

Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2021

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Board Members Present

Rep. John Eplee-phone
Dr. Greg Faimon-phone
Sen. Faust-Goudeau -
phone
Comm. Ricky James
Director Deb Kaufman
Chief Shane Pearson
Mr. Chad Pore
Dir. John Ralston-phone
Dennis Shelby - phone
Comm. Bob Saueressig
Dr. Martin Sellberg
Director Jeri Smith

Guests

Charles Foat

Representing

JCCC

Staff Present

Curt Shreckengaust, Dep.
Dir.
Terry Lower
Suzette Smith
James Reed
Mary-Elaine Skinner
James Kennedy

Board Members Absent

Rep. Broderick Henderson
Dr. Joel Hornung

Attorney

Sam Feather

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Pore called the Board Meeting to order on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Dennis Shelby made a motion to approve the December 4th, 2020 minutes. Director Kaufman seconded the motion. No discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

Old Business

Deputy Director Shreckengaust reported that the deadline for renewal has been extended until March 31, 2021.

Medical and Advisory Council

The MAC did not meet.

Planning and Operations Committee

This committee did not meet.

Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee

Vice-Chairman Pore called upon Director Kaufman to give the EETC report.

- No variances were brought before the committee.
- In Carman Allen's report she reported there had been 38 testing sites, with 1136 individuals testing in 2020. They have already scheduled six sites for February 2021, four in March, and are expecting to have multiple test sites in May.
- There was a situation at a couple testing sites where scenario information may have improperly shared. This matter is under investigation.
- The EDTF hosted two webinars. Surveys sent out indicate that educators report they are in need of more education but there was limited attendance at these two offerings. There was discussion on local credentialing and I/C certification.
- A large pack of legal regulation changes are in the review process and these should be returned to the Board in July or August.
- The discussion of EMS credentialing has been tabled until the MAC and EETC committees can meet.
- K.A.R. 109-6-2 concerns the renewal process. There is a recommendation that all renewals must be done on-line. This has been moved into the regulatory review process with other regulations in October. This year 208 applications were submitted on paper, with 68 of those being from one organization.
- There was discussion on the Instructor/Coordinator (I/C) certification. The Committee asked the EDTF to consider looking at the initial I/C requirements and curriculum. Students only listen to direction but do not have to demonstrate the skill, handle remediation or trouble shoot teaching technique.

- There was a brief discussion about requiring that CEU's be added into the portal.
- There was discussion on AEMT program standards. CoAEMSP will be reviewing the standards as well. Kansas needs to ensure the education requirements for the new AEMT medication list are covered with the current standards. Instructors face a number of challenges in meeting the requirements for AEMT. They will continue to discuss options for improvement.

That concluded the EETC committee report.

Investigations Committee

Vice-Chairman Pore provided the Investigation Committee report. .

- Due to the number of cases the committee would like to have cases completed earlier and have the attorney make recommendations regarding the outcome, then report what the outcome of the case might be to the individual before the Board meeting so the individual can decide whether or not to attend the Board meeting.
 - An individual administered more medication than necessary to a patient, seemingly to keep the patient quiet. The individual was fired from the agency and received a 90 day suspension of their license from the Board.
 - A patient was shocked a couple times with an AED even though the machine indicated it was not appropriate. The EMS provider over-rode the AED instructions and administered the shocks. It was recommended to revoke the individual's license.
 - A scope of practice issue involving a known cardiac patient where an EMT was left in the back with a hanging heparin drip. The service took good local action and the board assessed a \$75 fine and stayed suspensions.
 - Two complaints were brought against two different Instructors. The complaints were unfounded and dismissed.
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- An educational audit was performed on an agency regarding a non-certified person teaching a CEU class. The agency reported that they are suspending their Long Term Program Provider agreement until they get someone qualified to instruct. The Committee agreed to offer a consent order if the agency

formally sends a letter saying they will shut down then the committee will find the violation occurred and move on.

- An individual was under a consent agreement, which he did not follow, so he is currently suspended. He did not renew his license so now his license is revoked.
- An individual applied to become an EMT and it was discovered he had a consent agreement with another state agency that he failed to follow and lost his certification. It was decided to enter into a consent agreement regarding drug abuse and narcotic diversion.
- There was a case of failing to safeguard a patient regarding a service who used a law enforcement officer to operate an ambulance while an EMS provider rendered aid in the back of the ambulance. All of the other ambulances were on calls when an EMS provider came in off duty to provide care. Given the circumstances the Board accepted the local action.
- Director House is working with board attorney Sam Feather to provide emergency suspensions to two individuals. One is charged with child pornography and the other is charged with drug abuse.

That concluded the Investigations Committee report.

911 Coordination Council

No report.

State Interoperability Advisory Committee

Vice-Chairman Pore called on Chief Pearson to give the report.

- Chief Pearson reported that AT&T and FirstNet are expanding considerably faster than they expected to in Kansas. Radio interoperability continues to move forward with improvements and upgrades. More counties are implementing 800 MHz radio systems and more towers are going up. Updated maps can be found at the FirstNet website for coverage maps.

Ks Fire Training Rescue Institute

Vice-Chairman Pore asked Mr. Eric Voss to report. Mr. Voss gave the following report.

- There has been a new director appointed, Mr. Kelly McCoy, who hopes to increase cooperation between fire and EMS to conduct continue education training. Their strategic planning meeting went well and their next meeting is on February 18th.

Advisory Committee on Trauma

No report.

Office Update

Vice-Chairman Pore called upon Deputy Director Shreckengaust to provide the Office Update.

- Deputy-Director Shreckengaust reported Director House was currently over at the Capital presenting information on the budget and would be sending a legislative update via e-mail.
- Suzette Smith was asked to provide an update on the KRAF grant. She stated that there is a meeting scheduled for March. The total amount of grants requested was \$627,000 with \$382,000 being the state's share. Eight applications were rejected because they were completed incorrectly. Questions were raised about the lack of applications and it was speculated that services may have been using money from the CARES act to purchase needed medical devices. The grant funding that is not allocated this year will carry over to next year.

New Business

Vice-Chairman Pore explained that Whitney Casement had left Goodell Stratton Edmonds and Palmer law firm and Mr. Sam Feather will now be our general counsel with Mr. Jonathan Khalil handling investigations. He also stated that the legal contract with Goodell Stratton Edmonds and Palmer had been renewed for a year.

Vice-Chairman Pore informed the Board that Darlene Whitlock was moving to Arizona. She has been a huge supporter of EMS and she got to know everyone. She has kept a scrapbook about people in EMS she knows. He thanked her for her service.

The Medical Advisory Council would like to appoint Dr. Bryan Beaver, from the Edwardsville Fire Department to their council. Members are appointed for a three-

year term with 12 members total. There are four members up for renewal this year. Mr. Shelby stated that he was impressed with Dr. Beaver's resume.

Mr. Shelby made a motion to accept the appointment of Dr. Beaver to the Medical Advisory Council. Director Ralston seconded the motion. No discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Pore requested nominations for Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Director Kaufman nominated Dr. Hornung for the position of Chairman. No further nominations and the vote was taken. Dr. Hornung was reelected as the Chairman.

Director Smith nominated Mr. Pore for the position of Vice-Chairman. No further nominations and the vote was taken. Mr. Pore was reelected as the Vice-Chairman.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Vice-Chairman Pore adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.