

Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2012

**Board Approved
Aug 3, 2012**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Present

Dr. Allin
JR Behan
Deb Kaufman
Rep. Swanson
Dr. Hornung
Shane Pearson
Comm. Boaldin
Comm. Miller

Guests

Kathy Dooley
Deb Brown
Steve Isaacson
Wendy Gronau
David Stithem
Jon Friesen
Brandon Beck
Christopher Hendrickson
Bill McKeel
Jeff Smith
Terry David
Curt Shreckenqaust
Colin Fitzgerald
Jason Bolt
Chrissy Bartel
Sarah House
Kerry McCue

Representing

Region II
Region II
OP Fire
Lincoln Co EMS
Region I
Region III
Emporia Fire/EMS
Leavenworth FD
Leavenworth FD
KCKCC
Rice Co EMS
Lenexa Fire
Leawood FD
Coffeyville CC
Norwich EMS
EMSC
ECEMS

Staff

Steve Sutton
Joe House
Patti Artzer
Carman Allen
Rashelle Fowler
Nicole Wells

Board Members

Absent

Dr. Smith
Rep. Henderson
Sen. Faust-Goudeau
John Ralston
Sen. Emler
Joe Megredy

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Allin called the Board Meeting to order on Friday June 1, 2012 at 9:11a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The first order of business was to approve meeting minutes from the April 6, 2012 Board meeting.

Commissioner Boaldin moved to approve the April 6, 2012 Board Meeting minutes; Representative Swanson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Planning and Operations Committee

Chairman Allin called upon Deb Kaufman to give the Planning and Operations Committee update.

Ms. Kaufman reported to the Board that the committee had received a lengthy update from Board Staff Joe Moreland on the current KEMSIS items. Mr. Moreland has been out of the office due to health issues and had not been able to give an update for some time.

Ms. Kaufman reported there had been a manager's report from Dave Cromwell, Service Operations Manager;

He reported to the committee there had been 7 services that had all required operation policies and medical protocols and were prepared in advance making them proactive.

- **2 were new services** (requiring all of the operational and medical protocol's to be licensed)
 - Russell County EMS
 - Town and Country EMS

- **5 proactive services include:**
 - Ellinwood EMS
 - Hutchinson / Reno County
 - Lincoln County Ambulance Service
 - Mitchell County EMS
 - Mulvane EMS

- **Operational policies**
 - 16 services were missing some or all newly required operational policies

- **Pediatric medical protocols**
 - 11 were missing between 0-5 pediatric protocols
 - 3 were missing between 6-10 pediatric protocols
 - 11 were missing between 11-15 pediatric protocols

- 8 were missing between 16-20 pediatric protocols

Ms. Kaufman reported that Dr. Kingfisher reemphasized the previous update from the last Board meeting due to not having a MAC meeting this month.

- At the April Board meeting Dr. Kingfisher reported the MAC approved Zofran as well as antiarrhythmic for pulseless VTAC, also the approval of the generic class for benzodiazepine. Approval of protocols was addressed by the MAC and Dr. Richardson was quoted to say “MAC can serve as a surrogate for services where there are absent medical societies or local hospitals.”

Deputy Director Joseph House reported changes to the current AEMT medication list had been made and forwarded on from the MAC. The committee agreed to forward the AEMT medication list to the full Board for review.

Director Kaufman moved to approve the AEMT medication list as recommended by the Medical Advisory Council; Representative Swanson seconded the motion.

- *Discussion was held by Shane Pearson on confusion over proposed language and Dr. Kingfisher on clarification.*

SHANE PEARSON: On the medication list we discussed yesterday, regarding the ability of being used for interfacility transfers but the continuous infusion not being allowed. After talking with some of the members in the audience yesterday, I think there's some confusion of how to make that work once this is approved and in place. How do we know if somebody wasn't at this meeting today, how this is applicable? Typically an interfacility transfer, those medications are going to be in a continuous infusion, not a re-bolusing format. I think that if we pass this the way it is, that it needs to be very clear in the wording to the service directors that when they implement these into their protocols, that they can only re-bolus on a transfer and they will not be able to use any type of an infusion if they're not utilizing a paramedic or nurse in the back of that ambulance on the transfer.

DR. KINGFISHER: Yes we did discuss that yesterday and I think as the language stands now it's clear that you won't be able to transfer a patient on a drip, at this level of provider. I think that's what you want clarified. We did have a couple language suggestions, a couple additions, but even that small addition for clarification would cause the regulations to have to go back. I think the acceptance of the current language is the greater benefit. We include the antiemetic because the scope and number of beneficiaries (so people could give narcotics for transporting patients) would much outweigh the number of transports where you would have drips preferred but not be able to transport those patients with this level of provider. That was my understanding. We decided to accept it this way, move forward. I think it's pretty clear with this language that transfers with IV drips would not be allowed.

The motion carried.

A report was given by Dr. Hornung on the KMS meeting that was held the previous day; he reported there had been a large group of people that attended and will meet again in August to review protocols and look at the similarities of states and how they could possibly come up with a standard set of protocols.

The committee did not hear the inspection policy and this was tabled for the next meeting.

Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee

Chairman Allin called upon JR Behan to give the Education Examination Training and Certification committee report.

Mr. Behan reported to the Board that the committee had heard an update on the transitions and at this time there is estimated 6000 left to transition at this time.

There was a report on the audit update and is currently still being worked on.

Three regulations were discussed; KAR109-5-5, KAR109-5-3, KAR109-10-2; the committee agreed to bring these regulations back in August for further review and approval.

The committee recommended approval of two Board appointment to the EDTF: Jeb Burress, Butler County Community College and Chad Pore, Kiowa County EMS.

Vice Chair Behan moved to approve recommendation of the Education Committee on appointing Jeb Burress and Chad Pore as representatives to the EDTF; Commissioner Boaldin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee discussed the upcoming Examination RFP (request for proposal) the new contract will begin July 1, 2013.

A report from the EDTF was given and was recommended to move forward with the educator proposal

Vice Chair Behan moved to move forward with the current educator proposal; Representative Swanson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was lengthy discussion on the current reciprocity standards as well as the audit policy; the committee agreed to bring these items back to the next committee meeting in August.

Investigations Committee

The Investigations Committee did not have a quorum and therefore only discussion and recommendations for action was provided to the Board.

11 cases:

- 5 cases were recommended to be dismissed
- 1 case recommended to accept local action and close the case
- 1 case was recommended to be closed without action however the I/C in question and the services current program manager should be subject to regular and frequent continuing education audits.
- 1 case was recommended to allow the person to obtain Kansas certification
- 2 cases were discussed but no recommendations were needed or made.
- 2 cases were tabled

Commissioner Boaldin moved to approve the recommendations of the Investigations Committee; Vice Chair Behan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Committee

Chairman Allin Called upon Executive Director Sutton to give the Executive committee update;

Mr. Sutton reported that SB250, Firefighters Health insurance, had been approved as well as HB2562, the “Good Samaritan” bill, had been passed also.

The committee discussed the strategic plan sessions and looking at a potential group to develop a plan to meet the goals that had been discussed. Several items are currently being implemented by Board staff at this time.

A handout was given to Board members of the current regulation review process that Board staff goes through when initiating a new regulation for approval. Mr. Sutton asked the Board for the approval of this draft of the regulation process and discussion was held in regards to having a regulation tracker made for view to see how the regulation was started, processed, etc.

Commissioner Boaldin moved to approve the the draft of regulation review process. Vice Chair Behan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Office Update

Chairman Allin called on Executive Director Sutton to give the office update.

Mr. Sutton reported that Board staff had put together an EMS booth for National EMS week at the health fair that was held at the capitol the week prior. Mr. Sutton commended Board staff, Joe House, Patti Artzer, Dave Cromwell, Chrystine Hannon, Georganne Lovelace, Nicole Wells and Jean Claude Kandagaye for their efforts and work put towards putting that together. Mr. Sutton also thanked Jefferson County EMS for bringing an ambulance in and setting up for free blood pressure checks, the technicians as well that were on sight and available.

Staff is coordinating to determine whether monies might be used in a different way to support recruitment with the EIG workgroup for EIG. Patti has solicited input from the EIG group as considerations for some options are looked at.

There are currently delays in the approval process for purchase of equipment with the KRAF grant funding. There is a scheduled meeting with Fisher Scientific to express the concerns and displeasure at this time. There is a possible consideration of other options for the KRAF grant purchasing process.

Jason White, working on the financial implications of implementation of an FRA has notified Board staff that the team working with him on the data provided by the division of Health Care Finance, KDHE has identified a problem with the data set provided.

The Board office is currently undergoing the transition of new telephone systems as a part of the state’s phone system upgrade.

A PowerPoint presentation from Bill Brown, NREMT, was given.

- Mr. Brown offered KS an opportunity to take advantage of the Mark King Initiative. The initiative would;
 - Allow any currently certified KS attendant who was ever Nationally Registered, to regain their Nationally Registered status by simply applying and paying the fee
 - Require the State to mandate National Registration to maintain State certification
 - Current KS certified Attendants who had never been Nationally Registered would have no requirement to achieve National Registration.
- There are five states that currently do not use the national registry as part of their requirements.
- Continuing education requirements are changing. The concept currently being discussed will require
- The NREMT currently has 32 fulltime staff, 4 fulltime IT staff and answer over 642,000 calls per year.
- Mr. Brown will be retiring in 2013 and has served for 20 years with the NREMT.

Public Comment

Terry David, Rice County, spoke in regards to updates from KEMSA and a workshop coming up in August 2012.

Bill McKeel, Leavenworth Fire Department, signed up for public comment in regards to helping a current employee and technician regain his Kansas certification. Chairman Allin felt it wasn't appropriate for this discussion to be held at public comment and asked that this issue be brought back to the education committee at the August 2012 meeting. Mr. McKeel agreed and had no objection to this arrangement.

Representative Swanson moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:13a.m. Vice Chair Behan seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:13a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13a.m. The next meetings are scheduled to August 2nd and 3rd, 2012.