

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2019

Approved  
10/4/19

### Board Members Present

Dr. Gregory Faimon  
Dr. Joel Hornung  
Comm. Ricky James  
Director Deb Kaufman  
Chief Shane Pearson  
Mr. Chad Pore  
Comm. Bob Saueressig  
Mr. Dennis Shelby  
Director Jeri Smith  
Sen. Faust-Goudeau via  
Phone  
Director John Ralston  
Dr. Martin Sellberg  
Rep. John Eplee

### Guests

John Hultgren  
Brandon Beck  
Galen Anderson  
Colin Fitzgerald  
Con Olson  
Kerry McCue  
Richard Sigle Jr.  
Kent Vosburg

### Representing

Dickinson EMS  
KEMSA/Lyon Co.  
AMR  
Leawood FD  
TECHS EMS  
Ellis Co./Region I  
Topeka FD  
Junction City FD

### Staff Present

Joseph House-Exec Dir  
Curt Shreckengast-Dep Dir  
James Kennedy  
Terry Lower  
Suzette Smith  
Amanda Walton  
Chrystine Hannon  
Kim Cott  
James Reed

### Board Members Absent

Rep. Henderson

### Attorney General Staff

AnnLouise Fitzgerald

### Call to Order

Chairman Hornung called the Board Meeting to order on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 9:02 a.m.  
Chairman Hornung called for a motion to approve the minutes.

***Director Ralston made a motion to approve the June 7, 2019 minutes. Mr. Shelby seconded the motion. No discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.***

Chairman Hornung reported that there were no Planning and Operations or Education committee meetings yesterday.

### Investigation Committee

Chairman Hornung called upon Vice-Chairman Pore to provide the Investigation Committee report. Vice-Chairman Pore provided the following report:

- A number of cases were heard that involved complaints where no regulatory or statutory violations were found to have occurred resulting in closing those cases.
- One case where violations were found against the service, the IC of record and the mentored IC candidate on an education case. Consent agreements are being issued to both EMS providers (IC and mentored IC candidate) and the Service will be audited at their next class.
- It was reported an EMS provider performed beyond his/her scope which the investigation confirmed. It was noted that the agency took strong local action. Committee accepted local action and closed the case.

That concluded the Investigation Committee report.

### Planning & Operations Committee

Chairman Hornung called upon Chief Pearson to provide the Planning & Operations report. Chief Pearson provided the following report:

- Mr. Reed provided a brief update. They have completed 138 inspections. Currently there are 169 licensed ambulance services. They have conducted 18 unannounced ambulance inspections. 119 program provider audits have been completed. 25 initial course instructor audits have been completed as well. Staff as a whole has been very busy with exams.
- State Fair plans are still underway. So far seven EMS agencies have planned to volunteer. He is still looking for three more agencies. Butler County EMS has agreed to do “Stop the Bleed” Training through the day.
- EMS Non-Transport discussion has been ongoing. A suggestion is to do a better job of defining the difference between first aid and EMS response.
- Two EMS services have closed. Both were in Sedgwick County. They are Mount Hope Community Ambulance and Clearwater EMS.

That concluded the Planning & Operations Committee report.

### Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee

Chairman Hornung called upon Director Deb Kaufman to provide the EETC report. Director Kaufman had Deputy Director Shreckengaust provide the following report:

- Over the last 12 months we have done over 45 exam sites for a total of 1,321 candidates. And so far in 2019 we have done 26 exam sites for 825 candidates. 519 have passed (63%) and 230 failed (28%). There were 76 no shows that either didn't show up or just withdrew.
- There are currently 16 exam sites scheduled through the end of December.
- On the regulations for continuing education and the continuing education plan Director House noted that the effective date did not need to be a specific date but could be effective upon their publication date. The effective date was removed from K.A.R. 109-5-1a and when that date was removed the following regulations were able to be removed from the regulatory process: 109-5-1b, 109-5-1c and 109-5-1d. K.A.R 109-5-1a and 109-11-1a are still out to the Department of Administration for review.

- Staff is completing comparisons between military curricula, DOT education guidelines, and Kansas Education Standards in an effort to determine if there is a possibility to assist former military personnel in obtaining Kansas EMS certification.
- The first meeting of the parties interested in provision of EMS education to high school students occurred July 10<sup>th</sup> with 10 attendees. Ms. Carman Allen would like to thank Cliff Moore at Hutchinson Community College and staff for providing the location and Zoom Meeting access. She felt that it was good discussion. The group decided it would be beneficial to meet quarterly for information and resource sharing.
- Staff is developing a quarterly education and examination newsletter. The first one is in review and should be published soon.

That concluded the EETC Committee report.

### Executive Committee

Chairman Hornung called upon Mr. Shelby to provide the Executive report. Mr. Shelby provided the following report:

- Chairman Hornung gave an update of the protocol discussion at the MAC meeting. There was a lot of discussion and agreement on the protocol approval process. Chairman Hornung brought up two concerns: 1) would the service that wants to write their protocols be able to with their medical director's level of expertise. And 2) how to credential the service's medical director to write protocols. It was suggested that the Board do a survey on all medical director's level of education. After much discussion, Chief Pearson offered to write up a draft for the protocol approval process using the NASEMSO guidelines as a starting point. Chairman Hornung asked if there were any questions or thoughts that they wanted to bring up. Representative Eplee asked if there was going to be a timeline when that process would be completed. Chairman Hornung explained he is hoping to have an intense discussion for the October meeting. Dr. Sellberg asked for an update on the programs awaiting approval. Director House explained he will give KHP a notice that the MAC is not able to approve their protocol right now due to the lack of process. There are four others that were able to find a hospital to approve protocols and the other three were issued variances to give them a 12-month period which will come back up next April. Dr. Sellberg said it did not seem fair to those agencies not allowed to practice. His concern is there is no solution to this problem. Chairman Hornung asked if we can appeal to the Kansas Medical Society to put together a group. Director House is open to any option. Representative Eplee said the Kansas Medical Society's annual meeting is September 6-7.

That concluded the Executive Committee report.

### Office Update

Chairman Hornung called upon Director House to provide the Office Update. Director House provided the following information:

- Director House explained there have been many meetings. The Executive Safety Council met June 13<sup>th</sup> and have one more meeting before they finalize that plan.
- Vice-Chairman Pore said the AEMT Excellence Committee met on April 2nd and he needs to put together information for the October meeting. He said that as long as the

right training and education is in place, we could allow our AEMT's to do more. Everybody felt like the initial education and continuing education isn't where it needs to be for the things that we currently allow them to do, but we have some ideas and recommendations to bring back on how to strengthen some of the education.

- Director House had an interview with the KAISER Foundation on NPR regarding the year long effect of the hospital closing at Fort Scott. It was a great conversation. The article hasn't come out yet but he will forward it to the board when available.
- Coffeyville Regional Medical Center was added to KEMSIS on June 24th and went live on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They have been going strong with it and that makes Region VI the second EMS Region in Kansas with 100% of services reporting. There are only 18 services that are currently not continually reporting (7 services) or have not been setup (11 services). Chairman Hornung and Vice-Chairman Pore asked for an update on reporting by Sedgwick County. Director House explained that he will be issuing another letter. Vice-Chairman Pore suggested the board look at fining agencies that aren't reporting. The statute has been in place for 10 years and a service is either going to be reporting or be fined. Chief Pearson agreed. Vice-Chairman Pore also said that willful non-compliance or ignorance is no excuse.

***Vice-Chairman Pore motioned to issue services not reporting a letter from board staff that gives them until the end of the year to find a solution to reporting data as required by statute. If not, the service will be sent over to the Investigations Committee for violation of statute. Director Ralston seconded. There was some discussion. Motion passed.***

- We are currently in interviews for the Exam Coordinator position. Hopefully we will have someone in that position by the end of August.
- On the mobile testing we had a combined AEMT skills and cognitive exam on June 15<sup>th</sup> in Phillipsburg for nine people. On June 29<sup>th</sup> we had combined EMT testing in Elkhart for four taking the written and 16 on skills. We just had a written test site in Frankfort and that involved nine people. We have one combined exam scheduled on September 14<sup>th</sup> in the city of Clyde at the high school for up to twenty people.
- The National Registry reported to the state that they had identified a concern on a limited number of examinations at the AEMT level that resulted in the NREMT nullifying the results and offering those individuals the opportunity to retest. Kansas had 5 individuals that were affected.

Chairman Hornung thanked Region II for the refreshments. He also provided caps to the board and staff members.

***Chairman Hornung adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.***