



KANSAS

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BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

April 3, 2009

Board Members Present

Col. Dale Wasson
Comm. Bob Boaldin
Comm. Duane Mathes
Dr. Dennis Allin
Dr. Joel Hornung
Joe Megredy
JR Behan
Rick Rook

Guests

Bill Toon
Chy Miller
Darlene Deck
Darrel Kohls
Donald Sobelmon
Jeff Smith
Jon Friesen
Mark Willis
Mike Simmons
Pam Kemp
Russell Waters
Steve Isaacson

Staff

Carman Allen
Joe Moreland
Nicole Bradley
Patti Artzer
Robert Waller

Board Members Absent

Rep. Kasha Kelley
Dir. Deb Kaufman
Rep. Cindy Neighbor
Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau
Sen. Jay Emler

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allin called the meeting to order on Friday, April 3, 2009 at 9:12 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The first order of business was to approve meeting minutes from the February 2009, board meeting.

Motion: To approve February 5, 2008, meeting minutes. Moved by Colonel Wasson, seconded by Chief Rook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Planning and Operations Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Board Member Megredy to give an update on the Planning and Operations Committee.

The Planning and Operations Committee received an update from Joe Moreland, Project Manager, on the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMIS). The Project Manager stated that the Group 2 services had been selected and the KEMIS Group 2 services met in Salina on Monday, May 23, 2009 for the initial orientation meeting. Twenty-two services have agreed to proceed using the Image Trend software. A question was raised regarding those services who decided not to participate. The Project Manager stated the reasons included limited revenue, existing systems, and ability to train current employees. Kerry McCue (EMS representative to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee) made a presentation on the February 12, 2009 meeting of the SIEC. Mr. McCue stated that the Moto-bridge protocols had been completed. The Moto-bridge would provide the users of different frequencies the ability to talk. However, this is to be a temporary fix until additional funding is available to complete the system in western Kansas. He also discussed a grant proposal for radio equipment presented by the south central region. However, their proposal was to allow for the purchase of radios that were not P-25 compliant, thus allowing for the ability to purchase more equipment. The proposal is still being reviewed.

Sarah House (Emergency Medical Services for Children) Program Manager discussed the instructor classes for the Emergency Pediatric Classes (EPC) being conducted. She stated that two BLS classes had been conducted and 59 EPC providers had been developed. She also discussed the Pediatric Emergency Disaster Life Support (PEDLS) class and the possible offering of the class in the future. Lastly, she discussed the new EMSC equipment list and the re-organizing of the current EMSC Coordinating Committee. Rosanne Rutkowski (Advisory Committee on Trauma) Program Manager discussed funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Center of Public Preparedness and the development of an EMS best practices document. She updated the Committee on the upcoming EMS Medical Directors' conference (June 17, 2009), upcoming Regional trauma councils meetings, and the development of Level 4 hospital criteria. Lastly, she discussed an issue raised by the KU Medical Center in regards to access to patient care reports in a timely manner. The Board directed staff to continue to work with the ACT, the Hospital Association, and EMS Service directors to aid in resolving the issue of access to electronic records.

Continuing, Board staff presented K.A.R. 109-2-5 (see below) and asked for an interpretation:

K.A.R 109-2-5 (h) Each ground ambulance shall receive a mechanical and safety inspection prior to December 1st of each year. Each operator shall provide a report of the inspection results to the board on forms provided by the administrator. An operator shall correct all deficiencies determined by the inspection prior to submitting the inspection form.

(i) Each operator shall submit the mechanical and safety inspection forms to the board with the application for ambulance vehicle licensure or renewal.

The question was raised whether a new ambulance needed to be inspected. The reading of the current language confirmed that interpretation. However, the Board interpreted the reading to allow for the inspection, developed by the manufacturer, to satisfy current law. Lastly, the Executive Director discussed the Health Occupation Credentialing Program and the Board's decision whether to move Kansas EMS from "certification" to "licensure". No decision was made. Also, the Executive Director announced that every year, on the last Friday of every May, a meeting would be held in Salina at the KHP Training center starting at 1000 hrs to discuss the adjournment of the Legislative Session, necessary changes in law, and changes that need to be reviewed by the Board. The Kansas EMS Statute and Regulation Review (KESRR) would consist of 1 member from each Regional Council and each Association. The public would be allowed to attend.

Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Vice Chair Behan to give a report on Education, Examination, Training and Certification. Mr. Behan reported that Education Development Task Force (EDTF) had not met since February.

The EETC recommended final approval on KAR 109-5-2, 109-5-3, 109-5-4, 109-5-6, 109-6-3, 109-15-1, and 109-15-2. The Committee, however, recommended returning KAR 109- 5-1 to the Education Development Task Force (EDTF) for changes. They requested that subsection (o) "*Credit toward certification renewal requirements shall not be awarded for multiple educational programs with identical objectives taken within the same calendar year*" be removed completely and clarification be made to the language in subsection (m) "*hour of distance learning as verified by the certificate of completion which shall not exceed the amount of credit awarded by CECBEMS or the provider of distance learning. The number of hours received for continuing education credit during one calendar day shall not exceed 28.*" The Technician Services Section Manager discussed the Scope of Practice implementation with the Committee and the determined that a request for proposal be developed to create the curriculum and competency evaluation for EMR, EMT and AEMT. The RFP has been written and was published by the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing. The bids will close for the RFP to develop transition courses for EMR, EMT, and AEMT on April 17, 2009. The Technician Services Section Manager also informed the Committee that 1,010 attendants did not renew during the 2007-2008 renewal period. Surveys were sent to all with only a 5 percent return. Based on the data received the majority of those not recertifying have been attendants in excess of 15 years and are retiring. Lastly, the Committee was informed that Examiner trainings are being scheduled for late spring in Region II, Region I, Region IV, and Region V. Also, data will be compiled and an initial review conducted to help improve board processes and identify trends in examination processes.

A roll call vote was requested to adopt the revisions to KAR 109-5-2,109-5-3, 109-5-4, 109-5-6, 109-6-3, 109-15-1 AND 109-15-2.

Chairman Allin	Yes
Vice Chairman Behan	Yes
Dr. Hornung	Yes
Commissioner Boaldin	Yes
Commissioner Mathes	Yes
Colonel Wasson	Yes
Board Member Megredy	Yes
Chief Rook	Yes
Board Member Kaufman	Absent
Representative Neighbor	Absent
Senator Emler	Absent
Representative Kelly	Absent
Senator Faust- Goudeau	Absent

Motion: On a vote of eight yes votes, and five absentees the roll call vote to pass KAR 109-5-2,109-5-3, 109-5-4, 109-5-6, 109-6-3, 109-15-1 AND 109-15-2 was approved.

Investigations Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Colonel Wasson to give an update on the Investigations committee. Colonel Wasson reported the there were five cases closed, three tabled, one denied, and one revocation. Discussion followed relating to the approved minutes, and the inclusion of names within the Investigation Committee report.

Motion: To strike the names from the draft February minutes from the Investigations section. Moved by Colonel Wasson, seconded by Board Member Megredy.

Executive Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Commissioner Boaldin to give an update on the Executive Committee. Commissioner Boaldin called upon Executive Director, Robert Waller, to give an update on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Director discussed the FY 2009 and FY 2010 budget, and stated that the “original” 3.0 percent reduction (based on the Governor’s recommendation) was approved. The reductions were across all expenditures of the Board and were outlined as follows:

- FY 2009- The Legislature reduced the operating budget of the Board by \$53,077 but did not transfer the funding to the State General Fund for a 3.0 percent reduction.
- FY 2010- The Legislature concurred with the Governor’s recommendation of the 3.0 percent (\$54,622) reduction in FY 2010, and did not transfer those funds to the State General Fund.

The Executive Director discussed SB 262, SB 220, and SB 33. The Executive Director stated SB 262 was not scheduled for a conference committee, due to the Chairman of House Health and Human Services and the Board of Nursing having concerns that the Board was moving the Scope of Practice from statute to rules and regulation. To address this issue, Board staff developed a “list” from the Scope of Practice document approved by the Board to amend the bill to address those concerns.

Motion: To not proceed with moving specific lists on as modifications of current bill. Moved by Dr. Allin, seconded by Col. Wasson. Motion passed.

The Board wished for additional time to address the list and therefore provided the Executive Committee authority to review and approve the list before moving it forward to the Chairman of House Health and Human Services. Dr. Allin is reviewing the “list”.

The Executive Director also stated that SB 220 was delayed and the background check language in SB 33 was removed on the House floor. Concern was raised as to the importance of the bills, and the Kansas Medical Societies’ (KMS) involvement and support. The Executive Director stated that KMS had been briefed, but had not offered any testimony in support or in opposition to the EMS bills.

Lastly, the Executive Director advised that the Assistance Review Committee (ARC) made completed the initial review of KRAF applications. The ARC approved, graded, and ranked (by consensus according to the provisions of the grant) the applications (the remainder will be reviewed on April 6, 2009). Board discussion followed the presentation on policies, procedures, and representation on ARC. The Board recommended a member of the Board be appointed as a member.

Motion: To have a board member on the KRAF Committee. Motioned by Col. Wasson, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed.

Budget/Office Update

Dr. Allin recognized Commissioner Duane Mathes as an outstanding Board Member. Commissioner Mathes received a plaque for his services to the board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment this board meeting.

Executive Session

There was an executive session called at 10:30 a.m. this board meeting.

Motion: To call an Executive session beginning at 10:30 a.m. for 45minutes to discuss board personnel matters. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Dr. Allin. Motion passed.

The Executive Session concluded at 11:11 a.m, and the Board meeting was adjourned.

Motion: To adjourn. Motioned by Chairman Allin, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed.

Approved