

Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2017

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Board Members Present

Sen. Faust-Goudeau *
Rep. Broderick Henderson
Dr. Joel Hornung
Comm. Ricky James
Director Deb Kaufman*
Chief Shane Pearson*
Director Chad Pore
Director John Ralston
Comm. Bob Saueressig
Dr. Martin Sellberg*
Dennis Shelby
Director Jeri Smith
Rep. Susie Swanson

Guests

Brandon Beck
John Cota
Jason White
Mark Holcomb
Kerry McCue

James Zeeb
Ron Marshall
Galen Anderson
Terry David
Craig Isom

Richard Sigle Jr.
Jon Antrim
Matthew Orozco
John Hultgren

Representing

KEMSA/Region V
KCKFD
MARCER
Med-Trans
Ellis County EMS/
Region I
KCKFD
KHA
AMR KCKS
Reno Co EMR
EagleMed/Med-Trans
Corp
Topeka Fire
AMR
AMR
DK Co EMS

Staff Present

Joseph House-Exec Dir
Curt Shreckengaust-Dep Dir
James Kennedy
Terry Lower
Suzette Smith
Emilee Turkin
James Reed

Attorney General Staff

Sarah Fertig

Board Members Absent

Dr. Gregory Faimon

*via phone

Call to Order

Chairman Hornung called the Board Meeting to order on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
Dr. Hornung called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Director Ralston made a motion to approve the August 4, 2017 minutes. Rep. Henderson seconded the motion. No discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

Planning and Operations Committee

Chairman Hornung called upon Mr. James Reed to give the Planning and Operations Committee report. Mr. Reed reported to the Board:

- Staff have conducted 150 service inspections. They have 24 remaining which they expect to complete in October. They have also completed 125 Program Provider audits. They will soon start on 31 initial education audits. They had a request for one variance regarding lettering and it was approved.
- There are 251 non-transporting agencies in Kansas that provide EMS care and we continue to work on a process to see that all of them have some method of protocol approval.
- The EMS Voluntary Recognition Program will be on-line in November, and the ability to apply in January.
- Kansas State Fair was a success. Thanks to all the great volunteers. Hutchinson Community College provided staff and students to offer “hands only” CPR. We received good feedback about our booth.

That completed the committee report.

Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee

Chairman Hornung called upon Deputy Director Shreckengaust to give the EETC Committee Report. Deputy Director Shreckengaust reported to the Board:

- The committee is working on 29 regulations: 21 are revisions and 8 are revocations. The changes are mostly due to old scope language, removal of the transition material, and removing training officers. Regulations will be sent out to board members before next meeting. A roll call vote must be done on each regulation.
- SKEMS has given tests at four sites in August: Wichita – 72 students tested, Garden City – 21 students tested, Topeka – 31 students tested, and Independence – 22 students tested. There are nine upcoming testing dates with seven of them occurring in December.
- The September EDTF committee meeting was canceled because the Chair was unable to attend. They are currently working on PHTLS and ACLS to tie back around to education standards and had asked Director Smith to help. Report should be out in the next month or so to identify where courses fit with applying credit within the continuing education plan.
- Initial course approvals have been made for 215 courses including the last TO I and TO II classes to prepare for the Instructor/Coordinator course.
- Board staff have processed 2,200 recertification applications, 157 Non-Kansas credential applications, 12 reinstatements, 3,800 Attendant Continuing Education submissions, and 332 retroactive continuing education requests this year.

Deputy Director Shreckengaust concluded his committee report.

Executive Committee

Chairman Hornung called upon Director House to provide the Executive Committee report. Director House provided the following to the Board:

- Director House deferred to Mr. Jason White and Mr. Terry David to provide information on HR 3729 regarding Super Rural Ambulance Service Medicare reimbursement. Mr. White reported that without this legislation the state would see a 17% cut in reimbursement revenue. They have been working closely with Rep. Lynn Jenkins on this issue as she sits on the House Appropriations Committee. Cost reporting may be required at some point for EMS services. He said the threshold for cost reporting is a big deal. There was discussion on cost reporting and how a hospital based service gets reimbursed based on actual costs versus a clinic that does not. Another issue is a service being considered a Supplier or a Provider. Currently services are reimbursed as a Supplier. If this were changed to a Provider, a service could be reimbursed for providing service instead of only for transporting. This bill will be watched to see how negotiations go. There are several other large ticket items attached to this bill, such as hurricane disaster relief.
- REPLICA will hold a kickoff meeting beginning tomorrow to formalize their rule on making rules. Director House and Deputy Director Shreckengaust will be traveling to Oklahoma City for this meeting and NASEMSO's fall conference.
- Director House is still working on the skills examination plan. He has a meeting scheduled to meet with educators to get an assessment tool.
- There was discussion on medication Extended Usage Dates. Director House and Assistant Attorney General Fertig will be working on creating a guidance document.
- KBEMS staff will be collaborating with the Kansas Medical Society regarding the Protocol Approval Process.

Director House asked for questions and hearing none, concluded his report.

[Investigation Committee](#)

Chairman Hornung called upon Director Pore to provide the Investigation Committee report. Director Pore provided the following information.

The Committee had four items on consent agenda. One was pulled involving drug felonies. On this case the applicant must sign a consent agreement that they will notify employers of past criminal history and the Board of any new charges. If the individual won't sign the agreement, the application will be denied.

Six additional cases were heard.

- One involved an emergency suspension involving an accusation of serious person felony crimes but the case was not prosecuted so the suspension was lifted.
- Two people did not get back with diversion information so their applications were denied.
- Two attendants had a medication error. While they may have violated the trust of their medical director and not followed local protocol, they did not exceed the maximum dose allowed. There was no violation of state regulation. The case was dismissed.
- A nurse reported a service transported to a nearby hospital instead of the extra 30 minutes to a designated trauma center. The case was dismissed.

- An agency made a self-report of transport of patient with only one attendant. They offer a variety of types of transportation, i.e. stretcher, wheel chair. Board agreed a staffing violation had occurred and local action was accepted.
- A dispatch issue was reported when a 36 minute delay occurred when a dispatcher forgot to send out the call. The case was dismissed, because it is not our jurisdiction. However, it was the second occurrence with this organization, so the Committee decided to send a letter of concern to the Chief of Police, Mayor and City Manager.

Sen Faust-Goudeau had questions about the case involving drug felonies.

That concluded the report by Director Pore.

Office Update

Chairman Hornung called upon Director House to provide the Office Update. Director House provided the following information.

- The Medical Advisory Council Meeting was canceled yesterday. Dr. Hornung reported on the Medical Director Meeting held in August at the KEMSA Conference where discussions were held on various issues around the state. This included concerns that different places have, what you need to know to be a medical director, and liability. They also discussed dispatch responsibilities, regional medical direction, and state wide protocols.
- KEMSIS is going wonderfully. Numerous data requests are coming in for information on monthly Naloxone report tracking. KBEMS is receiving praise for the four day turnaround time on the monthly report. We are the only state agency with this timely reporting ability. We are fortunate we can get reports out so quickly and onto our website. Next Wednesday there will be a ten state NASEMSO meeting and KBEMS will be proposing they look at a regional EMS reporting regarding Naloxone.
- ImageTrend training will be offered in Medicine Lodge on October 25th for those interested in getting into KEMSIS, and one in Oakley on October 30th.
- We just finished getting Leavenworth County into KEMSIS and are now receiving data on about 77% of EMS calls in the state of Kansas. We have a couple of hurdles but hope to be at 96% reporting in six months.
- He is working with the Kansas Department of Transportation on their Highway Safety Plan information to integrate the EMS piece to correlate back to where accidents occur.
- He has been working with the Kansas Hospital Association and their EMS Technical Advisory Group which is a great opportunity for Service Directors and Hospital CEO's to meet and discuss some issues regarding inter-facility transfers and community paramedicine.
- He is working with the Trauma Program almost daily now to establish a link on ER wait times regarding transfers out of a facility. They are also looking outside Kansas to get the data out and link the systems together.
- He continues to work on the hospital side linkage to get it back up and going.
- An e-mail regarding mobile testing sites was sent out this morning. The Board's mobile testing site is up and running. There are currently nine Pearson-Vue testing sites in Kansas. The focus will be on where there is a higher volume of testing needed but no site within 50 miles. North Central Kansas is lacking testing coverage. Western Kansas is also not covered well for testing. We can now go out and be a mobile testing site, saving drive time for participants, and allowing the exam to be given closer to the end of their course. Classes we

are looking at providing testing for include Sharon Springs, Stevens County and Miltonvale. We are working on logistics regarding locations that can be secure and quiet. Questions were raised regarding what we needed to purchase to be a site. Director House reported that we purchased two web cams, a signature pad, provide training for test administrators, administrator laptop, but recycled some office laptops. We have an agreement with Pearson Vue to perform mobile testing. We will not receive any fees for providing this service.

- Director House continues working with state officials on continuity of operation in case of a disaster or power outage in the capital complex. He is part of a thirteen member panel that makes recommendations regarding where to go. If something happens to the Landon State Office Building, our reporting location is the Kansas Historical Society.
- Director House announced that Terry Lower is the new Receptionist.
- Director Pore stated that attendants are not currently required to maintain continuing education hours in the Public Portal. Director House explained that it would be helpful regarding audits and to individuals to have it in one location in case of loss of information. Deputy Director Shreckengaust echoed those sentiments saying it would be a safe repository of records in case of loss of records.

Director House concluded his update.

Sen Faust-Goudeau requested copies of handouts be sent to her.

Dr. Hornung adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.