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

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BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2007

Board Members Present

J. R. Behan
Deb Kaufman
Joe Megredy
Dr. Dennis Allin
Dale Wasson
Mike Ryan

Board Members Called In

Sen. Jay Emler
Comm. Duane Mathes
Dr. Brian Holmes
Comm. Bob Boaldin

Board Members Absent

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

Guests

David Stithem
Con Olson
Mark Willis
Jon Friesen
Ros Jones
Darlene Deck
Jeff Smith
G.D. Brenner
Rich Henkel
Steve Isaacson
Ruth Schillig
Pam Kemp

Frank Williams
Chad Pore
Tom Shuler
Dave Sterbenz
Sabrina Cooper
James D. Bloomar
Ken Keller
Bob Binder
Dean Dexter
Dale A. Cathey
Sheldon Guenther
Kerry McCue
Chris Way
Terry David

Staff

Robert Waller
Steve Sutton
Patti Artzer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allin called the meeting to order on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 3:05 p.m. Chairman Allin took a roll call of the Board Members. Vice-Chairman Behan, Director Kaufman, Director Megredy, Chief Ryan, and Colonel Wasson were in attendance in person. Board Members Commissioner Mathes, Dr. Holmes. Commissioner Boaldin and Senator Emler attended via teleconference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Education and Examination

Chairman Allin called upon Vice Chairman Behan to report on the Education and Examination Committee (EEC) activities. Vice Chairman Behan reported the Committee discussed the re-affiliation with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam at the basic level (First

Responder, EMT-Basic and EMT-Intermediate). The Committee recommended that the Board continue with Industrial Organization (I/O) Solutions as the State exam authorized by the Board at the basic level.

Motion: Approve the Industrial Organization (I/O) Solutions exam to be the State exam authorized by the Board at the basic level for initial students testing. Moved by Board Member Chief Ryan, seconded by Board Member Director Kaufman. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan further reported that the Committee discussed the revision of K.A.R. 109-8-1. The Committee recommended acceptance of the NREMT exam or any other state certification exam for legal recognition/reciprocity. Board Staff would still conduct a curriculum comparison and all the other current verifications would continue to be required. Mary Feighny, Attorney General's Office, will work on the revision of this regulation and have it ready for review/approval at the February Board meeting.

Motion: Approve the draft regulation 109-8-1, to include the recognition of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam or any other state certification exam for legal recognition/reciprocity. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Director Kaufman. Chairman Allin advised that this would broaden reciprocity requirements and wanted that to be recognized. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that the draft revision for K.S.A. 65-6129 is not required due to the revised regulation on reciprocity and no further action was necessary on the item.

Vice Chairman Behan advised the Board that the Committee briefly discussed the examination process and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Regions. The Vice-Chairman state that a meeting would be convened with the Regions, Board Staff and Board Members on January 31, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. to initiate the negotiations of MOA for FY 2008. Vice Chairman Behan asked Chairman Allin and Board Member Director Megredy to attend with him. He noted that the Topeka Fire Department had volunteered a room at their headquarters, and a memo would be sent out to the Regional Chairs and Exam Coordinators announcing the meeting to discuss the specifics of the MOA in preparation for renewal. The final MOA agreement would then be presented to the full Board for final approval.

Vice Chairman Behan reported that Heather Frank, representing the Educator's Society of Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA), spoke to the Committee about their spring workshop to be held in February. KEMSA was asking for approval of a proposal to conduct an Educators' workshop, and the conference is accepted as instructor coordinator (I/C) training in lieu of the annual meeting. He noted that the proposal would be a one time request. The information was provided to the Vice-chair during the December Board meeting. However, further information on the workshop was not provided at that time. The Committee recommended that the Instructor Development Task Force (IDTF) review the proposal at their January 9, 2007 meeting and provide a recommendation to the Committee. The Educators' Society is to provide the Task Force with objectives, materials, and documentation pertaining to the workshop. The Committee further recommended that upon the conclusion of that meeting, the recommendation would be reviewed by Board Member Director Kaufman and Vice Chairman Behan.

Motion: Refer the request for acceptance of an Educator's workshop by KEMSA for IC credit to the Instructor Development Task Force (IDTF) for recommendation to the Committee. The recommendation made by IDTF would be reviewed and authorized Board Member Director Kaufman and Vice Chairman Behan. Moved by Board Member Director Megredy, seconded by Board Member Chief Ryan. Motion passed.

Budget Update

Chairman Allin recognized Chief Administrator, Robert Waller, for a budget update. Mr. Waller reported that the written exam proctors were made part-time Board employees. However, due to the timeliness of the decision, the Board was unable to request additional funding within its FY 2008 Budget submission. Therefore, Board Staff will request an additional \$20,000 in funding from the Emergency Medical Services Operating fund to finance the part-time positions.

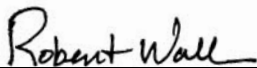
Motion: Approve requesting additional \$20,000 to finance the part-time written exam proctors. Moved by Vice Chairman Behan, seconded by Board Member Megredy. Motion passed.

2007 Legislature

Mr. Waller reported that in regards to the First Response Agency and the Background Checks bill, Board staff was still reviewing. He explained that the workgroup convened to amend language on the first response agency bill. The Workgroup had met and were still working. However, at this time, language could not be brought forward for submission during the 2007 Legislative session. However, if language were developed, there was time for submission. As far as the Background Check bill, the Chief Administrator stated that due to the complexity of how background checks would be conducted and paid for, that more time was needed to review.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Board Meeting at 3:40 p.m. Moved by Board Member Director Megredy, seconded by Vice Chairman Behan. Motion passed.



February 2, 2007

Approved