



# KANSAS

DENNIS ALLIN, M.D., CHAIR  
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## BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### MINUTES

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2006

#### Board Members Present

J. R. Behan  
Jim McClain  
Rep. Margaret Long  
Joe Megredy  
Dale Wasson  
Comm. Duane Mathes  
Comm. Bob Boaldin  
Dr. Dennis Allin  
Sen. Jay Emler  
Dr. Brian Holmes

#### Guests

Pam Kemp  
David Stithem  
Ruth Schillig  
Darlene Deck  
Mitch Miller  
John Hultgren  
Jeff Smith  
Thomas Pollan  
Rosanne Rutkowski  
Rod Pace  
Edward Sorter  
Donna Jones

Jon Friesen  
Gary Winter  
Kathy Dooley  
Deb Pierce  
Kerry McCue  
Wendy Gronau  
Clay Cox  
Frank Williams  
Ben Van Patten  
Celia Simmons  
Brad Cardonell  
Mike Simmons

#### Staff

Robert Waller  
Steve Sutton  
Joe Moreland  
Randy Cardonell  
Jerry Cunningham

#### Board Members Absent

Michael Ryan

Rep. Kasha Kelley

Sen. Chris Steineger

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Allin called the meeting to order on Friday, June 2, 2006 at 9:07 am. The first order of business is the approval of the minutes from April.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Motion: Approve the minutes of the April Board meeting. Moved by Board Member McClain, seconded by Board Member Boaldin Motion passed.***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chairman Allin began the meeting by recognizing Jim McClain for 12 years of service to the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services. The Board thanked him for his service in chairing the Executive Committee, his dedication to EMS in the State of Kansas, and his personnel sacrifice as a member of the Board. Chairman Allin presented Board Member McClain with a certificate of recognition.

**Executive Committee**

Chairman Allin called upon Board Member McClain to report on the Executive Committee activities. Board Member McClain directed the Board Members attention to the PowerPoint presentation which would be presented by Robert Waller later during the meeting, of which they had a copy. **(Attachment A)** Board Member McClain referred the Board Members to the creation of the Data Collection Steering Committee (2006 SB 546) and a letter received by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) seeking greater representation on the Steering Committee while still maintaining it's membership in Region VI. Board member McClain explained that MARC represents Johnson, Wyandotte, and Leavenworth, and the metro Kansas City area. Board member McClain explained that the Executive Committee would recommend that one (1) member of MARC be added to the Data Collection Steering Committee, along with maintaining the current membership of three (3) representative from each Region. Representative Long asked whether 2006 SB 456 detailed the

composition of the Steering Committee. Robert Waller, Chief Administrator stated that the bill only created the authorization to create the system.

***Motion: Add one (1) member of MARC to the Data Collection Steering Committee. Moved by Board Member McClain, seconded by Board Member Holmes. Motion passed.***

Board Member McClain continued by discussing a variance requested by Anderson County to allow a new ambulance to be housed outside for a 6 month period, due to the fact that it will not fit inside the current building.

***Motion: Approve a variance requested by Anderson County to park a new ambulance outside for six months. Moved by Board Member McClain, second by Board Member Wasson Motion passed.***

Board Member McClain continued by discussing the data collection project and the need to adjust the 2007 budget. He explained that during Executive Committee, Board Staff had requested permission to adjust the FY 2007 budget to hire and finance a project manager for the data collection system. He noted that Board Staff have become concerned both with the magnitude of the project and the experience necessary to manage the system and felt a project manager would be better equipped to administer the project. He commented that Board Staff would utilize existing FY 2007 funding to finance the project manager. The Board directed staff to provide more information on the budget proposal at the August meeting.

Finally, Board Member McClain stated there was a need for a hearing officer. By consensus the Executive Committee authorized the Chief Administer to make the designation and appoint the hearing officer. No action needed.

### **[Planning and Coordination Committee](#)**

Chairman Allin next called upon Board Member Megredy to address the Board on the meeting conducted by the Planning and Coordination Committee. Board Member Megredy began by discussing the presentation given by Terry David, Executive Director of Region III on the MERGe Project. He stated that the contract is currently being addressed by MERGe members, Board Staff, and KDHE, and noted that each Region also discussed their current status with MERGe. Board Member Megredy informed the Board that Board Staff and Regional representatives had met in Salina to discuss the Board's role in the emergency response plan. Additionally, he drew attention to information presented by Joe Moreland, KBEMS regarding the Budget Model Workshop. He informed the Board that through a tele-conference, the Board had previously approved the creation of 8 Budget Model workshops (1 in

each Region and 1 provided to both the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association and the Kansas Emergency Medical Technicians Association).

Board member Megredy continued by discussing Mr. Waller's presentation on the Public Safety Communications Committee and the completion of the 800 MHz in southeast Kansas with the next area being the Kansas City area, and continuing down the I-70 and I-35 corridors. He continued by discussing reports given by each Region on testing and the Budget Workshops. He noted specifically the Region VI stated it was struggling with testing due to funding. He also discussed Region V and its progress with MERGe, and noted that MERGe continues to work well in Regions III and VI. Board member Megredy continued by discussing KEMSA's upcoming conference, and an exercise being conducted by MARC. He informed the Board that the Kansas Chapter of Air Medical Services had joined the Planning and Coordinating Committee. The group represents all air medical services within the state.

Lastly, Board member Megredy informed the Committee that the Planning and Coordinating Committee did endorse the hiring of a data collection project manager due to the magnitude of the project.

### **Investigations**

Chairman Allin reported the committee processed 5 cases. The majority of the cases involved staffing issues which were self-reported. They were closed.

### **Education and Examination**

Chairman Allin acknowledged Vice-Chairman Behan to report on the activities of the Education and Examination Committee. Vice-Chairman Behan began his report with reference to reports given by Deputy Administrator Steve Sutton on standing committee taskforces and workgroups. Vice-Chairman Behan discussed the Instructor Development Task Force Meetings which will be conducted in Regions II, IV, and VI, and written exam task force which is currently being beta tested. He continued by discussing the EMT-D certification level, and the move to insert the EMT-D module into the EMT-I curriculum as an option, not a requirement. The Committee would like to look at the module in the intermediate 1985 curriculum, and look to enter in a contract to update the 1985 curriculum up to the current EMT-B standard. He continued by discussing regulation review relating to multi-lumen airway, and recommend to the Board the adoption of the EMT-I module to Lesson 1 curriculum for instructors to use when teaching. Dr. Allin asked whether the Board was restricted by regulation in utilizing other airways besides multi-lumen. Vice-Chairman Behan replied yes, and referred the Board of K.A.R. 109-10-1. He suggested that the Board may want to revise that regulation in the future. Mr. Sutton

commented that I/O solutions had already written test questions based on the module knowing the regulations were not specific relating to the manufacturer.

***Motion: Adopt the language of United States Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, EMT-Intermediate: National Standard Curriculum, Module 2: Airway, Lesson: 1, Airway Management and Ventilation relative to Multi-lumen airways. Moved by Board Member McClain, second by Board Member Medgredy. Motion passed.***

### Office Update

Chairman Allin recognized Chief Administrator, Robert Waller, for an office update. Mr. Waller asked the Board for a moment of silence due to the death of Lisa Herber on May 3, 2006.

Mr. Waller provided the Board with a Power Point presentation on the Budget, Data Collection, Legislation, and EMS License Plates (Attachment A). Mr. Waller discussed the list serve and the method by which any EMS attendance can join, and discussed Case number 212-010 and the upcoming hearing to take place June 5, 2006. He continued by discussing open positions within Board Staff, both the Educator and Administrative/Fiscal officer positions. Mr. Waller directed attention to the website to and access to applications for the EMS license plate, and referenced the funds, expenditures and receipts spreadsheet contained in the presentation. For FY 2007 the Legislative conference committee removed the \$500,000 transfer scheduled to occur in June of 2006 to relieve the cashflow issues the agency has experienced this fiscal year because of the proposed transfer to the State General Fund (SGF). Mr. Waller explained that the enhancements requested by the Board were still in the base budget, and additionally, state employees will be receiving a COLA and a step increase. He noted that due to the splitting of the Educational Incentive Grant Funding between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the fiscal year, the policies and procedures managing the grant would be revised and available on the website.

Mr. Waller continued to report on the progress of the rules and regulations. 109-5-3, 109-5-4, 109-7-1, and 109-8-1 have been re-reviewed with minimum changes, sent the Attorney General's Office, and will start the normal rules and regulation process. Board Staff has also started the review of the operational regulations, 109-2-1 through 109-2-5.

Mr. Waller reported on SB 546, the data collection legislation. He reminded the Board that the Data Collection system would connect to KDOT's traffic records system and KDHE's trauma system. He discussed the development of the steering committee, and emphasized that the system will be web-based to assist in ensuring costs are minimal to local services. He also noted that federal funds would be available to assist those services with the hardware necessary to connect. Mr. Waller further explained

the a Data Collection System Steering Subcommittee would report to the Data Collection Steering Committee who would in turn, make recommendations to the KBEMS Data Collection Subcommittee made up of Board Members Megredy and Mathes. He noted that only the Data Collection System Steering Committee would make recommendation to the KBEMS Subcommittee. The KBEMS subcommittee would then report to the Planning and Coordination Committee, and that Committee to the full Board for final approval. Mr. Waller listed for Board review the membership of the Steering Committee which would be: three representatives from each region, board staff, a representative from KDOT, representatives for KDHE, a representative from NEDARC, representatives from the Hospital Association, and a representative from the Kansas Highway Patrol. He noted, however, that due to Executive Committee action, that an additional representative from MARC (the Mid-American Regional Council) would be placed on the Steering Subcommittee. He also ensured the Board that information relating to the hiring of a project manager would be provided to the Board during the August meeting.

Mr. Waller continued his report with current legislation. **SB 263**, Membership of the Board. It resides in the House Committee on Health and Human Services; **SB 418**, Family Protection Act (Conceal and Carry). Board Member Wasson explained that the bill would indeed take effect January 1, 2007. However, current KBEMS rules and regulations would not necessarily need to be changed. He commented that education (on an individual level) would need to be conducted to training attendants in the safe handling of a weapon, and protocols would need to be developed for services to follow once the bill becomes effective.

Commissioner Boaldin asked about conceal in carry in the surrounding states, and the legal issues for services active with bordering state. Board Member Wasson stated that the issue is being researched.

He continued by updating the Board on **HB 2982**, Kansas Intrastate Emergency Mutual Aid Act. This has passed both houses and is waiting the Governor's signature; **HB 2734**, Concerning Board denial of an individual's certification or registration because some or all of the applicant's course of study was obtained on-line. That bill still resides in House Committee on Health and Human Services; **HB 2611**, Booster Seat Bill. The Governor has signed that bill; **HB 2752**, Trauma Registry Bill. The conference committee concurred with that and is waiting the Governor's signature; and HB 2590 is the Voice over Internet Protocol Enhanced 911 Act. This is the enhancer of the enhanced 911 passed two years ago. Conference committee has concurred and is waiting the Governor's signature.

### [Advisory Committee On Trauma](#)

Before he began, Chairman Allin recognized to new students Donna Jones and Bill Van Patten. Chairman Allin proceeded to give the report on the hospital verification/designation issue, and the

involvement necessary by the American College of Surgeons including a tentative consultation program presentation via web-cast on July 31, 2006. He continued by discussing the Trauma registry and the web-site under development. It is: [www.kstrauma.org](http://www.kstrauma.org). Chairman Allin continued by noting that KDHE through the Rural Health Options (RHO) Project would provide funding to the regional trauma councils, and called upon Chris Way, Director of Labette County EMS to speak on the subject. Mr. Way explained that through an application process with other trauma partners, educational training was provided to individuals through the use of RHO funding. He commented that those who were not aware or did not apply please contact your Regional representative or access the website for further information.

### New Business

Chairman Allin discussed the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) created by KDOT and its partnership with KDHE, KBEMS, and other state agencies. He commented that a project like TRCC allows the State to deal with issues like highway safety and injury prevention. He applauded Board Staff in its efforts to coordinate and access grant dollars through a partnership with other state agencies, not only from the Board's viewpoint, but he believed from the Legislature as well.

### Public Comment

None

***Motion: To adjourn the June 2, 2006 Board Meeting. Moved by Board Member McClain, second by Vice-Chairman Behan. Motion passed.***



August 4, 2006

Approved

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**Attachments may be requested from the BEMS office at 785-296-7296.**

Attachment A—Presentation presented by Robert Waller to the Executive Committee