

Board Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2023

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10/6/2023

Board Members Present

Director David Adams
Rep. Stephanie Clayton
Rep. John Eplee
Dr. Greg Faimon
Director Deb Kaufman-virtual
Chief Shane Pearson
Director John Ralston-virtual
Dr. Martin Sellberg
Director Jeri Wheatley

Guests

Kent Vosburg	Junction City
Monika Heller	Reno Co EMS
Tracy Cleary	EagleMed/AMR
John Cota	KCKFD
Jon Antrim	AMR
Kevin Joles	LDCFM
Ryan Hornberger	LDCFM
Frank Williams	Butler Co EMS
Jeff Boss	JoCo MedAct
Rich Llewellyn	LDCFM
Nick Larmer	Barton Co CC

Staff Present

Joseph House, Exec. Director
Suzette Smith
Terry Lower
James Kennedy
Carman Allen
Jim Reed

Board Members Absent

Sen. Michael Fagg
Sen. Faust-Goudeau
Dr. Joel Hornung

Virtual attendees
listed at the
bottom.

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Pearson called the Board Meeting to order on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Pearson called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Director Adams moved to approve the June 2, 2023 minutes. Dr. Sellberg seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Pearson called upon Director House for the Standing Items. He reported that there had been one request for a variance regarding the lettering on a loaner ambulance and that it had been approved.

Investigation Committee Report

Vice-Chairman Pearson called on Chairwoman Wheatley to give the Investigation Committee report.

Chairwoman Wheatley stated that the Investigations Committee heard three cases involving staffing issues. In the first case the individuals were fined \$25 each. In the second case the individual was fined \$25 and the service was fined \$650, but it was stayed providing they go six months without a staffing violation. In the third case the service was fined \$650, but it was stayed providing they go six months without a staffing violation. There was a case for a public complaint against an EMT and a Paramedic for listing the call as no patient. The EMT was fined \$150 and the Paramedic was put on a 30 day suspension. Action was taken on another case under a consent agenda.

Office Update

Vice-Chairman Pearson called on Director House to give the Office Update. Director House reported the following.

- He stated that the NEMESIS v3.5 transition seems to be flowing very well. There are 30 agencies left to transition. They will be moving servers across September 1 to Version 3.54.
- He reported that Licensure and Elite are linked. When services update their rosters in License Management it crosses to Elite. It is also bringing across new vehicles. This is a big benefit to direct entry users.
- The Instructor Coordinator regulations have cleared the Attorney General's office on first review. There will be a public hearing on October 5th at 10 a.m.
- K.A.R. 109-2-2 is hung up in the Attorney General's office and he is unsure why since they requested the changes. They have been on hold for six months.
- There are open dates for services to showcase their service at the Kansas State Fair on September 13th and 17th. If any service is interested in participating, please contact Jim Reed.
- He was pleased to announce that we have partnered with Cardiac Crusaders, founded by Bob Ott and his daughter Julie Coon, to help with getting AED locations on a map available to EMS communication specialists. We have invited them to the State Fair and will record a video with them next week. PulsePoint will run the AED project. Cardiac Crusaders has offered to help locate and report where AED's are located. We have contacted the Department of Labor who goes to businesses and large entities to be able to direct others to our website to register an AED. If an individual runs across an AED, they can go to [AED.new](#) and register it. Then someone will confirm that there is indeed one in place. Everygy has an AED in most trucks as mobile resources.
- Our Education staff are seeing a return to higher pass rates in the BLS skills examinations since the pandemic. We will continue to monitor.
- He reported personnel changes and welcomed Scott Hird to the Education section as an Issuance Coordinator. The Education Section is now filled but now Carman Allen plans to retire on September 29th. She has been a phenomenal resource as an expert in education. We will miss her expertise but wish her well in retirement. Vice-Chairman

Pearson presented Ms. Allen with a plaque for her work and offered her the Board's appreciation for being an excellent resource.

That concluded the Office Update.

Old Business

2023PS0004-Allowing non-clinical, EMS Administrator based training to be considered approved CE for renewal purposes.

Vice-Chairman Pearson called upon Director Wheatley to update the Board on the EETC committee meeting yesterday.

- She reported that Director House provided a background on this topic as a request in a letter from KEMSA submitted last January. It stemmed from an Administrator Workshop a couple years prior. We had a complaint about that being approved as CE, but it was submitted through a program provider. The Education Standards make it hard to have any CE for non-clinical hours.
- Dave Johnston, representing KEMSA and Region III, wants to push forward approval on this and contends administration education is already allowed by regulation and policy. Director House stated that board staff has not made an opinion on this at all. We have left the decision up to the organization and repeatedly in writing to KEMSA, have said if they feel it meets the educational standards, then offer it. He does not believe this topic meets educational standards personally. If he was offering the hours, he would not offer CE's. Director House wants to ensure that a provider's certification has the same value today as the day it was issued. There was discussion on having legal look at current regulations and policy to address non-clinical with medical outcomes continuing education as valid. Director Adams said he wants an endorsement for leaders in the state. There was discussion on adding a category for administrative hours for leadership to the Continuing Education Plan but that does not take away from clinical hours. Director House said there were now two action items. 1) Ask legal for an opinion and 2) have a conversation regarding next week's KEMSA offerings. He also said there are Education Standards and Categories. The Categories of CE are buckets. A CE has to meet the educational standards and enhance skills of EMS providers. Flex hours are a catch all for anything that falls outside the six categories. Dr. Sellberg said he thinks direct clinical care should be included in CE. The Committee will seek a legal opinion and discuss at the next meeting.

2023PS0005 – Addition of “Provider Well-Being” as a required category of CE for renewal purposes.

- Director House said this topic was included in the same letter from KEMSA as the previous topic. It would require anyone certified to have an 8th bucket requiring a specific category. Director Wheatley said this CE can go

into Flex hours. Carman Allen questioned how much one hour of CE in two years would really help. She suggested putting the requirement on the agencies to provide this training instead of on the providers. Con Olson said that just requiring this of services would leave out a lot of responders that don't fall under a service. The Committee passed a motion to not require this category but to reinforce that it is an acceptable topic for CE.

That concluded the Old Business report.

New Business

Vice-Chairman Pearson called on Director House to discuss the New Business. Director House reported the following.

- Each year he holds a Legislative meeting to overview what is new, any federal legislative update and then brainstorm on how to improve EMS. This year's meeting was held in Salina on July 11th and a list was made regarding what the attendees felt was important to Kansas EMS. Staff recommendation is to reject item 9 as the Board made a decision on this in 2022 to not allow. Staff recommendation is to proceed on items 6, 12, 13 and 17. Item 6 is the one that will receive the most attention. We don't define unprofessional conduct for an operator and we need to. Director House would ask this be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee. Dr. Eplee asked about item 10 and what Director House's thoughts are. He said right now we don't delineate where a paramedic can operate. A verbal order without direct supervision is not an option. A statute change would need to happen. Vice-Chairman Pearson recommends the Planning and Operations Committee meet in October to address the items. That concluded the New Business report.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Representative Eplee moved to adjourn. Director Adams seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Virtual Guests

Angela Hamilton

Chris Cannon

Mike Morgan

Karl Leach

Tim McClure

N Florian

J Taylor

Jason Jenkins

Dave Johnston