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DENNIS ALLIN, M.D., CHAIR
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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

April 4, 2008

Board Members Present

Dr. Dennis Allin
J.R. Behan
Deb Kaufman
Dr. Joel Hornung
Comm. Duane Mathes
Col. Dale Wasson
Comm. Bob Boaldin
Mike Ryan
Joe Megredy

Board Members Absent

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

Guests

Jon Friesen
Pam Kemp
John Hultgren
Mark Willis
Gary Winter
Patrick Conrad
Bob Prewitt
Kathy Dooley
Wendy Gronau
Jeff Smith
Darrel Kohls

Grant Helferich
Chad Pore
Terry David
Randy Cardonell
Randy Easter
Frank Williams

Staff

Robert Waller
Steve Sutton
Patti Artzer
Chrystine Hannon
Dave Cromwell
Carman Allen
Joe Moreland
Gina Chard

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Behan called the meeting to order on Friday, April 4, 2008 at 9:07 am.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the February 1, 2008 Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Dr. Hornung to approve the minutes of the February 1st 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 the Committee heard a report from Joe Moreland (KBEMS Project Manager) regarding the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMIS) data collection project. The project is under budget and is estimated to roll out and begin training June 2008. Board Member Megredy further reported that the Committee heard a report from Dave Cromwell on the regulation reviews for ambulance operations. Mr. Cromwell stated that sections of the regulations are nearly complete and should be ready for Board action at the June meeting. He also reported that 35 of the 174 ambulance inspections had been completed for the year, with no major issues. Lastly, Mr. Cromwell noted that the EMS license tag project is complete except for a few minor items.

Board Member Megredy further reported that the Scope of Practice committee met and completed the skill sets/authorized activities for the First Responder level. The Committee will meet in Salina on April 21 and 22, 2008 to complete work on the EMT, EMT-I and Paramedic levels. He noted that the Committee recommended changing the name of the First Responder to Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). The deadline for this project is August 2008.

Board Member Megredy advised the Board that the P&O Committee reviewed Attorney General Opinion #2008-6, from Camille Nohe (Attorney General's Office), on medical direction, protocol, and authorized activities of EMS attendants. A copy was provided to all Board Members in their packets. The Committee will discuss this further at the June meeting.

Board Member Megredy further reported that Steve Sutton (Deputy Administrator) and Robert Waller (Chief Administrator) updated the Committee on legislative issues. 2008 Senate Bill 512 (revisions to K.S.A. 65-6129) and 2008 Senate Bill 514 (authorization to issue variances to KBEMS rules and regulations) were passed by the Legislature and are awaiting the Governor's signature. The reciprocity changes were approved, but the background check provisions were deleted from the bill. Board Member Megredy announced that the Board will be convening a retreat this summer to begin working on the Strategic Plan. Lastly, the Committee was provided reports from the EMS Region Councils and Associations.

Education and Training Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Vice Chairman Behan to report on the meeting conducted by the Education and Training Committee. Vice Chairman reported that the Committee heard a report from Carman Allen (KBEMS Education and Examination Manager) on the Instructor Development Task Force (IDTF). The IDTF has now been combined with the Educator Curriculum Review Task Force (EDTF), and their next meeting is May 19, 2008. She informed the Committee that the EDTF would begin working on 2008 courses for this next year for training officers (TO) and instructor coordinators (I/C). Vice Chairman Behan also noted that he, Ms. Allen, and Ms. Nohe had begun working on the update of regulations not impacted by potential changes to the Scope of Practice.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Committee reviewed a variance request that had been denied in December, 2007, in which Chad Pore (Barton County Community College (BCCC) had requested to use two (2) out-of-state EMS conferences in place of attendance at an educator workshop. He explained that an audit letter was issued, and a subsequent letter mailed indicating that his instructor/coordinator status had been revoked. Mr. Pore requested a hearing, and in talking discussing the issue with legal counsel, it was the Committee's recommendation to move to rescind that revocation of his IC certificate based on his letter of February 24, 2008.

Motion: Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Commissioner Mathes, to rescind the revocation of Chad Pore's instructor/coordinator license. After further discussion, a roll call vote was requested:

<i>Chairman Allin</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Vice Chairman Behan</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Dr. Hornung</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Boaldin</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Mathis</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Colonel Wasson</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Board Member Megredy</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Chief Ryan</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Board Member Kaufman</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Senator Steineger</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Representative Long</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Senator Emler</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Representative Kelly</i>	<i>Absent</i>

There were five yes votes, and four no votes. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan continued by updating the Board on the retroactive approval of continuing education regulation.

Vice Chairman Behan further advised the Board that Ms. Nohe and Ms. Allen had discovered a discrepancy on the initial expiration date of an attendant's certificate versus the requirement to obtain continuing education within that time period. He explained that there are instances when an attendant is certified for more than two years and when their certificate expires, they have not had a bi-annual renewal period to obtain their continuing education. Ms. Nohe gave the Committee options in correcting K.A.R. 109-5-1, and the review and approval of said option would be available during the June Board meeting.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Committee discussed merging the Education and Training Committee with the Examination and Certification Committee. Vice Chairman Behan further reported that the Committee heard five variances, and three were withdrawn.

The Committee reviewed a variance request from Brent Unruh, Dodge City Community College (DCCC). Mr. Unruh was requesting a variance to obtain I/C status without attending an I/C course. The Committee recommended denial of the request due to the absence of a completed application and the KBEMS check list. Mr. Unruh was not in attendance at the Committee meeting to answer questions.

Motion: To deny the variance request from Brent Unruh to obtain I/C status without attending an I/C course. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan advised that the other variance request, submitted to the Committee for Richard Single to attend I/C status without attending an I/C course, was tabled as all information had not been submitted.

Examination and Certification Committee

Chairman Allin reported that the Committee discussed the letter that went to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) concerning the Butler County Community College (BCCC) denial as a testing site. Dr. Allin explained that the NREMT is willing to activate this location as a site, but now there are some issues locally that would need to be resolved. Chairman Allin asked Robert Waller, Chief Administrator, for a legislative update. Mr. Waller reported that SB 512, which addresses revisions of K.S.A. 65-6129, extending the last date of class, period of eligibility from one year to two years, removes the word “accreditation” and moved attendant certification to equivalency had passed. He noted that the requirement for EMT-B certification prior to advanced certification and the requirement of an applicant who has taken out-of state training, and is not certified, to apply for state certification within two years from last date of class had also been addressed. Also, regain issues have also been addressed. He noted that the background check language was stricken from the bill. However, the Legislature added the following language to SB 512...“The Board shall adopt the rules and regulations a formal list of graduated sanctions for violations of the EMS Act”. The Board would need to develop sentencing guidelines for regulatory purposes. The Chairman of Health and Human Services has requested an interim committee to review the request for background checks from KBEMS, Board of Nursing, and Board of Healing Arts.

Mr. Waller advised the Committee that SB 514, which addresses variances, has been enrolled and is on the Governor’s desk. 2008 SB 438, which relates to volunteer firefighters, volunteer certified technicians, and volunteer law enforcement and the protection of their employment status, is also on the Governor’s desk awaiting signature. Mr. Waller further advised the Committee that the \$180,000 that the Board had requested for KEMIS, has been restored. The proviso relating to the reporting of all revenues and expenditures from the EMS Regional Councils was added. The proviso stipulates that a full financial report will be provided or the Council would be ineligible for funding. 2008 HB 2618, relating to Administrative Hearings being moved to through the Office of Administrative Hearings, has been moved back to the Senate Committee.

Chairman Allin requested that the Education and Training and the Examination and Certification Committees be combined and have Vice Chairman Behan chair the Committee. To address any Examination issues, a group of Committee members could break off as an ad hoc sub-committee. He noted that the schedule of committee meetings would need to be adjusted.

Chief Ryan advised that allowing 17 year olds to be certified was discussed at Committee meeting, and board staff needs direction. He noted that there was not a quorum to take a vote at the Committee meeting, but the Committee was recommending that the Board move forward with allowing 17 year olds to be certified.

Motion: To accept the Committee’s recommendation to move forward with allowing certification to 17 year olds by amending the regulation to accept the assessment examination given

by the National Registry. Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Board Member Kaufman was opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Committee

Chairman Allin reported on the meeting conducted by the Executive Committee. Chairman Allin reported that the Committee discussed the KBEMS Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) grant program and reviewed the requests for funding. The Committee recommended accepting the Financial Assistance and Review Committee (FARC) recommendation with two exceptions. The award of \$7,500 for the EMS educational video to Riley County should be restored and the \$20,000 award to KBEMS for the EMS educational video should be stricken. The other exception was the use of grant money for AED's for public access to defibrillation. Public access to defibrillation equipment to be put in public buildings was not in the scope of this grant.

Motion: To accept the recommendations from the FARC, with the exception of removing money for public access defibrillation and restoring the money to Riley County for their EMS video and striking the money to the KBEMS to make a Kansas EMS video. Moved by Chairman Allin, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.

Budget/Office Update

Chairman Allin called upon Robert Waller, Chief Administrator, to give a Budget/Office update. Mr. Waller reported that KBEMS met with KDHE and the EMS Regional Councils on two contracts: pandemic flu equipment funding totaling \$60,000 and funding directed toward the process of National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements for resource typing through the regional councils. The second contract totaled \$120,000. A survey will be provided to the regional councils to aid in the collection and typing of equipment. The information would be collectively gathered to be placed on WebEOC so the State has quick and easy electronic access in the event of a disaster. Mr. Waller noted that another meeting would be held to continue contract discussions on June 4, 2008.

Mr. Waller asked Ms. Allen to introduce Marcus Herrera. Ms. Allen explained Mr. Herrera is the education specialist. Mr. Waller also stated that the Board office will be hiring a new receptionist.

Advisory Committee on Trauma

Chairman Allin reported that Level 3 Trauma Center grants were awarded to Mt. Carmel, Hays and Hutchinson. However, there is no Level 3 facility in the northcentral or southwest Kansas regions. Rosanne Rutkowski (Kansas Health and Environment Trauma Program Manager) advised the Board that the aforementioned facilities completed the American College of Surgeons (ACS) consultation last summer, and are operating as Level 3 facilities. However, they do not have the designation yet.

Chairman Allin advised the audience that if anyone has trauma education classes, the trauma program staff is encouraging submittal because they can be put on the trauma website. Chairman Allin further advised the Board that there is an annual report on trauma that has been completed, and trauma cards can be ordered on the website (www.kstrauma.org). Lastly, he noted that there were thirty (30) Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) scholarships awarded, and an EMS medical director assessment survey being developed by KMS in conjunction with KDHE and KBEMS.

Public Comment

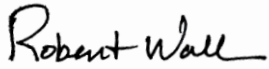
Chairman Allin recognized Terry David. Mr. David announced that a Service Director Workshop would be conducted on July 25 and 26, 2008 at the Marriot Courtyard in Salina.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Motion: To adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:18 a.m., Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Chief Ryan. Motion passed.

The Investigations Committee meeting will be conducted at 12:00.



June 6, 2008

Approved