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

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2007

Board Members Present

Dr. Dennis Allin
J.R. Behan
Deb Kaufman
Comm. Duane Mathes
Mike Ryan
Col. Dale Wasson
Joe Megredy
Comm. Bob Boaldin

Board Members Called In

Dr. Brian Holmes

Board Members Absent

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

Guests

Dalene Deck
Kathy Dooley
Jon Friesen
Pam Kemp
John Hultgren
Jeff Smith
David Stithem
Ros Jones
Mark Willis
Chy Miller
Jimm Murray
Steve Isaacson
Dave Sterbenz
Terry David
JJ Deckert
Kerry McCue

Ruth Schillig
Ed Sorter
James Zeeb

Staff

Robert Waller
Steve Sutton
Patti Artzer
Dave Cromwell
Carman Allen
Chrystine Hannon

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allin called the meeting to order on Friday, February 2, 2007 at 9:05 am.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2006, December 15, 2006, and January 3, 2007 Board Meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Board Member Kaufman to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2006, December 15, 2006, and January 3, 2007 Board Meetings. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Planning and Coordination Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Board Member Megredy to report on the meeting conducted by the Planning and Coordination Committee. Board Member Megredy reported that Chief Administrator Robert Waller informed the Committee that the high level plan for the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMIS) was submitted to the Kansas Information Technology Office (KITO) and awaiting their approval. Mr. Waller also informed the Committee that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) assessment is tentatively scheduled for July 22 through 28, 2007.

Board Member Megredy further reported that the Committee heard organizational reports.

Investigations

Chairman Allin reported that 60 percent of the cases the Committee heard were felonies. He noted however that issues pertaining to unprofessional conduct and inappropriate staffing of an ambulance and breach of medical protocol were all handled very well by local services.

Chairman Allin reported that the Committee reviewed eight cases and were able to close seven of the cases.

Education and Examination

Chairman Allin called upon Vice Chairman Behan to report on the Education and Examination Committee activities. Vice Chairman Behan advised that a report from the Instructor Development Task Force (IDTF) was presented on the alternative proposal for Instructor/Coordinator and Training Officer renewal requirements. IDTF proposed to eliminate the annual workshop, and allow providers to conduct educator workshops similar to how continuing education courses are offered. The Committee recommends approving the proposal.

Motion: To accept the Instructor Development Task Force's (IDTF) recommendation to allow educator workshops to be conducted similarly to continuing education courses for attendants and Board staff will review approval form and make any necessary changes. Moved by Board Member Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan advised the Board that a committee of representatives from across the state had been assembled to initiate an initial review of the regulations as they pertain to education and examination issues. The meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2007 at the Highway Patrol in Salina at 10:00 a.m.

Vice Chairman Behan also reported that the Hutchinson Community College has received their certificate of accreditation from CAAHEP.

Vice Chairman Behan further reported that the request for proposal (RFP) for development of the EMT-D module has been issued. The deadline is February 22, 2007 for proposals back to the Department of Administration.

Vice Chairman Behan advised that Steve Sutton, Deputy Administrator updated the Committee on the examination process with Industrial Organization (I/O) Solutions at the First Responder and EMT level. There are still questions to review, so the item will also be placed on the April agenda.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) Educator's Society would be allowed to conduct an educator's workshop as requirement for Training Officers and Instructor Coordinators as the fulfillment of the "annual meeting" requirement for educators.

Vice Chairman Behan further reported that the Committee discussed KAR 109-8-1 and the temporary regulation that was adopted which expires April 26, 2007. A draft regulation was distributed, and the Committee recommends approval to move this forward.

Motion: Adopt changes to K.A.R. 109-8-1 in changing from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam to the Industrial Organization (I/O) Solutions exam for the State.. Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Board Member Ryan. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan advised the Board that the Committee had also discussed KSA 65-6129 and determined current law mandates that individuals entering the state as a paramedic must become certified EMT's with appropriate fees, before challenging the state MICT exam or providing equivalency. After further discussion, it was decided that this statute would be reviewed in its entirety for any necessary changes. E-mails and notes would be received by staff, and a draft would be written for further discussion by the Committee.

Vice Chairman Behan reported on a variance from Coffeyville Community College requesting a variance from K.A.R. 109-5-3, for a beta test of an online educational offering. The Committee recommended approval.

Motion: Approve the request for a variance to allow Coffeyville Community College the ability to offer a beta test of an online educational offering . Moved by Board Member Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Boaldin. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported on a second variance from Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCCC) requesting a variance from KAR 109-11-6 and use of a Type II service for MICT field internship. The Committee recommended approval, but for single class only.

Motion: Approve the request for variance by Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCCC) (from KAR 109-11-6) and use of a Type II service for MICT field internship. The approval would apply to a single class only. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Board Member Kaufman. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported on a third variance from Mr. Brett Cole requesting a variance for Instructor/Coordinator renewal requirements, KAR 109-5-1. The Committee recommended (not unanimously) approving the waiving of the requirement for this year.

Motion: Approve the request for variance for Mr. Brett Cole in suspending Instructor/Coordinator renewal requirements (per KAR 109-5-1) with the stipulation that Mr. Cole attend a workshop before he is allowed to teach in Kansas. Moved by Board Member Megredy, seconded by Colonel Wasson. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported on a fourth variance from Barton County Community College (BCCC) requesting a variance from KAR 109-11-6 and use of a Type II service for MICT field internship. The institution would conduct the internship in three locations. The Committee recommended approval for single class only.

Motion: Approve the request for variance by Barton County Community College (BCCC) from KAR 109-11-6 and use of a Type II service for MICT field internship. The approval would apply to a single class only. Moved by Board Member Kaufman, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported on a fifth variance from Erin Williams, Fire Fighter II Instructor requesting to gain I/C Certification for a First Responder class that he taught. The Committee had questions on the request previously, but upon further review, now recommends approval of his recertification.

Motion: Approve the request for variance from Erin Williams, Fire Fighter II Instructor requesting to gain I/C Certification for a First Responder class that he taught. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Board Member Ryan. Motion passed.

[Executive Committee](#)

Chairman Allin called upon Chief Administrator, Robert Waller to report on the Executive Committee activities. Mr. Waller reported on the FY 2007 and FY 2008 Budgets. The Governor approved all of the Board's requests, but did not recommend the 1.0 FTE Examination Manager position.

Mr. Waller reported that all of the Educational Incentive Grant monies had been dispersed for the fiscal year. Mr. Waller reminded the Board that the EIG workgroup had created new policies for the disbursement of the EIG funds and those policies would be mailed to all service directors, ICs and TOs informing them of the new rules.

Mr. Waller further reported on the legislative session and the bills that could affect the Board. He further advised the Board that Board staff has received applications for the Inspector position and will begin interviews soon.

Mr. Waller informed the Board that he was contacted by the EMS Director in Mississippi, where the state is attempting to create an autonomous Board of EMS. The EMS Director asked the Board to send a letter of support explaining the advantages of being a stand alone agency. The Board directed Mr. Waller to draft the letter.

[Advisory Committee on Trauma \(ACT\)](#)

Chairman Allin advised that Senate Bill 17 (introduced during the 2007 Legislative Session) would eliminate ACT funding derived from docket fees. The bill directs ACT to seek other sources of funding. Additionally, a meeting with representatives from ACT, EMS services, and Insurance Commissioner Praeger, a discussion was held regarding EMS services having been denied payment on the transfer of patients from receiving or closest approximate hospital to the most appropriate hospital. Senator Emler has requested introduction of language to require the reimbursement of transport services by third party payers when they transport within an organized system. Chairman Allin showed a video on the necessity of the trauma system.

Election of Officers

Chairman Allin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Motion: To nominate Dr. Dennis Allin for Chairman. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Commissioner Mathes. Mr. Ryan moved to close the nominations. Motion passed.

Chairman Allin asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Motion: To nominate J.R. Behan for Vice Chairman. Moved by Colonel Wasson, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Chairman Allin moved to close the nominations and accept J.R. as Vice Chairman as acclimation. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Chairman Allin advised that there were four people signed up for public comment. Chairman Allin recognized Pam Kemp, Service Director of Clay County EMS. She thanked the IDTF for their hard work. The other three people who signed up to speak withdrew their request.

Executive Session

Motion: Convene a 45 minute Executive Session, to discuss non-elected personnel. The Session will begin at 10:35 a.m. and end at 11:15 a.m. There will be a five minute break before the Executive Session. Moved by Chairman Allin, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.

Motion: To extend Executive Session for 30 minutes from 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed. Board Members and Robert Waller present.

Motion: To extend Executive Session for 30 minutes from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed. Board Members and Robert Waller present.

Motion: To extend Executive Session for 15 minutes from 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed. Board Members and Robert Waller present.

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

Robert Wall

April 6, 2007

Approved