



# KANSAS

DENNIS ALLIN, M.D., CHAIR  
ROBERT WALLER, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

## BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### MINUTES

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2006

#### Board Members Present

J. R. Behan  
Jim McClain  
Michael Ryan  
Joe Megredy  
Dale Wasson  
Comm. Duane Mathes  
Comm. Bob Boaldin  
Dr. Dennis Allin  
Sen. Chris Steineger  
Sen. Jay Emler  
Dr. Brian Holmes

#### Board Members Absent

Rep. Kasha Kelley  
Rep. Margaret Long

#### Guests

Pam Kemp  
David Stithem  
Ruth Schillig  
Aden Schillig  
Mitch Miller  
Rocky Cramer  
Jeff Smith  
Chris Alexander  
James M. Feeb  
Russell Walter  
Darlene Deck  
Mark Willis  
John Hultgren

Helen Casteel  
Jon Friesen  
Gary Winter  
Kathy Dooley  
Chy Miller  
James Catt  
Deb Pierce  
Con Olson  
Ken Keller  
Kerry McCue  
Randy Easter  
Dale A. Cathey  
Jason m. Jenkins

#### Staff

Robert Waller  
Steve Sutton  
Mary E. Mulryan  
Joe Moreland  
Randy Cardonell

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allin called the meeting to order on Friday, April 7, 2006 at 9:07 am. The first order of business is the approval of the minutes from February.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Motion: Moved by Board Member Boaldin, seconded by Board Member McClain to approve the minutes of the February Board meeting with the following change: remove the dollar signs from the annual call volume on page 6. Motion passed.***

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### Executive Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Board Member McClain to report on the Executive Committee activities. Board Member McClain directed the Board Members attention to the PowerPoint presentation which would be presented by Robert Waller later during the meeting, of which they had a copy of. **(Attachment A)** Board Member McClain referred the Board Members to the fact that currently Board Member Behan is representing the Board on the KU Fire Service Commission and that appointment expires July 1, 2006. It is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that he be reappointed contingent on his reappointment to the BEMS Board in May of 2006.

***Motion: Approve the reappointment of Board Member Behan to the KU Fire Service Commission contingent on his reappointment to the BEMS Board. Moved by Board Member Steineger, second by Board Member Allin. Motion passed.***

Secondly, Board Member McClain discussed a special EMS license plate proposal.

***Motion: The recommendation of the Executive Committee is to authorize the Board to investigate and explore further to determine if there is enough interest to have an EMS specialty license plate in the State of Kansas. Moved by Board Member Boaldin, second by Board Member Wasson. Motion passed. Board Member Emler voted no and commented that he has always voted no in the Senate on these license plates in the past.***

Finally, Board Member McClain states there is a need for a hearing officer. By consensus the Executive Committee authorized the Administer to make the designation and appoint the hearing officer. No action needed.

### Planning and Coordination Committee

Chairman Allin next called upon Board Member Megredy to address the Board on the meeting conducted by the Planning and Coordination Committee. Board Member Megredy began by discussing the presentation given by Terry David, Executive Director of Region III on the MERGe Project. Board Member Megredy informed the Board that Mr. Waller updated the committee on the emergency response program. After Mr. Waller's presentation the committee elected to have Board staff and regional representatives review the roles and responsibilities of the plan. Additionally, Board Member Megredy discussed the strategic plan and the work on the goals of the plan will be tabled until they get a finalized copy of the revised strategic plan.

Continuing, Board Member Megredy discussed the Cowley County Community College degree program. Additionally, Board Member Megredy introduced the Budget Model presented by Mr. Joe Moreland and asked that he give the Board an outline of the project. Board Member Megredy stated that the committee did not have a recommendation concerning this item and didn't take any action. There was one negative comment from the audience stating this project would be controversial as KEMSA has a budget presentation in their Service Director Workshops. Chairman Allin called upon Kerry McCue from the audience to make comments

regarding this item. President Elect Kerry McCue, Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) commented the Board directed KEMSA to develop the Service Director's Program which has a four hour module about budgeting and perhaps KEMSA and the Board should work together before any decision is made. Chairman Allin recognized Pam Kemp from the audience to comment. Pam Kemp, Marketing and Membership, KEMSA noted that this Budget model presented by Joe Moreland was free and the Board should reconsider how to spend federal dollars other than paying individuals to present material that freely accessible. Chairman Allin suggested that the Board and KEMSA work together to examine both budget modules and then present an agreeable suggestion to everyone.

***Motion: The Chairman and Director of KEMSA meet in the next two weeks for a coordinated effort to best benefit all services in Kansas. Moved by Board Member Emler, second by Board Member Wasson. Motion passed.***

Finally, Board Member Megredy continued by giving summaries of the reports given by each representative of the Planning and Coordination Committee.

### Investigations

Chairman Allin reported the committee processed 12 cases. The majority involved patient care and they were closed without referral and were self reported.

### Education and Examination

Chairman Allin acknowledged Vice-Chairman Behan to report on the activities of the Education and Examination Committee. Vice-Chairman Behan began his report with reference to reports given by Deputy Administrator Steve Sutton on standing committee taskforces and workgroups. Vice-Chairman Behan continued by giving the results of the survey conducted by the Board of the EMT-D certification level. A position statement from the educator's society suggested that the Board move the EMT-D module into the EMT-I curriculum as an option, not a requirement. The committee would like to look at the module in the intermediate 1985 curriculum as well as the intermediate 1999 curriculum to decide which one to include. Vice-Chairman Behan continued with reference to the paramedic written examination and reported the committee had a good discussion.

***Motion: The recommendation of the committee to the Board, at the paramedic level, is to stay with the National Registry as the examination. Moved by Vice-Chairman Behan, second by Board Member Holmes. Motion passed.***

Additionally, Vice-Chairman Behan reported on a variance that was granted to Coffeyville Community College in December to conduct distance learning courses on their program provider. Since that variance was approved personnel in the college has changed. and it's the committee's recommendation that we need to reverse that December decision and deny the variance for distance learning.

***Motion: The recommendation of the committee to the Board is to reverse the decision of this variance and deny the distance learning until such a time that a new plan is***

*presented to the Board. Moved by Board Member Boaldin, second by Board Member McClain. Motion passed.*

Finally, Vice-Chairman Behan reported that the committee did talk about legal recognition. Deputy Administrator Steve Sutton will be getting further information on accreditation.

### Office Update

Chairman Allin recognized Executive Director, Robert Waller, for an office update. Mr. Waller provided the Board with a Power Point presentation on the Budget, Rules and Regulations, Data Collection, Legislation, Emergency Response Plan, EMS License Plates, and Board membership. **(Attachment A)** Mr. Waller referenced the Funds Expenditures and Receipts spreadsheet contained in the presentation. To date the Board has expended 67% of their FY 2006 Budget. For FY 2007 the conference committee removed the \$500,000 transfer scheduled to occur in June of 2006 to relieve the cashflow issues the agency has experienced this fiscal year because of the proposed transfer to the State General Fund (SGF). The enhancements requested by the Board are still in the base budget, and additionally, state employees will be receiving a COLA and a step increase.

Mr. Waller continued to report on the progress of the rules and regulations. 109-5-3, 109-5-4, 109-7-1, and 109-8-1 have been re-reviewed with minimum changes, sent the Attorney General's Office, and will start the normal rules and regulation process. Board Staff has also started the review of the operational regulations, 109-2-1 through 109-2-5.

Additionally, Mr. Waller reported on SB 546, the data collection legislation. Rural Health Options has committed funding to develop a steering committee to develop the data system. The membership would be: Two representatives from each region, board staff, representative from KDOT, representative for KDHE, representative from NEDARC, and a representative from the Kansas Highway Patrol. Mr. Waller suggested to the Board that a subcommittee be developed of board members to coordinate and direct the steering committee as they design the data collection system.

Mr. Waller continued his report with current legislation. **SB 263**, Membership of the Board. It resides in the House Committee on Health and Human Services; **SB 418**, Family Protection Act (Conceal and Carry). The Board doesn't have an issue with this. This is ambulance operational procedures. Each ambulance should create operational protocols to address this issue; **HB 2982**, Kansas Intrastate Emergency Mutual Aid Act. This has passed both houses and is waiting the Governor's signature; **HB 2734**, Concerning Board denial of an individual's certification or registration because some or all of the applicant's course of study was obtained on-line. That bill still resides in House Committee on Health and Human Services; **HB 2611**, Booster Seat Bill. The Governor has signed that bill; **HB 2752**, Trauma Registry Bill. The conference committee concurred with that and is waiting the Governor's signature; and HB 2590 is the Voice over Internet Protocol Enhanced 911 Act. This is the enhancer of the enhanced 911 passed two years ago. Conference committee has concurred and is waiting the Governor's signature.

Additionally, Mr. Waller brought to the attention of the Board the following items: that five members' terms expire in May 2006; there will be a committee formed to discuss the National Response Plan as was previously discussed and they will come back to the Board with suggestions on the roles and responsibilities of EMS; we need 500 signatures initially to go forward with the Specialized License Plate for EMS; and thanking the Regional Chairs and Vice-Chairs for attending the meeting that was conducted on Thursday, April 6, 2006.

Finally, Mr. Waller reiterated what was discussed previously that he would be appointing the hearing officer for case # 202-010.

### [Advisory Committee On Trauma](#)

Chairman Allin proceeded to give the report on the Advisory Committee on Trauma (ACT). The (ACT) recognizes and appreciates the Boards support on the trauma bill. This will enable ACT to implement the verification of trauma centers. There is a website under development. It is: [www.kstrauma.org](http://www.kstrauma.org) ACT will meet on May 17, 2006 at the Kansas Medical Society Building.

### [New Business](#)

Chairman Allin instructed the Board that no action was necessary on creating a subcommittee of board members for the data collection system, but if anyone was interested to please let him know.

Chairman Allin recognized Vice-Chairman Behan. Vice-Chairman Behan shared a site visit report with the Board from Hutchinson Community College. They received zero deficiencies in their site visit. This is quite a turn around from a few months ago.

Chairman Allin recognized Board Member Wasson who gave his opinion that ambulance services should offer continuing education to attendants on the handling of firearms since the passage of the conceal and carry legislation.


Chairman Allin introduced the newest Board member, Dr. Brian Holmes from Abilene, Kansas.

### [Public Comment](#)

Chairman Allin recognized Helen Casteel of Belle Plain, Kansas. Ms. Casteel comments: "I had sent a letter to the Board for an investigation into the death of my husband, for the care that he received back on November 7 of 2005. I spoke with Mr. Jerry Cunningham, February 28 and he said that he would turn the matter over to the Board today. May I ask what would be the outcome of that investigation?" Chairman Allin explained the process of the investigation committee to Ms. Casteel and he recommended that she meet with him after the Board meeting.

Chairman Allin recognized Rocky Cramer from Wichita Area Technical College. Mr. Cramer informed the Board that Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) is putting together an EMS program. The ultimate goal is to offer a paramedic program in Sedgwick County again to fulfill what the community has said there is a need for.

*Motion: To adjourn the April 7, 2006 Board Meeting. Moved by Board Member McClain, second by Vice-Chairman Behan. Motion passed.*



April 7, 2006

Approved

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**Attachments may be requested from the BEMS office at 785-296-7296.**

Attachment A—Presentation presented by Robert Waller to the Executive Committee