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BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

October 5, 2007

Board Members Present

J.R. Behan
Rep. Margaret Long
Deb Kaufman
Dr. Joel Hornung
Sen. Chris Steineger
Col. Dale Wasson
Comm. Bob Boaldin
Sen. Jay Emler
Mike Ryan

Guests

David Stithem
Bob Prewitt
Steve Isaacsen
Catherine Young, MD
Pam Kemp
Dalene Deck
Jeff Smith
Grant Helferich
Kerry McCue

Staff

Robert Waller
Steve Sutton
Patti Artzer
Carman Allen
Joe Moreland

Board Members Absent

Dr. Dennis Allin
Comm. Duane Mathes
Rep. Kasha Kelley
Joe Megreedy

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Behan called the meeting to order on Friday, October 5, 2007 at 9:05 am.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the August 3, 2007 Board Meeting and September 10, 2007 Teleconference Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Chief Ryan to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2007 Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Motion: Moved by Chief Ryan, seconded by Board Member Kaufman to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2007 Teleconference Board Meeting. Vice Chairman Behan advised that he was reported in the minutes as being present, but he was not. The minutes should be corrected to reflect this. Motion passed with correction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Planning and Operations Committee

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Chief Ryan to report on the meeting conducted by the Planning and Operations Committee. Chief Ryan reported that the Committee heard a presentation from Jeremy Jackson, Adjutant General's Office, regarding the Crisis City. Mr Jackson explained that Crisis City is a future training center project to be located at the Salina Smokey Hill Joint Training Center. The project would be utilized as a multi-discipline, multi-agency facility, and should be operational by July or August 2008. It was unknown at this time whether there would be federal funding or day to day operational or scheduling procedures to use the facility have not be developed. Senator Emler remarked that there are potentially five training centers in the state, but this site would have the only crisis city.

Chief Ryan also gave an update on KEMIS, advising that the Request for Proposal (RFP) closed September 28, 2007, and six responses were received. The RFPs would now be evaluated by the Technical Merit Team and the Financial Procurement Division of the Department of Administration. The Steering Committee will meet on October 15 and 16, 2007, with a decision on the vendor to be made by the early November. He noted there would also need to be an RFP issued to secure laptops.

Chief Ryan further reported that Pam Kemp gave a presentation on Homeland Security and resource management. Pam requested a link with the summary be put on KBEMS' website. Robert Waller, Chief Administrator spoke about strike teams, and Randy Cardonell spoke about the evacuation strike team that his company had developed together. Robert and Pam will put together a sub-committee to work on developing the state disaster plan.

Chief Ryan reported that the Committee heard a presentation from Jason White about the National EMS memorial. Mr White explained that the Kansas City Metro area is one of three finalists which may be selected for the site of the national monument. Jason requested to have letters of endorsement from EMS services and attendants to aid in locating the memorial in the Metro area.

Lastly, Chief Ryan reported that the Committee requested that all regional and association reports be provided in writing to the Board office by the Friday prior to the Board meeting.

Education and Training Committee

Vice Chairman Behan reported on the meeting conducted by the Education and Training Committee. The Committee heard reports from Carman Allen, KBEMS Education Manager about the Instructor Development Task Force (IDTF) and the Educator Curriculum Review. Vice Chairman Behan further reported that he will coordinate with Board Staff to schedule a meeting regarding the Rules and Regulation Review, and would attempt to convene this meeting at the same time as the Educator Curriculum Task Force.

The Committee received a report from Chad Pore, Barton County Community College (BCCC) on the Training Officer I and II course that was approved during the April Board meeting. Mr. Pore explained that the course was an on-line distance learning program and reportedly went very well. He noted that BCCC would compile evaluations and send those to the Board office for review. Vice Chairman Behan advised that the Committee reviewed a draft form for Application for Variance that Camille and Carman developed. It should make it easier to review variances to ensure they have all the relevant information. The Committee approved the form with the addition of a place to report the reason for denial. Once revised, it can be put on KBEMS' website.

The Committee had one variance request from Danny Gillum, Dean at the Dodge City Community College. He was requesting a variance for Instructor/Coordinator status. During review, it was noted that Mr. Gillum met most of the requirements, with the exception of not being a Training Officer II or a BLS instructor. The Committee recommended approving the variance after he provides verification of becoming a BLS instructor and receiving technical assistance from Ms. Allen and Steve Sutton, KBEMS Deputy Administrator on Kansas rules and regulations and the course approval process. Board Staff would report back to the Committee during the December Board meeting.

Motion: Approve the variance from K.A.R. 109-9-1 for Danny Gillum to attain Instructor/Coordinator status without completing the IC course, with the stipulations that he becomes a BLS instructor and provides proof to the Board, and he meets with Ms. Allen and Mr. Sutton for technical assistance. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Senator Emler. Motion passed.

Investigations Committee

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Colonel Wasson to report on the meeting conducted by the Investigations Committee. Colonel Wasson reported that the Committee reviewed several cases. One case was closed, and two cases were tabled awaiting documents. The Committee approved two prior non-person felony individuals for certification and reviewed four revocations due to a failure to comply with an audit. Additionally, there was one recommendation of approval for a consent agreement to revoke an IC certification. However, depending upon additional issues, further action may be necessary. Colonel Wasson further advised that the Committee discussed the Greensburg disaster (Kiowa County EMS) and providing assistance in its operational compliance

Motion: To authorize Board staff to write a letter to Kiowa County EMS and offer to conduct an assessment to assist the service in its operations. Moved by Dr. Hornung, seconded by Senator Emler. Motion passed.

Examination and Certification Committee

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Board Member Kaufman to report on the meeting conducted by the Examination and Certification Committee. Board Member Kaufman reported that the Committee heard a report from Mr. Sutton on the current efforts between Board staff and the educational programs to improve reporting, and presented information and the number of seats available to challenge the exam. The current National Registry sites, as reported by Pearson Vue, reflect that Emporia has eight seats, Garden City is pending a test site, Hays has eight seats, Hutchinson has eight seats, Kansas City has twelve, Topeka has eight seats, and Wichita has eight seats. Coffeyville was approved and program manager advises that they have six seats presently and are trying to expand the seats. He continued by discussing the pass rates on the National Registry exam is based on all attempts at these tests since January 1, 2007, with First Responder at 80 percent (25 attempts at that exam with 20 successful

attempts), EMT-B at 65 percent (325 attempts with 210 passing), Paramedic at 60 percent (91 attempts and 55 have passed). He also provided a breakdown in the six categories of curricula per level of attendant to the Board.

Board Member Kaufman advised that the Committee agreed to officially disband the Practical Exam Workgroup while focusing on current issues with the National Registry exam and the implementation of the National Scope of Practice. The Committee received a report from Board Staff that KBEMS may need to develop a Request for Proposal and go out for bid on the certifying exam. The Committee was assured that this would not be necessary, but we would continue to expect to develop the RFP to use I/O Solutions for the EMT-I exam. Board staff needs specific direction to I/O on the development of the EMT-I exams. The Committee voted for development of the EMT-I exam with the intubation module but not a manual defibrillation module.

Board Member Kaufman further reported that the Committee considered K.A.R. 109-6-4. There are several issues with this regulation but consideration by the full Board is not warranted at this time. The Committee would review the regulation again during the December Board meeting. The Committee also considered K.S.A. 65-6129, and changes that would have to be made including: Legal recognition, changing the date of last class from 1 year to 2 years, and expanding the number of attempts from 4 to 6 to mirror National Registry's process. The last section pertained to the elimination of automatic approval for accredited programs, and eliminating any language that is particular to specific types of training instead referring to curriculum match.

Board Member Kaufman further reported that the Committee had significant discussion on regain changes, but did not go forward with a recommendation.

Board Member Kaufman added that the Committee had a recommendation to the Board staff to write a letter to the National Registry and request that 17 year olds be allowed to take the exam. Currently, an individual has to be 18 to take the exam, with some of the high school programs not allowed to examine prior to their 18th birthday. KBEMS holds their results until they turned 18.

Motion: To direct Board staff to write a letter to the National Registry regarding 17 year old students being allowed to examine. A copy of this letter should be e-mailed to the Board Members. Moved by Board Member Kaufman, seconded by Colonel Wasson. Motion passed.

Budget/Office Update

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Robert Waller, Chief Administrator, to give a Budget/Office update. Mr. Waller reported that the Board met September 10, 2007 and approved the budget as presented. The document has been submitted through the budget management system, and it will go through the process of Budget, the Governor's final approval, and then preparation for the 2008 Legislative Session.

Mr. Waller asked Carman to give an office announcement. Carman announced that Dee Klama would be retiring in December, and she will be signed up for a Flower of the Month Club. The Board may participate in this also.

Executive Committee

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Senator Emler to report on the meeting conducted by the Executive Committee. Senator Emler reported that the Committee discussed Senate Bill 8 and the KBEMS Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) grant program.

Senator Emler further reported that the Committee heard testimony on the need to allow the expenditure of Education Incentive Grant (EIG) funds for out-of state initial courses. The Board members stated that Legislative intent would not allow funding to be used in such a manner and denied the request.

Senator Emler advised that the Committee approved the Board's assessment and review of the NHTSA Assessment, and reemphasized to the audience that the review is the beginning of the update to the Strategic Plan, and all would have a chance to provide input.

Advisory Committee on Trauma

Vice Chairman Behan called upon Rosanne Rutkowski to report on the Advisory Committee on Trauma. Ms. Rutkowski state that each of the six regions has a regional trauma plan and are required to be updated every two years. Those plans were approved as submitted. Ms. Rutkowski further advised that KDHE is also asking the hospitals to communicate better between the receiving and the transferring facilities, and address issues related to how often trauma centers are going on diversion.

Continuing, she noted that the American College of Surgeons (ACS) issued and developed a one year and three year designation certificate, and Kansas is ACS Consultation Projects for Hospitals. There are five hospitals in the state that are moving forward with Level 3 designation. Pittsburg completed the process, Coffeyville is scheduled to go through the ACS Consultation later in October, and Parson, Hays and Hutchinson are the other hospitals to begin the process. She explain by end of the year, Kansas should have about five hospitals in the state that have gone through the Consultation Process, with the next step being verification and application for designation through the KDHE. Ms. Rutkowski continued by discussing the Trauma Registry and remarked that there are 123 hospitals in the trauma registry using the software (63 using the web version and 60 using the stand alone system). She noted that compliance reporting is 100 percent. The next meeting of the ACT is in November.

Public Comment

Vice Chairman Behan recognized Dr. Young of the Wichita-Sedgwick County EMS System and Medical Director of Sedgwick County. Dr. Young advised that she also represents the 911 EMS Medical Directors of Sedgwick County. Dr. Young spoke about medical director involvement and what happens at the Board level, and would like to be involved in the Committees organized for the continuing education. She would also like to be involved in comment on the NHTSA report.

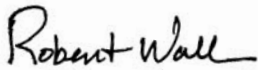
Executive Session

Motion: Convene a 15 minute Executive Session to discuss Non-Elected Personnel. Mr. Waller, Mr. Sutton, and Ms. Artzer will be in attendance. The Session will begin at 10:15 and end at 10:30. Moved by Colonel Wasson, seconded by Senator Emler. Motion passed.

Motion: Continue the Executive Session for an additional 15 minutes. The Session will begin at 10:30 and end at 10:45. Moved by Commissioner Boaldin, seconded by Senator Emler. Motion passed.

The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Motion: To adjourn the Board Meeting. Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Chief Ryan. Motion passed.



December 7, 2007

Approved