



K A N S A S

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

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

December 1, 2006

Board Members Present

J. R. Behan
Deb Kaufman
Comm. Duane Mathes
Dr. Dennis Allin
Dr. Brian Holmes
Mike Ryan
Joe Megredy
Comm. Bob Boaldin

Board Members Absent

Sen. Jay Emler
Sen. Chris Steineger
Rep. Kasha Kelley
Rep. Margaret Long
Dale Wasson

Guests

Pam Kemp
David Stithem
Bob Prewitt
Steve Isaacson
John Hultgreen
Darlene Deck
Ruth Schillig
Ed Sorter
Jeff Smith
Grant Helferich
Randy Easter

Con Olson
Kurt Sander
Trevia Pattersen
Kathy Dooley
Sabrina Cooper
Mark Bradford
Rob Jones
Wendy Gronau
Gary Winter
Kerry McCue

Staff

Robert Waller
Steve Sutton
Patti Artzer
Joe Moreland
Jerry Cunningham
Dave Cromwell
Carman Allen

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allin called the meeting to order on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 9:15 am. Chairman Allin took a roll call of the Board Members physically present and those via tele-conference. Comm. Bob Boaldin, Mike Ryan, Dr. Holmes and Joe Megredy all acknowledged that they were on the teleconference.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the October 6, 2006 Board Meeting. Board Member Director Megredy advised that Board Members "absent and present" reflected Board Member Colonel Wasson in both categories, and Board Member Chief Ryan was not reflected in either.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Ryan to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2006 Board Meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Executive Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Vice Chairman Behan to report on the Executive Committee activities. Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Executive Committee discussed the Budget Update, the Education Incentive Grant, and the proposed License Plate bill. He further reported that the Committee had received public input on the first response agency bill. The Committee directed Board Staff to ensure all interested parties and stakeholders to be identified and address the proposed legislation.

Planning and Coordination Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Board Member Commissioner Mathes to report on the meeting conducted by the Planning and Coordination Committee (PCC). Board Member Mathes reported that an update was given on the Community Assessment evaluations conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Ablah, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.

He further reported that Joe Moreland discussed the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMIS) data collection subcommittee and the Budget Workshop. Joe had also reported that a request for information (RFI) is required by the state for the vendor fair.

Motion: Approve the initiation of a request for information (RFI) for a vendor fair in conjunction with the KEMIS Steering Committee. Moved by Board Member Mathes, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.

Board Member Mathes reported on the organizational updates and planned activities. He further advised that Joe gave a report on The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). We will know more about the funding at the February meeting.

Investigations

Chairman Allin reported the Committee processed one revocation for patient care, one revocation of certificate for patient care issues that involved falsification of a patient care record, 3 felony convictions that were non-persons crimes, and closed old cases.

Chairman Allin noted that the Committee has seen instances where individuals were audited, but didn't respond to the audit because they were training for a higher level of certification and allowed the Board to revoke their previous level of certification. This can cause problems when applying for higher levels of certification. If an attendant marks that they have never had a revocation, this would be construed falsifying documents. Chairman Allin recommended that attendants utilize different mechanisms to manage the audit process when seeking another level of certification.

Education and Examination

Chairman Allin called upon Vice Chairman Behan to report on the Education and Examination Committee activities. Vice Chairman Behan advised that taskforces and workgroups gave their reports. A memo advising that EMT-D courses would not be approved after January 1, 2007 had been sent out, and a copy of the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between KBEMS and Industrial Organizations had been received by Board Staff. The Committee held discussions on the initiation of the regional quarterly education programs, and heard testimony from Roxanne Kelly from the Board of Regents on distance education (through collaboration with the colleges and universities).

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Committee recommended that the State validate skills competency at all levels.

Motion: Designate the State as being responsible for validating skills competency at all levels. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Chairman Allin. Motion passed.

Dr. Allin added that this was the consensus of the meeting in November.

Vice Chairman Behan stated that the Committee discussed exam issues and whether the cycle of written attempts at the State certification exam continues or changes due to the change from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) to the Industrial Organizations (I/O) Solutions exam. The Committee recommended that the number of attempts would start over on January 1, 2007 for the basic level, but the date of last class would remain the same.

Motion: Approve the number of attempts at passing the state examination at the basic level would start over January 1, 2007. Students will still only have one year from the date of the last class to pass the entire exam. Moved by Board Member Mathes, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that an updated ADA policy was required due to the operation of the I/O Solutions exam. The policy would allow extra time for the written examination, and the use of "auxiliary aids" as might be found in use by EMS attendants practicing in the field. All requests for accommodations and supporting documentation must be submitted at least 30 days prior to requested examination date. The Committee recommended approving the ADA policy to include Training Officers.

Motion: Approve the proposed ADA policy. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Committee recommended the adoption of the temporary change to K.A.R. 109-8-1, good for 120 days, was necessary to implement the recognition of the I/O Solution test as the State written exam after January 1, 2007.

Motion: Accept the temporary adoption of K.A.R. 109-8-1. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan advised the Board that the Committee had discussed the separation of the written and practical examinations, and recommended that the I/O Solutions written and practical examinations not be separated.

Motion: Approve the continuation of the attachment of the written and the practical examination (First Responder, EMT-B and EMT-I). Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Committee and representatives from all six regions had discussed the written proctors becoming part-time board employees. The Committee recommends that the written proctors become board employees effective January 1, 2007. The Regions would submit names to the Board office with the inclusion of training officers (TO) or instructor coordinators (I/C). Training would be conducted before January 1, 2007 with those individuals by Board Staff.

Motion: Accept Committee's recommendation to make the written proctors part-time board employees as of January 1, 2007, but no specification on other credentials. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Chairman Allin asked if there were issues with the current MOAs between the Regions and the Board. Vice Chairman Behan reported that there is a clause about who assigns the examiners/proctors and a clause that it can be changed. The six regions have tentatively agreed that the 60 day written notification would be waived. Board staff will prepare a letter that all regions will sign. Vice Chairman Behan formally thanked the Regions for attending the meeting and working this out with such short notice. ***Motion passed.***

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) Educator's Society was seeking approval of an eight (8) hour track of educator training in February and wanted the conference to count as the regulatory requirement for instructor coordinator certification. He noted that Heather Frank (KEMSA) had provided the information to the Vice-Chairman, but was unable to stay for the entire meeting. The Vice-Chairman stated that objectives and a course schedule should be presented to Board Staff and forwarded to the Instructors Development Task Force (IDTF) Task Force.

Vice Chairman Behan informed the Board that Mary Feighny, Attorney General's Office, would be drafting legislation to increase the date of last class from 1 year to 2 in mirroring NREMT (through reciprocity). Ms. Feighny advised the Committee that recognition of both exams is possible, but current regulations do not allow such recognition. The statute gives a timeline and we can change the regulation. She remarked that language would be drafted accordingly and provided to the Board during the regular February meeting.

Chairman Allin asked for the individuals signed up for public comment to speak at this time, as they wanted to address this item.

Public Comment

Mark Bradford, Kansas Professional Fire Chiefs (KPFC) addressed the State's proposed change from the NREMT exam to the creation of a state specific exam. He commented that KPFC does not believe there should be additional testing has passed the NREMT exam and attempts to gains Kansas certification.

Jeff Smith, City of Lenexa Fire Department and Johnson County EMS Council, also expressed their concerns regarding the recognition of the NREMT exam.

Vice Chairman Behan reported on a variance request from Rocky Cramer. During an educators' conference he became ill and became hospitalized. However, due to the illness was unable to attend the

subsequent conferences. The Committee recommended waiving the requirement of attending the workshop for the Rocky Cramer

Motion: Waive the requirement of attending the regulatory required educators' workshop for Rocky Cramer. Moved by Chairman Allin, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported on a second variance request from Rusty Green, Training Officer I. With his request for a variance, he stated that due to his lack of understanding recertification procedures, he did not attend an educators' seminar during the two (2) year period. The Committee informed the Board that Mr. Green was not in attendance during the meeting. However, noted that two (2) letters had been mailed to all educators on any changes made and where the conferences would be held. The Committee recommended denying the request and informing him of the appeal process.

Motion: Deny the request for variance for Rusty Green. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that Carman Allen, KBEMS Board Staff would develop the issuance of a request for proposal (RFP) for the creation of the EMT-D curriculum. The Board would tentatively approve the issuance during the February Board meeting.

Chairman Allin requested a special meeting be held to discuss and finalize all the issues and concerns relating to the State exam. The date of the meeting was set for January 3, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Committee on Trauma

Chairman Allin reported that the regulations for the trauma center designation had been given to the Department of Administration. He noted that the hospitals that want to be a level three should participate in this program, the web based software is functioning, and the benchmark reports have been provided to participating hospitals. Ms. Roseanne Rutkowski, Kansas Department of Health and Environment Kansas Trauma Program spoke on an informational filming project funded by a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant.

Chairman Allin further reported on two new trauma centers. Overland Park (Level two (2)), and Stormont Vail (Level three (3)). He also informed the Board that he would be meeting with Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger to discuss issues regarding the reimbursement of transport services, and asked attendees to forward any specific examples to the Board office.

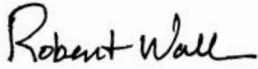
Office Update

Chairman Allin recognized Chief Administrator, Robert Waller, for an office update. Mr. Waller provided the Board with a listing of proposed dates for upcoming board meetings. Mr. Waller advised the Board that Board Staff had made an oral appeal with the Secretary of Administration, Division of Budget, and Governor's Office relating to the board's Budget enhancements for FY 2008. Board Staff would not know the final recommendations until the Governor's State of the State address.

New Business

Chairman Allin advised that there was an Executive Session scheduled for the yearly review of the Chief Administrator. This would be postponed until the February meeting when more Board members were physically present.

Motion: To adjourn the Board Meeting. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.



February 2, 2007

Approved