to offer a combined Training Officer I and Training Officer II course. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Senator Emler. Motion passed.

Bradford Boyd requested a variance to use National Fire Academy Course Development course in lieu of Educator's conference/workshop. The Committee recommended sending the request to the IDTF and review the curriculum. The IDTF would then update the Committee with their decision.

Motion: Send the request for a variance submitted by Bradford Boyd to use National Fire Academy Course Development course in lieu of Educator's conference/workshop to the IDTF for review and recommendation and update the Education and Examination Committee with a decision at the June Board Meeting. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed.

Dennis Schaller requested a variance from the required continuing education provisions to regain EMT-I certification. He had not met the hourly requirements. The Committee recommended denial of the request.

Motion: To deny the request for a variance submitted by Dennis Schaller from the required continuing education provisions to regain EMT-I certification. Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed.

Rocky Cramer, Flint Hills Technical College, requested a variance to offer combined Training Officer I and Training Officer II and Instructor Coordinator course. Mr. Cramer noted that this type of

program had been approved by the Board previously and had good results. The Committee recommended approval of the variance, and that students not be required to pay a fee for TO I or TO II as they were obtaining their IC through the program.

Motion: Approve the request for a variance submitted by Flint Hills Technical College for a combined Training Officer I and Training Officer II and Instructor Coordinator course and waive the fee from level to level within the program. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.

Karlene Esau requested a variance from required Educator conference/workshop to maintain her IC certification. The variance requested noted that she had not attended an IC workshop as required and after finding out about the requirement, attended one in February 2007. The Committee recommended approval of her request for reinstatement provided that the course she attended in February be counted toward last two years, and in order for her to regain she must attend one workshop in 2007 and one workshop in 2008.

Motion: Approve the request for a variance submitted by Karlene Esau from the required Educator conference/workshop to maintain her IC certification provided that the course she attended in February be counted toward last two years, and in order for her to regain she must attend one workshop in 2007 and one workshop in 2008. Moved by Board Member Ryan, seconded by Senator Emler. Motion passed.

Pam Kemp requested a variance for denial of continuing education offering. The Committee recommended approval of her request of the two programs that were previously denied.

Motion: Approve the request for a variance submitted by Pam Kemp denial of a continuing education offering. Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.

Barton County Community College (BCCC) requested a variance to offer a combined on-line Training Officer I and Training Officer II course. The representative for BCCC state this would be a pilot program, and be offered one time. The students would have to attend class on the campus for a day. The Committee recommended approval of the request, but that the college report back to the Education Committee in October.

Motion: Approve the request for a variance submitted by Barton County Community College (BCCC) for a combined on-line pilot program (offered one time) Training Officer I and Training Officer II course to be reviewed by the Education and Examination Committee in October. Moved by Commissioner Mathes, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.

Budget Update

Chairman Allin recognized Chief Administrator Robert Waller for a budget update. Mr. Waller discussed the mega appropriations bill (2007 HB 2368) and the differences between what was originally requested by the Board and what has been recommended by the Legislature. The Educational Incentive Grant program monies were decreased \$100,000 from the original \$400,000 requested. The Legislature added \$20,000 for written proctors and they are now KBEMS part-time employees. A proviso was been

added regarding the regional and exam funding reporting, and KBEMS salary increases due to evaluations were approved. He continued by noting that the license plate bill had been conferenced and its provisions included in 2007 Senate Bill 8, along with Senate Bill 211 which was the primary seat belt law for 14-18 year olds. He informed the Board that during the Omnibus session Board staff would ask for \$10,000 (from the EMS Operating Fund) to finance the design of the license plate (implementation is set for January 1, 2008).

Mr. Waller continued by reporting that SB 8 would create a revolving fund for EMS. Monies from fines and penalties would be deposited in to the newly created fund and Board staff would develop a grant and allocation mechanism to distribute those monies. He further reported that 2007 SB 351 would require that KBEMS use Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for hearings held in accordance with KAPA. 2007 HB 2548, as amended, would prohibit state authorities from issuing or renewing licenses until applicants have submitted to the Department of Revenue information necessary for a verification of taxes paid or filed. Mr. Waller also provided the Board with a copy of the rules and regulation review process (for informational purposes) to ensure all Committees were operating and progressing under the same methodology.

Office Update

Mr. Waller recognized Dave Cromwell, Operation manager to introduce the new inspector, Gina Chard.

Mr. Waller reminded the Board that they had expressed interest in conducting some of the Board meetings across the state.

Motion: To keep all Board meetings in Topeka for the current year. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed.

Mr. Waller discussed K.A.R. 109-8-1 with the Board. A full board teleconference meeting was scheduled for April 16, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the temporary regulation. A teleconference meeting for the Education and Examination Committee was scheduled for April 12th at 8:30 a.m. to discuss making a recommend to the full Board or the temporary regulation.

Lastly, Mr. Waller acknowledged Ann Stevenson for her ten years with the State, and Suzanne Cornelius for her thirty years with the State.

Advisory Committee on Trauma

Chairman Allin advised that the website www.kstrauma.org has minutes of regional trauma meetings. He noted that federal legislation was passed which reauthorized the Trauma EMS Act. However, there act was not funded. He continued by discussing the 2007 Legislative session and 2007 SB 17. He explained that the bill would have reduced over half of the budget from the trauma program. However, it did not pass the House. He informed the Board that the main concern was whether there was appropriate reporting of the docket fee revenue been expended by the trauma program. Dr. Allin continued by discussing the hospital designation regulations that would need to be approved by the Department of Administration and the Attorney General's office for review. Lastly, he noted that there were six hospitals that may pursue level 3 designation: St. Francis, Labette County, Mt. Carmel in Pittsburg, Coffeyville Regional, Hays, and Hutchinson.

Public Comment

Chairman Allin recognized Steve Isaacson, representing Overland Park Fire Department and the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association. Mr. Isaacson presented a video which was the compilation of work done by the Overland Park Fire Department and KEMSA. This was sent to 27 television stations throughout the state and 3 of the cable providers in the metro KC area.

Chairman Allin recognized Mark Willis, representing Newton Fire/EMS. Mr. Willis advised that the revisions to K.A.R. 109-8-1 satisfied their concerns with out of state candidates coming into Kansas and obtaining certification.

Chairman Allin recognized Chris Way, representing Labette County EMS. Mr. Way addressed the MOA issue and gave his concerns.

Executive Session

Motion: Convene a 30 minute Executive Session, to discuss non-elected personnel. The Session will begin at 10:50 and end at 11:20. There will be a ten minute break before the Executive Session. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.

Motion: To extend Executive Session for 30 minutes from 11:20-11:50. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.



June 1, 2007

Approved