



# K A N S A S

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## BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### MINUTES

### BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2007

#### Board Members Present

J.R. Behan  
Deb Kaufman  
Joe Megreedy  
Comm. Bob Boaldin  
Comm. Duane Mathes  
Sen. Chris Steineger  
Col. Dale Wasson

#### Board Members Called In

Rep. Margaret Long

#### Board Members Absent

Dr. Dennis Allin  
Sen. Jay Emler  
Rep. Kasha Kelley  
Mike Ryan

#### Guests

Pam Kemp  
Gary Winter  
David Stithem  
Ruth Schillig  
Dave Sterbenz  
Chris Way  
Mark Willis  
Wendy Gronau  
Chris Alexander  
Dalene Deck  
Jeff Smith  
Bob Prewitt  
Jon Friesen  
Kerry McCue  
Rosanne Rutkowski

Julie Talbert  
Jason Bolt  
Russell Buller  
Sheldon Guenther  
Rod Pace  
Randy Easter  
Grant Helferich  
John Shipley  
Jeanette Shipley

#### Staff

Robert Waller  
Steve Sutton  
Patti Artzer  
Joe Moreland  
Jerry Cunningham

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### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Behan called the meeting to order on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 9:05 am.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the April 16<sup>th</sup> Teleconference Board Meeting, May 3, 2007 Board Meeting, May 11, 2007 Teleconference Board Meeting, and April 6, 2007 Board Meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Motion: Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Colonel Wasson to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2007 Teleconference Board Meeting. Motion passed.***

Discussion was held on the May 3, 2007 minutes. The variance motion in the minutes should be amended to reflect the 45 day period to request a variance to utilize the I/O Solutions test in the motion. The Board also requested to get a list of the variance requests. Discussion was also held on Part h of K.A.R. 109-8-1.

***Motion: Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Board Member Kaufman to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2007 Board Meeting as amended. Motion passed.***

***Motion: Moved by Board Member Kaufman, seconded by Board Member Megredy to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2007 Tele-conference Board Meeting. Motion passed.***

***Motion: Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2007 Board Meeting. Motion passed.***

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **Planning and Operations Committee**

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Board Member Megredy to report on the meeting conducted by the Planning and Operations Committee. Board Member Megredy reported that Joe Moreland, Project Manager KBEMS, gave an update on the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMIS) data collection system. He explained that the Program Manager, MTG Management Consultants, had been hired. The hiring of MTG, a new schedule was produced, a vendor fair would be held, a vendor selected, and then a detailed plan would be developed. The goal for the roll out training would be December 2007.

Board Member Megredy further reported that Mr. Terry David gave a presentation on the Major Emergency Response Group (MERGe) response to the Greensburg tornado. MERGe had a very large role in managing the May 4, 2007 tornado. Board Member Megredy asked that the Board provide time for Mr. David Terry to present to the entire Board prior to the Executive Session.

Board Member Megredy further reported that the organization reports were heard. Many of the activities from the EMS Regional Councils are limited because they are operating under some sort of disaster declaration.

### **Investigations Committee**

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Colonel Wasson to report on the meeting conducted by the Investigations Committee. Colonel Wasson reported that the Committee reviewed six cases. The Committee closed two cases. One case is pending due to additional requested information. Two other cases were lacking information and the Committee did not feel reach a decision. The Committee requested Board Staff provide the requested information by next board meeting. The final case was relative to a technician refusing to sign a consent agreement.

Colonel Wasson further reported that the draft Investigations Policy and Procedure document was reviewed and the Committee would continue to review.

### Education and Training Committee

Vice Chairman Behan reported a request was received from Garden City Community College(GCCC) for a Training Officer I/II course be allowed to count as an Educator Workshop. The Instructors Development Task Force (IDTF) has reviewed and approved this request. The Committee recommended approval of this request.

***Motion: Approve the variance for Garden City Community College's Training Officer I/II course to be allowed to count as an Educator Workshop. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.***

Vice Chairman Behan reported a request was received from Bradford Boyd at the previous meeting to allow a course provided by the national fire academy course that dealt with instructional design and lesson plan writing count as a renewal workshop. The Committee had asked for more information, and that information had been provided by Board Staff. The Committee recommended approval of this request.

***Motion: Approve the variance for Bradford Boyd and specify that this course be allowed to count as renewal workshop for the 2004/2006 time period and will not count for the 2007/2009 cycle. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin. Motion passed.***

Vice Chairman Behan further reported that the Board staff processed a variance, as authorized by the Board, for Barton County Community College (BCCC) on an ITV course. He continued by informing the Board that the IDTF would be working on developing the EMT D curriculum module, Carmen Allen, Education Manager KBEMS was continuing to develop a Regional Quarterly Education Program through the Kansas Train network, and Coffeyville Community College (CCC) was scheduled to report on the results of their online continuing education beta test. However, no representative was available to appear before the Committee.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Committee discussed continuing education issues and the Committee recommended initiating a sub-committee to review these issues and individuals should contact Ms. Allen if they want to be on the sub-committee.

### Examination and Certification Committee

Vice Chairman called upon Board Member Megredy to report on the meeting conducted by the Examination and Certification Committee. Board Member Megredy reported that only three members were present at the Committee meeting and there was no quorum. The Committee meeting involved presentations by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) and Industrial Organizations (I/O) Solutions. He noted that the NREMT had identified three additional sites (provided by KBEMS Staff) that they could be brought on-line, and there were other potential sites across the state. Board Member Megredy continued by discussing the sites, and the number of seats at each site (8-12 seats). It was further explained that available reports were limited with NREMT, and the increased fee structure remained the same. Continuing with the I/O Solutions' presentation, data that KBEMS had

requested was now being received by the Board Office. However, it would be determined by the Board and the Board office which data would be available to the different interested parties. He noted that the I/O Solutions fee structure remains the same as the current state fees, and that computer based testing is ready to come on-line. I/O Solutions remarked that the company would continue to meet with Board, Board staff, and subject matter experts to meet the goals of the exam that had not met. The Committee also learned that the possible answer to the low pass rates is really in two areas: The preparatory sections of the training and the Kansas enrichments.

Board Member Megredy advised that the next step would be to address K.A.R.109-8-1, but as it was not on the agenda, he was not comfortable in moving that forward. The Committee would need to meet by teleconference within the next two weeks to make a decision. Deputy Administrator Steve Sutton discussed some concerns over reciprocity and tracking the number of exam attempts taken while operating two State certification exams. He further explained that some of the exam reports and asked Board members to review the I/O Solutions exam to review and discuss.

Board Member Megredy further advised that the 45 day variance to allow the use of the I/O Solutions test as an alternative to the NREMT that was approved on May 3, 2007 was about to expire. As the Board would not have an immediate decision made, upon consensus the Committee is recommending that we grant a 45 day extension to that variance.

***Motion: To approve an extension on accepting variances to allow the use of the I/O Solutions test as an alternative to the National Registry for First Responders and EMT-B candidates for an additional 45 day period. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.***

Board Member Megredy reported that Board staff requested authority to postpone attendant audits for the rest of the calendar year of 2007. The justification was the number of counties operating under disaster declarations. The Committee members recommended approving this request.

***Motion: To postpone the attendant audits for the calendar year 2007 excluding those audits necessary to conduct investigations. Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Vice Chair Behan. Motion passed.***

Board Member Megredy updated the Board on the MOA between the EMS Regional Council and KBEMS. He noted that the process was complete and the document was mailed for signatures. He further reported that the NHTSA assessment for EMS will begin July 15 2007.

### **Budget/Office Update**

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Robert Waller, Chief Administrator, to give a Budget/Office update. Mr. Waller updated the Board on final budget figures for FY 2007 and FY 2008 as approved by the Legislature, the Education Incentive Grant funding policy changes, 2007 Legislative bills, and upcoming events. Mr. Waller advised the Board that the EMS License Plate Bill passed, but the \$10,000 funding for the setup cost to Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) was not approved. Therefore, Board Staff would send a letter to the EMS Regional Councils and EMS Associations asking for donations. Mr. Waller further advised that the EIG monies were lower than requested and

recommended lowering the previously approved reimbursement rates for the exams to be more in line with the money received. Packets would be sent out to the Service Directors with information on the EIG, SB299, NHTSA, and EMS Summit. Board Member Megredy requested a report on the number of participants in the EIG program and how many EMTs in Kansas. Vice Chairman Behan requested that the Board purchase and present a plaque to Dr. Holmes for his service as a board member.

### Advisory Committee on Trauma

Rosanne Rutkowski, Director, State Trauma Program, advised the Board that Regional Trauma Councils and the Advisory Committee on Trauma (ACT) had been meeting to update the regional plans. She noted that the federal EMS/Trauma bill was signed on May 5, 2007 by President Bush. However, there was no federal funding provided. The Regional Trauma Councils had been given additional Kansas Rural Health Options (KRHOP) funding, and 700 individuals had been trained. She continued by discussing the trauma registry, its move into a web based system for the small hospitals. Ms. Rutkowski discussed hospital designation and the participating hospitals in the pilot project, those being: St. Francis (Topeka), Labette, Coffeyville, Parsons, and Hays. Lastly, she discussed the south central the trauma tag pilot project and the upcoming vacant positions on ACT.

### Public Comment

Vice Chairman Behan advised that there were four people signed up for public comment. Vice Chairman Behan recognized Mark Willis, Newton Fire EMS. Mr. Willis spoke on the testing certification process.

Vice Chairman Behan recognized Kerry McCue, Ellis County EMS. Mr. McCue spoke on the EMS Revolving fund. He suggested that the Board consider the communications of EMS professionals as a priority.

Vice Chairman Behan recognized Chris Alexander, MARCER. Mr. Alexander spoke about the examination, i.e., National Registry vs. I/O Solutions and expressed concern about reciprocity issues. He also requested that the audience be provided with whatever statute, draft regulation, or policy that is being discussed by board members, and that this be posted on the website 10 days before the meeting, and be sent out on the list serve.

Vice Chairman Behan recognized Jeff Smith, Johnson County Fire Chiefs Association. Mr. Smith spoke about the examination, i.e., National Registry vs. I/O Solutions.

Vice Chairman Behan recognized Terry David to give his presentation on the MERGe response to the Greensburg tornado.

Vice Chairman Behan asked Board Member Megredy if the Exam Committee needed to schedule a meeting to discuss K.A.R. 109-8-1. Board Member Megredy directed Mr. Waller, Chief Administrator, to contact Dr. Allin and initiate a meeting. Vice Chairman Behan announced that any Board Member could remain and review the I/O Solutions test with Mr. Sutton.

Board Member Megredy announced that Terry David had a list of all the services and individuals who had assisted in Greensburg. He further requested that the Board send an acknowledgement to them.

**Executive Session**

***Motion: Convene a 15 minute Executive Session, to discuss non-elected personnel. The Session will begin at 12:00 p.m. and end at 12:15 p.m. There will be a five minute break before the Executive Session. Moved by Commission Mathes, seconded by Colonel Wasson. Motion passed.***


*Returned to Open Session at 12:25*

***Motion: Convene a 30 minute Executive Session, to discuss non-elected personnel. The Session will begin at 12:25 p.m. and end at 12:55 p.m. Moved by Vice-Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed.***

*Returned to Open Session at 12:55 p.m.*

***Motion: Verbally reprimand the Chief Administrator for performance deficiencies regarding Board staff investigative activities. Moved by Vice-Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed.***

***Motion: To adjourn the Board Meeting. Moved by Vice-Chairman Behan, seconded by Board member Megredy. Motion passed.***



August 3, 2007

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Approved