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BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2009

Board Members Present

JR Behan
Comm. John Miller
Rep. Vern Swanson
Comm. Bob Boaldin
BC Rick Rook
Col. Dale Wasson
Sen. Jay Emler
Deb Kaufman
Dr. Joel Hornung

Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau
By teleconference

Guests

Steve Isaacson
Bob Prewitt
Derek Sobelman
Jimm Murray
Ben Grimsley

Terry David
Chad Pore
Kerry McCue
Wendy Gronau

Jeff Smith
Pam Kemp
David Stithem
John Ralston
Jon Friesen

Bill Toon
Terry Kise
Kathy Dooley
Mike Simmons

Staff

Robert Waller
Steve Sutton
Patti Artzer
Carman Allen
Joe Moreland
Nicole Bradley

Board Members Absent

Dr. Dennis Allin
Joe Megredy
Rep. Cindy Neighbor

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Behan called the meeting to order on Friday, October 3, 2009 at 9:07 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The first order of business was to approve meeting minutes from the August 7, 2009 Board meeting and teleconference minutes from September 8, 2009.

Motion: To approve August 7, 2009 meeting minutes. Moved by Representative Neighbor, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin. Motion passed.

Motion: To approve September 8, 2009 teleconference minutes. Moved by Board Member Kaufman, seconded by Senator Emler. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Planning and Operations Committee

Vice Chair Behan called upon BC Rick Rook to give the Planning and Operations Committee update. BC Rook reported that Joe Moreland (KBEMS Project Manager) discussed the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMIS) and the completed phase 1 of 2 processes for the generic hospital login for the hospital bridge. He informed the Board that this allows selected hospital personnel to view, download and/or print the electronic patient care report (EPCR) by emergency medical services using KEMIS. The generic login is hospital wide and hides protected patient information. Phase 2, the dashboard application, should be completed by January 1, 2010. Fifteen (15) hospitals are currently registered to use the hospital bridge. KBEMS and the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) hosted a webinar on September 11, 2009 demonstrating the hospital bridge. Nineteen (19) hospitals participated. He continued by informing the Committee that most of the second group of 23 services have started using KEMIS. They were trained in late July 2009. The third group will have the initial meeting in the upcoming months. KBEMS may also try to present the "tap chart" option for data entry. He explained that the "tap chart" option data entry is completed with a smart phone instead of a laptop. However, a field bridge license is necessary. KBEMS is working with KDHE on identifying trauma patients and linking EPCRs from KEMIS to the trauma registry.

The Committee heard reports from Sarah House, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Emergency Medical Services for Children program (EMSC) and introduced Tracy Relph as the Champion for the EMS Committee. A report was also provided

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from Rosanne Rutkowski KDHE Advisory Committee Program Manager on Trauma regarding the upcoming NE Region Medical Director Conference being held on October 31, 2009 and the continued review of the new field triage guidelines. Jane Faubion (KDHE) of Local and Rural Health discussed the success of the medical director's conference conducted during the summer and the continued outreach to the EMS community. Steve Sutton (KBEMS Deputy Director) discussed the upcoming EMS Homeland Security Summit. The summit was being conducted to address specific EMS information and response to H1N1. Invitations were sent to EMS Regional Councils, Homeland Security Council, State agencies, and KBEMS Board Members requesting specific individuals participate in the summit. Robert Waller, KBEMS Executive Director discussed the proposal developed by the Critical Illness and Trauma (CIT) foundation to finance a resource coordinator for each regional council for the purpose of assistance, education, and duties to be determined by that council. The proposal was tabled while the Board continues to discuss the proposal.

Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee

Vice Chair Behan gave an update on the Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee.

Vice Chair Behan reported there was a presentation from Dan Manz, Vermont State EMS Director, who served as a principal Investigator of the National Scope of Practice Model and was currently outlining the implementation of the Education Agenda for the Future. Mr. Manz was invited to assure that all stakeholders present were enlightened on what is transpiring nationally with the implementation of the Agenda. Mr. Sutton presented information to the Committee about a new process for obtaining student information, assignment of a KBEMS candidate number and the processing of felonies. This process would assign KBEMS candidate number to candidates at the time of entry into the database, negating the need to continue to use social security numbers. This process would also collect KBEMS application processing fees at the time of enrollment and allow the candidate to prove felony conviction information early to facilitate investigations action prior to the candidate examining for certification.

Chad Pore, Chairman of the Education Development Task Force (EDTF) updated the committee on EDTF activities for the upcoming EDTF meeting on October 19, 2009. The EDTF would be reviewing statues and regulations necessary to implement the new Developing EMS Educators proposal.

It was noted that there had been no further input on the proposed skills examination check sheets and recommended changes would be disseminated to EETC Committee members for review.

Vice Chair Behan explained that, along with Board staff, a meeting was held with Regional Exam Representatives and other interested parties to gather information that may be considered for the development of examination process request for proposal (RFP). Board staff would develop the RFP incorporating the information gathered along with content recommended by EETC Committee members. This would be forwarded to Mr. Behan, Director Kaufman and

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Colonel Wasson early next week for revision prior to sending to Division of Purchasing (DofP) for drafting.

A public comment meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2009 to review the following regulations: KAR 109-5-1, 109-10-7, 109-11-1, 109-11-3, 109-11-4 and 109-11-6.

Investigations Committee

Vice Chair Behan called upon Colonel Wasson for an update from the Investigations Committee. Colonel Wasson reported that there was no quorum this board meeting and two cases required Board action.

Motion: To reinstate certification of person in case 2009-020. Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Rep. Swanson. Motion passed.

Motion: To dismiss case 2009-028. Moved by BC Rook, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin. Motion passed.

Executive Committee

Vice Chair Behan called upon Commissioner Boaldin to give a report on the Executive Committee. Commissioner Boaldin called upon Mr. Waller for a report on the Executive Committee. Mr. Waller discussed the FY 2009/FY 2010 Budget. He stated that KBEMS budget had been submitted (as of September 11, 2009) and the Board office was awaiting recommendations from the Division of Budget.

He continued by informing the Board that during the August meeting, questions arose regarding the Education Incentive Grant (EIG) and definitions pertaining to eligibility and criteria necessary to be eligible for the grant. The Board made the following changes to the EIG Grant to be implemented during the 2nd half cycle of the grant:

- Eligibility. Those eligible for the EIG Grant would be: licensed “ground” services providing care in a frontier, rural, or densely settled rural (based on US Census data) county or city.
- Criteria. All applications would be accepted, but only EMS services located in frontier or rural counties are eligible for funding in the first 3 months of a grant cycle. After the third month, EMS services located in frontier or rural cities would also be eligible for funding. After the fourth month, the program would open to the densely settled rural areas (20.0 to 39.9 people per square mile). Applications from the densely settled rural areas (“blue crosses”) would be fulfilled on/after November 1 and May 1 as money was available and applications received.
- Location. Only EMS services located in frontier, rural, or densely settled rural counties or cities are eligible. Substations are not eligible. If a service is licensed in a city or county based on EIG eligibility, to obtain eligibility in another city or county area of operation,

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and additional license would be necessary to identify the city or county as a separate licensed ground service based on the above criteria.

Motion: To accept and adopt the above changes to the criteria, eligibility, and location provisions of the EIG grant. Moved by Kaufman, seconded by Vice-Chairman Behan. Motion passed.

Likewise, Mr. Waller informed the Board that according to the provisions of the KBEMS Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) grant, the Assistance Review Committee (ARC) meets in September to recommend changes to the grant. In reviewing those changes during the October Board meeting, the following changes would be implemented upon the initiation of the grant by October 9, 2009.

- Eliminate the application for vehicles and all other forms.
- Develop and implemented the following categories for evaluation of application
 - o Patient care equipment
 - o Patient handling
 - o Communication
 - o Training
 - o Special projects
- Vendor documents must be provided with the application (priority). Applicant must provide the letterhead vendor quote in submitting the application or the application will be denied. Meaning, if you are utilizing your vendor you must acquire your quote on the vendor's letterhead and email the document to: kraf@ems.ks.gov
Failure to do so will mean disqualification of your application.
- Add specific line or information to alert those applying to ensure that applications accounts for any accessories (per item/ per cost). Make sure to request the accessories along with the item.
- Preference will be given to those applicants including matching funds from the local service (a minimum match is 5% or greater)
- After applications are received, KBEMS will alert applicants of upcoming Assistance Review Committee (ARC) meeting and to be available for questions.

Motion: To accept and adopt the above changes to the KBEMS Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) grant provisions. Moved by Boaldin, seconded by Senator Emler. Motion passed.

Lastly, Chris Alexander of Kansas City Kansas (KCK) EMS/ Fire requested the introduction of legislation to address infectious disease testing. He explained that currently statutes do not require testing of the source patient and the disclosure of results to the exposed employee. Current statutes only cover testing for AIDS and not other contagious diseases.

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Motion: To accept the proposal for inclusion in the 2010 Legislative packet and review during the December 2009 meeting. Moved by Board Member Kaufman seconded by Representative Neighbor. Motion passed.

Budget/Office Update

Vice Chair Behan called upon Executive Director Waller to give an update on the budget/office and had no further comment.

Public Comment

Vice Chair Behan called upon David Stithem, Region I, who spoke on written and practical examinations process and offered a proposal in which the Board would “re-take” the examination process and operate exams from the State office as opposed to through the regional councils.

Chad Pore, Kiowa County EMS, spoke on the Investigation process and that the Board should evaluate the process of the investigations.

Joe Moreland (KBEMS Project Manager) spoke and thanked the EMS Community and Board staff for the support and time off that was needed during his father’s illness.

Executive Session

An executive session was called to begin at 10:10 a.m. for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

Motion: To hold an executive session. Moved by Board Member Kaufman, seconded by Colonel Wasson. Motion passed.

Executive session called from 10:10am to 10:25am.

Motion: To extend Executive Session for ten (10) minutes. Moved by Dr. Hornung, seconded by BC Rook. Motion passed.

Executive Session called from 10:25am to 10:35am.

Motion: To adjourn the board Meeting at 10:36am. Moved by Vice Chair Behan, seconded by Rep. Swanson. Motion passed.

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Robert Wall

December 4, 2009

Approved