



KANSAS

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BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

August 1, 2008

Board Members Present

Dr. Dennis Allin
J.R. Behan
Deb Kaufman
Dr. Joel Hornung
Comm. Duane Mathes
Col. Dale Wasson
Rep. Cindy Neighbor
Mike Ryan
Joe Megredy
Sen. Jay Emler

Guests

Kathy Dody
Bob Prewitt
Pam Kemp
Brent Teter
Randy Cardonell
Jay Watkins
Sherry McCool
Jon Friesen
Darlene Deck
Gary Winter
Donna Grayson-
Cornwell

Staff

Robert Waller
Joe Moreland
Patti Artzer
Chrystine Hannon
Dave Cromwell
Carman Allen
Gina Chard
Nicole Bradley
Camille Nohe

Board Members Absent

Comm. Bob Boaldin
Sen. Chris Steineger
Rep. Kasha Kelley

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Behan called the meeting to order on Friday, August 1, 2008 at 9:10 am.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2008 Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Board Member Kaufman, seconded by Board Member Megredy to approve the minutes of the June 6th Board Meeting. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Planning and Operations Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Board Member Megredy to report on the meeting conducted by the Planning and Operations Committee. Board Member Megredy reported that Joe Moreland (KBEMS Project Manager) gave an update on the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMIS) project. Mr. Moreland reported that the detailed plan had been approved by the Kansas Information Technology Office and the contract had been signed with Image Trend (as the system vendor). He also stated that computers to access the system (Panasonic Toughbooks) had been ordered, and a portion delivered. He noted that a total of 191 elements will be collected between KBEMS, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Trauma and Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) programs. Service agreements to access the system are being finalized in preparation to be sent out to the EMS Services within the next 90 to 120 days. He explained that there would be six (6) training classes, one in each EMS region, to teach services/attendants how to utilize the system.

The Chairman then recognized Robert Waller (KBEMS Executive Director) to brief the Committee on KBEMS Homeland Security operations. Mr. Waller informed the Committee that the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) was still under development, with staff roles being identified to relocate/recover Board operations and associated costs. Additionally, the Statewide EMS Pandemic Flu Plan was being developed, with a conceptual overview provided to KDHE as part of the emergency support function (ESF) #8 of the State emergency response plan. The EMS portion of the plan is based on the National EMS Pandemic Response Plan for State Agencies. He noted that the conceptual overview will be presented to the P & O Committee at the February 2009 Board meeting for feedback to assist with the Plan development. Lastly, Mr. Waller discussed the KBEMS Homeland Security Plan to enhance KBEMS' abilities to provide information and advice specific to EMS, coordinate logistical support as required in the State EOC, and develop a Statewide Emergency Medical Response Team to assist, support or guide local EMS agencies, as requested, in their time of need. Components of the team will utilize as much of existing EMS resources and plans as possible under a unified response structure. He noted that there will be a state wide exercise September 8 through the 10, 2008. Board staff will participate.

The Chairman next recognized Jason Moses (Interoperability Coordinator - Adjutant General's office) who gave a detailed power point presentation on the 800 MHz system, its current status, roll-out, financial issues, and implementation timeline. Mr. Kerry McCue (Ellis County Service Director and KBEMS representative on the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee) requested that Terry David (Rice County Service Director) be appointed as an alternate if he is absent for future communication plan committee meetings. The Committee approved the request.

Dr. Porter-Williams (KU Medical Center) provided a presentation on transporting physician orders for patent preference (T-POPP). Dr. Porter-Williams explained that a transportable order set moves with the patient, defines emergency interventions that the patient would or would not wish to happen in the event of rapidly deteriorating health, follows a POLST paradigm model, and is most widely studied out of hospital DNAR order in the nation. She noted that Kansas City currently has a task force convened to create a steering committee to continue the study of T-POPP with a 2009 training launch date.

An update was provided to the Committee by Carmen Alldritt (Director of Motor Vehicles Department of Revenue) who explained the progress and process in obtaining the EMS License plate. She explained that the EMS plate should be available in October, and a form jointly created by KDOR and KBEMS would be available to gain access to the tag. The tag could be obtained by having their EMS Director sign the authorization form. Tags must be renewed each year.

Continuing, the Chairman recognized Dave Cromwell (KBEMS EMS Services) to discuss KBEMS' possible future involvement with the Kansas State Fair. Mr. Cromwell stated that Hutchinson Community College (HCC) had offered to partner with KBEMS to provide a booth at the Fair. Board staff will continue to develop that outlet. Mr. Cromwell also discussed the initial finalization of the regulation review of K.A.R 109-1-1 through 109-2-8. Mr. Waller commented that the regulations would be provided to the Regional councils for distribution with a definitive date for comments to be received at the Board office. Additionally, Gina Chard (KBEMS Inspector) presented information on video conferencing for Board meetings. The Board requested that a "survey" be conducted to determine the extent or interest in broadcasting Board meetings via the web. Before the Advisory Committee on Trauma (ACT) and EMSC representatives were recognized, the Mr. Waller discussed the upcoming Board retreat and stated that letters would be sent to Regional and Association representatives to participate. Mr. Waller then requested the development of advisory groups, under Planning and Operations, for EMSC and ACT programs to assist the Committee in discussions relating the trauma and pediatric issues. Sarah House (EMSC Coordinator) updated the board on the EMSC Project, performance measures, and EMSC Committee activities.

Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Board Member Kaufman to report on the meeting conducted by the Education, Examination, Training, and Certification Committee (EETC). Board Member Kaufman reported that Carman Allen (KBEMS Technician Services Manager) gave a report on the Educator's Development Task Force (EDTF) and their recommendations on KAR 109-5-1, 109-15-1, 109-15-2. Ms. Allen stated that EDTF had concerns about the subjective nature of the word 'significant' in KAR 109-5-1, and needed additional time and guidance to review. She continued by explaining that EDTF believed KAR 109-15-2 needed clarification on legal recognition, and offered a possible suggestion in changing the verbiage to the "recognition of Non- Kansas credentials." She noted that these regulations would also be sent to the Regional Councils for distribution and public comment.

Ms. Allen also provided a status report on KAR 109-5-2, 109-5-3 and 109-5-6. She explained that the regulations had been reviewed by Camille Nohe (Attorney General's Office) and the EDTF would be reviewing these regulations at their August meeting. Ms. Allen noted that KAR 109-5-5 is scheduled for public hearing on September 15, 2008 at 10:00 am in Room 108 at the Landon State Office Building. Lastly, she remarked that EDTF had decided to meet in Hutchinson every second Monday of each month due to workload. Continuing, Ms. Allen provided an update on the certification of 17 year olds and the delay in the process relating to conversations with the Board of Regents. Ms. Allen stated that due to complications and federal requirements (revealed by the Board of Regents), Board staff would develop a release form for parents and students which would meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Ms. Allen further reported that 300 continuing education audits had been mailed out with the last group to go out August 20, 2008, along with letters to exam site coordinators to emphasize appropriate examiner behavior at test sites and to remind candidates to file complaints in a timely manner so that they can be acted on at the test site. Ms. Allen also noted that due to a survey conducted by Board staff (at the Board's request) concluded that the largest amount of people that didn't renew their certification either retired moved out of state or have taken other employment.

Executive Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Executive Director Waller to report on the Executive Committee. Mr. Waller reported that the KRAF Grant for the 2008 cycle is complete. He noted that a small portion of funding would be carried forward into the 2009 cycle. He noted that Riley County EMS was the last service to finalize their grant application for the creation of an EMS video. Mr. Waller explained that Riley County had been given until August 30, 2008 to finalize a contract to produce the video, or the funding would be revoked. Mr. Waller continued by discussing the FY 2009 and FY 2010 Budget. He explained that the Board office were given instructions to cut 2 percent of the current year budget, and leave the budget "flat" for FY 2010. Mr. Waller stated that the 2 percent included the Board's total budget including the Education Incentive Grant, the KBEMS Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) grant, the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMIS), and Regional funding. He noted that an appeal had already been prepared to request restoration of the funding, and any funding remaining to be reduced would be presented to the Legislature for review. Mr. Waller proposed acceptance of the proposed draft budget.

Motion: To accept the proposed draft FY 2009 and FY 2010 budget. Moved by Representative Cindy Neighbor, seconded by Commissioner Duane Mathis. Motion passed.

Mr. Waller continued by discussing the contract with Nels Sanddal of the Critical Illness and Trauma (CIT) Foundation to develop a plan (in concert, survey and consultation with the EMS Regional Councils) to address the needs and solutions of rural and frontier EMS. He explained that Mr. Sanddal's is tasked with providing the KBEMS Board a plan to both expend funding for the Rural and Frontier distribution portion of the KRAF Grant and an assessment of rural/frontier Kansas

Budget/Office Update

Chairman Allin called upon Robert Waller, Executive Director, to give a Budget/Office update. Mr. Waller reported that the Board has a new staff member, Nicole Bradley. She is the new Office Receptionist. Mr. Waller also reported that there will be a budget teleconference on September 8, 2008. Dr. Allin also recognized Representative Cindy Neighbor as the newest Board member who was introduced and discussed her background.

Public Comment

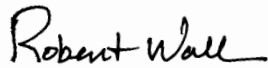
Chairman Allin recognized Brent Teter from Jackson County EMS. Mr. Teter discussed the EIG grant and the rejection of his application. He stated that due to the population status of Jackson County (densely populated rural) that his service no longer qualified because Jackson County EMS was considered a "full-time" service. He requested the Board reconsider his application for consideration. The Board requested Dr. Allin and the Executive Director to convene and discuss the policies operating the EIG grant. A date was to be set up by Mr. Waller to initiate that discussion. Lastly, representatives from Children's Mercy Regional Hospital addressed the Board in regards to the revision of operational regulations and their effect on Children's Mercy staffing capability. The Board directed Board staff to ensure that all question and concerns be addressed as the regulations are being developed and finalized.

Lastly, Dr. Allin reminded the members that Investigation would convene at 11:30 a.m. following the Board meeting.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Motion: To adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:23 a.m. Moved by Colonel Dale Wasson, seconded by Joe Megredy. Motion passed.



December 5, 2008

Approved