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BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2005

Board Members Present	Guests	Staff	
Dr. Dennis Allin	Pam Kemp	Randy L. Cardonell	David Lake
Jim McClain	Bob Prewitt	Brad Sisk	Steve Sutton
Robert Kort	Kerry McCue	Bradford Cardonell	Mary E. Mulryan
Comm. Duane Mathes	Terry David	Kaci Mellen	Joe Moreland
J. R. Behan	Chris Alexander	Rebecca Hill	
Dr. Daniel Caliendo	Con Olson	Darlene Deck	
Joe Megredy	Jeff Smith	Russell B. Walter	
	Frank Williams	Rosanne Rutkowski	
Board Members Absent	Mark Willis	Chris Way	
	Gary Winter	Chy Miller	
Rep. Margaret Long	Wendy Cronau	Randy Easter	
Sen. Chris Steineger	Dale Long	Dale Wassom	
Michael Ryan			
Comm. Bob Boaldin			
Rep. Kasha Kelley			
Sen. Jay Emler			

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Allin: Meeting called to order at 9:06.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Allin: Approval of the minutes? Any additions to them? *Rob Kort: I move that we accept the minutes from last meeting. Dr. Caliendo: I second. Dr. Allin: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Any opposed? Minutes approved.*

OFFICE UPDATE

David Lake: Good morning. Thank you for your attendance and your participation in committee meetings and the Board meeting today and also what you do everyday, all year long with EMS. Special thanks to Region I for the refreshments.

I would like to start out by giving a little update on Don. As you all know since we met last, very suddenly, Don became very ill. As I was telling someone earlier, Don was in the office one day, he goes to the doctor the next, and two days later he is telling me he is not coming back to work. That was a tremendous blow to us as staff. I want us to keep him and his family in our thoughts. We have a card here that a lot of you signed yesterday. If you did not and would like to sign the card, please do so. I will be going out to see him next week and I will deliver the card to him.

I want to give a very brief bio on Don.

He was working very diligently with the PRNAK committee on developing this bridge program and about three to four years ago when I asked Don if he would kind of take that ball and run with it, because he was a nurse and he was a paramedic and he had been through both levels of training and he was very astute as to the education aspects of both of those curricula; he jumped at the chance and really went ahead with that. He worked with the PRNAK committee and they developed a program that will be published in the very near future in the JEMS magazine. This is a program where a lot of the funding to do this came through the Rural Health Options Project. As we went back to meetings in Washington and we talked about how excited we were of this program of Paramedics becoming Nurses and Nurses becoming Paramedics without repeating courses and with the time and effort that went into curriculum comparison and when you have 19 nursing programs and absolutely 19 different curricula and if you are a paramedic from Barton and you want to go to a nursing program in Hutch, what kind of correlation is there between those programs. There was a lot of time and effort put in on a lot of people's part. As far as the Board of EMS is concerned, Don really did a yeoman's job on this.

Don began his career in EMS in 1969 as a medic in the U.S. Army where he served until 1971. From 1971 to 1979 he was a field paramedic and then he served as an EMS director at Hutchinson Hospital. He attained his certification as an MICT through the University of Kansas School of Medicine and Allied Health in 1973 and Instructor/Coordinator in 1974. He completed a BSN at Washburn University in 1988. His service as Education/Education Coordinator and Deputy Administrator with the Board of EMS began in October of 1988 until present. In 1991 Don completed the Certified Public Manager Course. On a national level, service included membership on the National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators, and president of the National Continuing Education Coordinating Board of EMS.

Don has done a lot. He has had a very brilliant career. He served for a time as the Service Director at Saline County before they went to a fire based service. I can remember one of my first encounters with Don was when he was at Saline County and I was at Great Bend Fire and Ambulance and we sent a couple of young people on a road trip to KUMC with a cardiac patient and the patient worsened as they got along. They made a decision on their own to stop in Salina and they accessed EMS, Saline County EMS to come out, and meet them and to take the patient. When we had to tell the doctor that their patient was now in Salina instead of KUMC, he was a little upset about that. We had some explaining to do and Don pitched in with us and made the case as to how, from the time they left the hospital in Great Bend until they got to this point, how critical it was, as well as the medical Director in Salina talking about how it was truly their belief that the patient would not have made it to Abilene, had they not made

that decision. Don went out of his way to defend that decision and it's one of those things that we still bring up every now and again.

Don has more bad days than he has good. He has had a few good days. I talk to him regularly. I asked him if he wanted to participate today. He said he was not ready to do that. We will go to lunch a couple of times next week probably. If you would like an e-mail or mailing address for him, see me when the meeting is over and I will provide you with both of those. I know that he would like to hear from you.

Most of the last two months I have spent fairly close to the office with the Legislature in session. I am trying to stay current on Legislative action.

- ✿ Hearings were held on three bills which we provided testimony.
- ✿ Additionally we provided an agency update and justification to both Senate Ways and Means and House Appropriations Committee on our proposed budget for next year.
- ✿ KLPG-Kansas Legislative Policy Group. This group is made up of county commissioners from 33 counties. They had an annual meeting in February. They ask me to do a presentation and update on the Board. They were a very receptive group. They have become much more aware of EMS. Not only statewide, but also in their own communities. Commission Mathes is currently serving as the Vice-President of that group. Comm. Boaldin, who is on our Board, is the President. It's a good group.
- ✿ We have had a regular meeting of the Advisory Committee on Trauma and Dr. Allin will be updating you on that.
- ✿ Don made a trip to Oklahoma with the KDHE people that we are contracted with to do our pilot program on Data Collection. That ball is rolling along. There will be a meeting later this month. A two-day meeting in Salina with agencies that want to participate in that Data Collection Pilot Project.
- ✿ We continued working with Staff and Mary Feighny with a review of the regulations. Joe is spearheading that through our office.
- ✿ The State EMS Directors had a meeting in St. Louis with the National Registry of EMTs. They hosted that meeting to bring us up to date and to get our comments on the Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) which is where they are going in the not too distant future.
- ✿ I was invited two weeks ago to participate with the Mid America Council on Health Care in Kansas and that was a very interesting meeting.
- ✿ I took an extended trip to Northwest and Southwest Kansas a couple of weeks ago. I visited with service directors and county commissioners.
- ✿ I spent four days in warm, sunny Mesa and Phoenix, Arizona visiting my son and his wife.
- ✿ We will be beginning the audit process in the next few days. As before, we will again be auditing approximately 600 attendants who renewed at the beginning of this year.
- ✿ We are still on track to begin on-line renewal beginning next fall for those whose certification expires this year. You will receive the renewal forms in the mail with instructions for renewing either by mail, as we have always, or by going on-line. One of the things about renewing on-line is that if you are successful in that process, you will be able to print out a receipt showing that you have completed the process. If you choose to do it by mail, it will be the same process as before.

That completes my Office Update. Thanks.

Dr. Allin: I have a couple of comments before we start Committee Reports. I really encourage everyone to drop Don a note. I'm sure he doesn't want several hundred calls, but drop him a note. Don is at that point where you look back and think, what choices have I made and what have I done of value and I think it is not hard for any of us to drop him a note and tell him how valuable his choices have been. Not just his career. This job has been more what he has done with his life than just with his career and I encourage all of you to drop him a note and just tell him how much you have appreciated him. I know I have.

I have met J. R., and David regarding staff issues. It is our intention that whatever we have to do to adjust our agenda of what we do, we are going to make sure from a staffing standpoint that Don is treated not just fairly, but well in the system. As long as he can draw whatever it is; sick leave, vacation leave, disability or whatever it is, whatever he needs and if it means keeping a name on the payroll for however long it takes and whatever we have to adjust as far as staffing, that is what we are going to do. Having said that I guess we can go to our Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Executive Committee—Mr. Jim McClain

Jim McClain: Thank you.

- ☛ David gave a report on the budget as well as legislation and he will include that as part of later agenda items.
- ☛ We had a very brief discussion on the written exam and regulation review, but J. R. will include that in his report from the Education/Examination Committee.
- ☛ There is before you a six or seven page document on proposed legal recognition policy that was thoroughly discussed. It will bring us into compliance with the statute as it currently exists and it's the recommendation of the Executive Committee that this be adopted as Board policy. The first page is Policy; the following five or six pages are copies of forms to implement.

Dr. Caliendo: I move to accept the recommendation. Joe Megredy: I second. Dr. Allin: Any other discussion? Basically what you have before you is our policy, as Jim said, we know we have to establish equivalency; it is our responsibility by statute. This is the policy that Board Staff will use to do that. All in favor, say aye? Any opposed? Motion passes.

- ☛ We also had a report from David on the National Scope of Practice. Any comments David? (David's comments regarding changes and linking it on our website.) (David also made comments regarding AED and Rural Health Options Federal Funding Grants and possible funding cuts to come this next year.)

Jim McClain: That's the end of my report. We started late and finished early.

Planning and Coordination Committee—Joe Megredy

Joe Megredy:

- ✱ David updated us on the Data Collection Pilot Program. We have five services and the goal is to have 25 services to participate.
- ✱ The regions are working on their MERGe programs. Most of them have completed their first meeting and I think there are two regions where those meetings will be completed in the near future.
- ✱ Region I is working on exam sites for April. They also are planning on two pediatric courses. They don't have dates set yet.
- ✱ Region II has three exam sites for April and they reported on their Capitol Day, which was in February. They felt it was a great success and they had good turnout.
- ✱ Region III in conjunction with their trauma council, will be providing PHDLS courses in April and July and hopefully a third one with a date to be determined. They also reported they will be providing an update to Rural Health on the progress that they have been making on the MERGE project. That is next Thursday.
- ✱ Region IV is working on testing. April 7th they will have a presentation from Image Trends to look at some software. They are looking at a Regional QA and QI program. They have a NEMS program set up in April and May.
- ✱ Region V told us their website is up and running. They are planning T/O I and II courses this summer. Planning for their Educator Workshop in November.
- ✱ Region VI told us their website is up and running. They told us their resource books for the Region have all been updated and they are working on some PHDLS courses for their group. They also said they received a donation from Coffeyville and I don't know if it was from their EMS or college. They now have three cardiac monitors available.
- ✱ KEMSA reported on their QA and I/C program that was held at Harrah's. 90 people attended. They received good evaluations. They have 96 service memberships and they are pretty excited about that. Everybody should have received the *Chronicle* in its' new format. There were positive reviews. Service Director Training in June; it will finish up in August and they elected some new officers. Grant Helferich is the President and Randy Easter is Vice-President. A couple will be headed to Washington, D. C. to meet with those folks and discuss Medicare and EMSC budget concerns.
- ✱ KEMTA—their focus is on their annual conference which begins next week.
- ✱ We have a new group participating in our committee. The Mid-America Regional Council and they introduced their new representative, Brad Mason, from Johnson County Medact. His discussion was with us on re-bidding their coop purchasing program and they should have those bids back and something approved within the next 30 to 60 days.
- ✱ The Firefighters reported on their annual fire school. They had 500 participants. They will be out in Meade and Labette in April and May.
- ✱ May 2 and 3 is our Strategic Planning Session. We plan on the evening of the 2nd to meet with our Regions to discuss their roles and maybe how they can better help us at the Board. As we talked about our Strategic Plan we had met in a teleconference in February and just reorganized and reprioritized our goals. We kind of merged some together and we will be making recommendations to everybody on the 2nd. Our immediate goal is to promote emergency medical services and we discussed with the Regions about helping with that.

- ✱ David updated us on the Public Safety Communications Committee and they are available to go out and meet with individual agencies to talk about the communications plan and again as I reported in February, they have the two mobile repeaters available in the event that your area has some event, those could be brought in and set up.
- ✱ We talked just briefly on the benefits program and David informed us that he is waiting on some information and will get back on track with that.
- ✱ We also just briefly talked about the status of the criminal background checks and what was happening there. Yesterday, they kind of kicked that back to the Board for future discussions.

Investigations—Mr. Rob Kort

Rob Kort: We cleaned up some investigations that we had open.

- ✱ We had one that we had been dealing with since 2003 and we have been having difficulty obtaining information from this service. They give us everything except what we are really asking for. Our attorney is going to talk to their attorney and see if we can get that straightened out and hopefully get what we have been asking for the last six months.
- ✱ We tabled a case against an attendant that we held over. It was a situation where a call occurred on the border of two services and there was some discussion as far as how the care was handled. The QA process pointed out it could have been handled better and the individual was put on a ninety day probation where their medical director reviewed the calls as well as the QA person and we felt that we were satisfied with the local action, so we closed that case.
- ✱ We had a couple of new cases presented that we talked about. Some of these cases when you look through them it is so difficult. You know there are a lot of problems, but to try to get a handle on what is the root of the problem and how to get to it and how to fix it, we don't really have the answers for it and some of it we just don't have the information. One of the cases we have asked to do an in depth inspection and try to gather some more information. They are going to bring that back next meeting.
- ✱ Another case that we had this year, David and staff are working on some technical support with them. The questions were really their lack of leadership and so they are helping. Their leader is temporarily gone. Their interim director is very receptive to help and staff is also helping with that. We started the process to file a complaint against their director for patient care issues and hopefully we will have some more information on that at the next meeting.
- ✱ We had two self reported cases from the same department that had a student as a full time employee that was doing some skills during an "I" class, but they were unsupervised while they were doing that. Their director took it to heart and identified the problem, severely disciplined the two and we were satisfied with the local action. There is documentation that he took to make sure everyone in the department knew what was expected and I don't think we will have anymore problems in that area from this department.
- ✱ We went into Executive Session under client-attorney privilege to discuss a case that we have been working on. When we came out, we advised David and our attorney to go meet with the city attorney as well as the city manager and try to work out an agreement to resolve some of the problems we have with that department.
- ✱ We finished 30 minutes early.

Education and Examination—J. R. Behan

J. R. Behan: We did hear our usual reports.

✳ The Educator Conference the Instructor Development Taskforce. There have been no meetings since our last committee meeting. There is still some issue on finalizing the agenda for the next year's workshops and they are going to have a single source registration; those types of issues.

✳ It's probably worth noting that the Region V conference will be November 5 in Lawrence and the others haven't been set yet.

✳ The Exam Workgroup. The filming has started and some of the interviews have been taped. Not really much more going on with that due to some illness.

✳ Educator's Curricula Taskforce has not met since the last committee meeting.

✳ We did hear on the Education Regulation Review from Joe on the regulations that deal with education. Probably our biggest item we spent the most time on was the National Registry Computerized Testing Update. If everyone remembers, on January 1, 2007 the National Registry will go to computerized testing and we have to decide what we want to do about that. After much discussion we have decided it's not that computerized testing is not good, it's the cost and limited access that is the issue. David has been in discussion with Dr. Denton from Pittsburg State University for him to develop some sort of written exam. That was the recommendation. The overall cost would be about \$150,000. The first year would be about \$66,000. It was the recommendation of the committee to have them proceed forward. I need action on that. *Rob Kort: I would like to make a motion that we look into developing our own test but along with that, we authorize David to look to form an alliance with other states that are interested in going into a group project on that. I think there are a number of states that have already talked to him about joining in. I think there are more out there. Joe Megredy: I'll second that.* (General discussion between Board member, Steve Sutton and David on the other states currently having tests available and maybe purchasing something that is already prepared or develop our own.) *Rob Kort: I would like to make an adjustment or a slight amendment to my motion to include all levels of certification. Joe Megredy: I'll second the amended version. Dr. Allin: Other Discussion? Good. All in favor? Any Opposed? Motion passes.*

Variances:

- I. Hutchinson Community College: They have come to us with their corrective action plan to obtain accreditation. They have inserted a lot of fail safes into the program. We are recommending they report to us quarterly. Our recommendation was to grant them a variance based upon their corrective action plan to do one course with quarterly reporting and that it be approved. *Rob Kort: I motion that we accept Hutch's Community College's recommendation for corrective action and grant them their one course variance with the stipulation in their plan of reporting and hiring the people to monitor their program. Jim McClain: I second. Dr. Allin: Any other discussion? J. R. Behan: I just would like to add that I did hear from Comm. Boaldin and Chief Ryan yesterday and they are both in support of the plan. Dr. Allin: All in favor of the motion, say aye? Any opposed? Motion passed to approve.*

- II. Flint Hills Technical College: If you remember, we did approve a combines T/O I, T/O II, I/C initial course of instruction. They are back now asking for another one. We did have more questions than we had answers about some of the Board involvement, etc. There wasn't anybody here to answer any of our questions. Our recommendation is to deny that until such time they come back and answer our questions. *Rob Kort: I move that we accept the committee's recommendation for denial of Flint Hills Technical College T/O, I/C program. Jim McClain: I second. Dr. Allin: Any other discussion? (A little discussion between Rob Kort, Dr. Caliendo and J. R. Behan) All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Motion passed to deny.*
- III. Request from Gerald Brenner—Overland Park Fire Department. To become a T/O II for entrance into an I/C course. He had a packet of Information with his documentation. Our recommendation is to approve it upon completion of the Kansas Enrichments that are included in the T/O I and T/O II modules. He was agreeable to that. The recommendation is to approve the variance with those stipulations. *Joe Megredy: I move that we accept the committee's recommendation and approve the variance. Rob Kort: I second. Dr. Allin: Any discussion? (Comments from Rob Kort and David regarding the end goal.) Dr. Allin: Other discussion? All in favor of the motion, say aye? Any opposed? Motion passed to approve.*
- IV. Request from Norman Goering—We actually did not get this one done. We were trying to find some information out and then we ended the meeting without doing it. This is one we do not have a recommendation for. It is from Norman Goering. Mr. Goering is requesting a variance of T/O II so he can enter an I/C course. It's about the same as the last one. He would be willing to go to a T/O II course if one was available. He has been an EMT since 1980, a BLS, and CPR instructor. I guess where we got held up was his years of experience. I believe he is a part-time EMT for Meade County. He is on the roster of an ambulance service. He has several letters of recommendation. All from nurses that he has worked with. He does have one letter from an I/C who would be willing to mentor him, if she knew what that involved. We did note there is a T/O I course available in his area in the middle of this month. This variance came in 10 minutes before that last committee meeting in February started. That is why we are just now dealing with it. It might be enrolled in that course. I don't know. I think we were moving in the direction of denying it, but we did not get it done. (Some discussion concerning letters of recommendation and comments from Dr. Allin regarding his experience.) *Dr. Allin: I move that we deny the variance. Rob Kort: I second. J. R. Behan: In the letter written to Mr. Goering denying this variance, I would suggest to him that there is the T/O I course in his area coming. There also is an I/C course in that area too. Possibly suggest that to him. (Comments from David concerning trying to move away from micromanagement, but we do still need to be in a regulatory mode, and sometimes we have to make tough decisions for the betterment of Kansas EMS) Dr. Allin: Any discussion? All in favor, say aye? Any opposed? Motion passed to deny.*
- V. Request from Dorothy Faulkner requesting a one year extension to the attendant's certification. This also was submitted not in time for the last meeting. She has outlined in her letter that she was diagnosed with cancer, had surgery and chemotherapy and was just not able to complete the required number of hours. She is willing to get those hours and I think through some communication a couple of weeks ago, was almost there. She simply is asking for an extension to her certificate of one year. As a side note, we did approve one very similar to this at the last meeting. *Rob Kort: I move that we accept her variance for the one year extension. Joe Megredy: I second. Dr. Allin: Any discussion? (David wanted clarification on the extension/renewal cycle. Will she expire in 2005 and then renew again in*

2006? Or will her certification start over? The question will come up.) Rob Kort: What I was thinking, and I can amend my motion, is that we just reset her clock and she has until the end of this year to get the rest of her hours and then she is on two year after that. So it would be 2007. This person has done a lot for EMS over the years. She deserves this break. Dr. Allin: All in favor, say aye? Any opposed? Motion passed to approve.

- VI. Request for Gier—Missed the Educator’s Conference of this last year. He didn’t pre-register. I don’t know why. His explanation was that he was too busy to adjust his schedule to make a meeting, so I’m not sure how he was planning on doing it. He basically said the morning he was intending to go, which incidentally was the last one of the year, that he didn’t feel good, or just didn’t feel like going, or something. He has done some teaching in the past and I don’t know if he really intended to go or not. After looking over some items and he being less than truthful with me about it until I called him on it, our recommendation is to deny his request. Jim McClain: I move that the recommendation be followed and the request for renewal be denied. Joe Megredy: I second. Dr. Allin: Any discussion? (Rob Kort made reference to a variance that was not granted earlier to another attendant and it set the precedence.) Dr. Allin: Any other discussion? All in favor, say aye? Any opposed? Motion passed to deny.
- VII. Request for Charles Foat—Variance for T/O II for entrance into an I/C course, similar to a couple of others. He is willing to attend the entire I/C course when there is one that he can get to. His request is a bit different in that he has attended two different EMS Instructor Courses. One in California in 1990 and one in Iowa in 1992. He has maintained his Iowa certification as an I/C since then. It is still current. He has been involved in EMS for about 15 years. He has also been involved with the Examination Workgroup. This is not different than people who come from out of state and wanted to get into our I/C course. He is willing to go to the whole thing so he will be repeating something he has had twice before. He is not a T/O II though, hence his request for variance. Rob Kort: I move that we accept the variance request for him to into an I/C course. Dr. Caliendo: I second. Dr. Allin: Any discussion? All in favor, say aye? Any opposed? Motion passed to approve.

2005 Legislative and Budget Update

David Lake: 2005 Legislation Session is rapidly drawing to a close. They expect to adjourn at the end of business today. There were three bills this session that directly affected EMS.

☛ The one was the bill to amend 65-6129 on temporary certification and legal recognition issues. It went through the House Health and Human Services Committee and passed out of that committee, but it never reached the House floor to go any farther. In essence, for this session at least, it is not going anywhere, which is why you took the action you did with regard to the application process for determining equivalency of people who want to gain Kansas certification who do not train in Kansas. (David explained the legal recognition process.)

☛ SB 263 which was introduced that would add two new members to the Board, make this a fifteen member board, and those two new members would be active Service Directors. The committee offered an amendment to reassign one of the attendant positions on the Board to at least one of those have to be an active Service Director. That was acceptable. It left the Senate Committee. It was passed on the Senate Floor. It has now been assigned to House Health and Human Services Committee, but with the schedule, it is very unlikely to be heard before next session.

- ✿ The budget bill. When they come back after break is when they will work on the budget. The bill that has been submitted, the Governor's recommendation to our FY 06 budget was that we have \$100,000 for Education Incentive Grant Money. Plus we have a new personnel, 1 FTE, that would be located in Western Kansas. Both House and Senate Committees agreed, accepted the Governor's Recommendation. In addition to that they added \$100,000 for the Education Incentive Grant, so next year if it all goes the way it is right now, there will again be \$200,000 in Education Incentive Grant Money and after July 1, we will be looking at hiring a new person in Western Kansas to represent the agency out there.
- ✿ There are now two new legislators on our Board. Senator Jay Emler and Representative Kelley. Jay is an attorney from Lindsborg, Kansas. He is vice-chair of Senate Ways and Means Committee and he is very supportive of the Board of EMS. Representative Kelley is from Arkansas City and is a freshman legislator. They would have attended, but both Houses went into session this morning.

You have a copy of the regular budget report that we provide you. The receipts from the .25% Fire Insurance Premiums are down a little. Also by looking at this, you can see that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way into the year we have spent 75% of our budget. We are right on track. (Dr. Allin asked the question on how our agency fees are tracking as far as projected expectations. David answered right on track with estimate provided to the budget office.)

You also have a map of Kansas with the students by county who have taken advantage of the Education Incentive Grant Monies. It has been utilized in the way it was intended. In the new year we will be starting over. Everyone will have to reapply. Any questions?

[Advisory Committee on Trauma](#)

Dr. Allin:

- ✿ The biggest thing going on is the developed Level III and Level IV criteria. If Regions want to talk about going and transporting and knowing the resources of the Trauma Centers, then they are going to have to be verified at some kind of level. The Level III and IVs, for the less initiated, or the lower levels of Trauma, we have to implement the system to verify that. We have put some changes in from what the American Colleges of Surgeon's criteria to meet our Kansas needs. That will probably mean that we will have to develop within the state a verification team for the verification process.
- ✿ For the Level I and II, the highest levels of Trauma Care, they are pretty much ACS, American College of Surgeons criteria and institutions will continue to have the ACS come in and verify they function at that level. There won't be a state verification team.
- ✿ We had several political meetings. There was a briefing to the Senate and House in February and the response to those briefings was everything from getting some pretty good questions to waking them up when we were done. Some of them were less interested than we wanted them to be.
- ✿ We had a nice meeting with the insurance commissioner, so we are trying to bolster this interest politically in what we are doing.
- ✿ There is a new Health Director for the Department of Health. I have known him for a long time. He was a second year resident at Truman when I was faculty there. He is a

very bright guy and I think he will serve the Department and I think he will serve our issues well.

☛ If you want to look, the website has the Level III and the Level IV criteria. If you want to look at that website the address is:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/TraumaOverview.htm>

☛ We are meeting on the 18th of May and we are meeting at the KMS Building.

☛ The implementation of the Trauma Band. The problem we have is that we have to identify patients as they go through the system and you want the overall registry to have as few specific patient identifiers. You don't want that to be a system anyone can just go in and look up somebody by their specific name. So as you try to identify them, we need to get a unique number that then follows them in the Trauma Registry from EMS all the way through however many hospitals they go to and even a rehab facility. The wrist band concept was discussed and approved. We needed a legal opinion on using this and linking it. There will have to be regulations that have to be developed by KDHE for the implementation of these wrist bands and clearly it is going to be a discussion. It was discussion with our pre-hospital representatives on the Advisory Committee on Trauma. When do these things get put on? And when is this clock going to start? It might not be the number one thing that a pre-hospital provider is thinking about. Putting on the orange Trauma wristband. We haven't decided if that comes before or after airway, but we are working it through the committee. There will be more on that and certainly the word will be out.

Dr. Allin: Let me say one thing before we go into Executive Session. We've got a potential/real turnover coming and we have members that have either decided to seek reappointment or it is unsure if they will be reappointed. Those four members are Dr. Caliendo, Rob Kort, Joe Megredy and myself. This is possibly the last time that this group is together and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to chair and tell you thanks for the opportunity to work with you all. Dr. Caliendo has decided he is not going to seek reappointment. It has been a pleasure working with him and he has served the Board very well. (Applause) Rob Kort has chosen not to seek reappointment. You certainly have been somebody never afraid to jump in and be a little controversial. But the nice thing is that you were never being controversial just for the sake of doing it. You were doing things you really believed in. You have served this Board very very well and I appreciate everything that you have done. For me personally and for the Board. (Applause). Joe Megredy is going to seek one more term. We wish him good luck. It would be a pleasure to have you back. I also, if I am fortunate to get reappointed, it would be my intention to come back.

David Lake: I would also like to add to that. I know I speak for myself as well as the Board Staff in expressing my appreciation to the four of you that have the potential not to return. I thank you for what we have done in the last recent years and what we have done to progress EMS in Kansas. The hard work that you have put into it. Your willingness to talk to me and your willingness to work with me on making some of these things happen is truly appreciated.

Dr. Caliendo: I wasn't going to leave without saying something. I remember my first meeting on the Education Committee. The primary subject was developing a bridge program 11 years ago, so we are moving right ahead. From a physician's point of view down in the wilds of Wichita, we grumbled about the Board of EMS in Topeka and the things they were doing and they didn't have a real good image from medicine's point of view. I think Dennis would reflect that from Kansas City and I don't hear that anymore, because I'm a member of it and they don't want to say it to my face. I really am proud of the

changes in the Board of EMS over the last 10 years and feel honored to have been sitting here while it happened. I think you can all be pretty proud of where you've come, and David, particularly you. You have been a real positive for EMS. I know when we hired you, your biggest shortcoming in your mind and probably ours, was that you had no political savvy or knowledge of how government works and you have really jumped into that and have done well with learning the system. Thank you.

Rob Kort: If I could just have a moment as well. I also echo what Dr. Caliendo said and starting 11 years ago one of my first meetings, we talked about going to the National Registry. It's kind of funny that we are coming back around to that. I have enjoyed the time and I have enjoyed working with the people out in the audience. I think we have made a lot of progress on the Board. I agree with Dr. Caliendo. I think the Board 11 years ago was seen more of punitive Board and very difficult to work with and I don't feel like we are that way anymore. I think it has been because of David's leadership and Dr. Allin's leadership that has really changed that. I appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Dr. Allin: We need to adjourn now into Executive Session for non elected personnel issues. **Dr. Caliendo:** I move that we adjourn into a 20 minutes Executive Session. **Rob Kort:** I second.

Adjourn into the whole Board after the Executive Session.

Joe Megredy brings up the subject of electronic devices in attendance at Committee meetings, along with private conversations going on. Individuals attending Committee and/or Board meetings need to silence their electronic devices and take it outside of the meeting if they have to answer the phone or the pager or to have a conversation with another attendee. Common politeness and courtesy should and will be expected at these meetings.

Jim McClain: I move to adjourn. **J. R. Behan:** I second. Meeting adjourned.