

## Region 6 EMS

### Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2017

Today's meeting was called to order at 1207 hours by Chairman Rod Pace.

Board members present:

**K. Yoakum, R. Pace, D. Bruner, C. Harrison, T. Modesitt, C. Mattes, J. Reed, L. Miller**

Absent members: *Jim Cooper, Ron Conaway, J. Wilhelms, R. Grimmatt*

*Guests: Joe House-Exec. Director KSBEMS, Trace Hallack- Director, Richie Reisig, Chief Tim Thyer, Capt. Mike Burnett, Danny Hall-Director*

**Agenda:** The agenda was presented by Chairman Pace. A motion was heard for approval of the agenda by Mr. Modesitt and a second by Mr. Mattes. Unanimous vote was heard.

Minutes of the January 2017 meeting were taken by Mr. Pace and presented at the meeting. A motion from Mrs. Miller to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Mattes. All voted in approval.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account and the General funds. He noted that he has an appointment to process the appropriate tax information on Monday.

**Medical Directors Dinner:** Mrs. Harrison distributed a draft of an invitation letter and agenda for the upcoming Medical Directors dinner on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Claythorn Lodge. This years event has attracted the attention of representatives from other areas of the state which are interested in possibly emulating it across Kansas. Contact information is being confirmed and invitations will be forthcoming in the next two weeks.

**Pediatric Emergency Conference:** Chairman Pace discussed that entities from EMSC, Childrens Mercy and Region 6 EMS have drafted a plan for a potential 2 day pediatric oriented course. Discussions have also included representatives of Quapaw EMS as well as Downstream Casino who have been receptive to the idea. In an attempt to move forward, Mr. Modesitt made a motion to support the event with sponsorship of \$9,000. A second by Mr. Mattes was heard. A voice vote of the Board noted all in favor of the motion. None opposed. Perspective dates include October 9-10, 2017.

**NIMS Training:** April 18-19, 2017 a NIMS G300 course was held for command staff within the Region. Attendees from Labette, Neosho, Allen, Crawford and Cherokee Counties were educated on the myriad of forms and their use in multi-discipline response. Region 6 EMS sponsored the lunch both days at a cost of under \$350 for 27 participants. In May of 2017 there will be a NIMS 400 course at Crawford County EMS and many of the same participants will be attending. A motion provide lunches with a budget of less than \$500 at that training was heard from Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Harrison. A vote of all in favor was noted.

**Elections:** Several issues are noted this year to include resignation of Mr. Merando as well as terms ending of current members. Also, as of this morning, Mr. Jim Cooper has expressed his intent to resign secondary to changing professional and personal commitments. We certainly thank him for his service and wish his success in his future! With these developments it would present 6 positions open. Mrs. Miller has prepared a ballot with nominated names. Mr. Richie Reisig with Neosho Regional Memorial EMS also expressed interest and was nominated. His name was added to the ballot as a write in. All members present cast ballots. One ballot was discarded as it had seven votes on it.

Nominees were: Randy Grimmatt (Labette Health EMS), Travis Modesitt (Labette Health EMS), Jim Wilhelms (Coffeyville EMS), David Cowan (Independence EMS), Rodger Long (Crawford County EMS), Mike Burnett (Iola FD/EMS), Danny Hall (Mercy EMS Ft. Scott) with a write in nominee at the meeting of Richie Reisig (Neosho Memorial EMS).

Out of the eight nominees, the top six nominees (elected) were:

Jim Wilhelms	Coffeyville EMS
Travis Modesitt	Labette Health EMS
Randy Grimmatt	Labette Health EMS
Danny Hall	Ft. Scott Mercy EMS
Rodger Long	Crawford County EMS
Michael Burnett.	Iola Fire/EMS

Public Comment: Mr. Joe House, Executive Director Kansas Board of EMS distributed printed updates. A short overview was presented.

A motion was heard from Mr. Modesitt to close the meeting and a second was heard of Mr. Mattes. All voted in favor at 1307 hrs.

## April Board Meeting – Summary Items

1. Planning and Operations – KEMSIS Items
  - a. Looks like we are going to need to make active all facilities at the state level and have each service inactivate those they wish to not see in the 2000+ listing. Since most services already have those active that they wish to see, we are looking at setting the sort order to a specific number in order to batch inactivate for each individual service. This is going to be tested multiple times before implementing across the system.
  - b. Education will be coming out on tips for documenting certain items being focused upon (Chest Pain, Stroke, and Diabetics).
  - c. Education will be coming out on how to write statistical reports within Report Writer (those that attend the training will leave having at least 6 reports designed to track the 3 focused items).
  
2. Medical Advisory Council – AEMT discussion –
  - a. The Medical Advisory Council was asked to evaluate the current AEMT scope and to provide clinical recommendations on any potential adjustments to the AEMT medication list. After making it through the first 7 items on the list, the 8<sup>th</sup> item caused some additional discussion about competency and gaps within the education, authorized activities, and reciprocity. The Medical Advisory Council had a recommendation that the Board look at the gap between the Kansas and National AEMT Scopes and to consider a pathway to make medication administration at this level more safe (some method of ensuring training and competency occur).
  
3. Removing certification level of training officer
  - a. From input received through the Education Development Task Force and nearly 1,000 certified persons, it was determined that a majority felt comfortable that education quality would either maintain or improve with removing the certification level of training officer. The training officer level seemed to be more focused on how to complete and maintain paperwork as opposed to ensuring quality education. The Education committee recommended ceasing to certify the training officer level of certification and to begin making the applicable regulatory changes. The Board notes that there needs to be determination of entry requirements for an Instructor-Coordinator Course and may need further clarification on requirements/expectations of a program manager. We will have a page within our website for FAQs and a project timeline for this.
  
4. Adoption of K.A.R. 109-3-3 and 109-3-4
  - a. The Board adopted the changes in regulation that will allow the EMR and EMT to administer Naloxone for suspected opioid overdoses. Routes are IM and IN. Training, competency verification, and protocols are necessary before EMRs and EMTs can legally administer. Regulation will not go into effect until early May – meaning, hold off on administration until these regulations go into effect. Training resources from other states will be placed upon our website.

5. KRAF award approval
  - a. The Board approved the ARC committee's recommendation for funding. Services should be receiving award notices by the end of the month.
6. Examination Contract Renewal
  - a. The Board approved executing the final extension for the current BLS skills examination contract. The contract extension goes through June 30, 2018. Plan on hearing about meetings discussing the future of the BLS skills examination and any potential recommended changes since a new contract will have to be developed and let.
7. DNR Identifier Distributor Approval
  - a. We are proud to announce that StickyJ Medical ID has become the 1<sup>st</sup> approved DNR Identifier Distributor in the state of Kansas. A picture of their medical ID bracelet is on our website. We ask that if you encounter any problems in contacting the 800 number provided on the patient's identifier, please let us know immediately.
8. Provider Continuing Education Audit Policy
  - a. The Board approved this policy. This policy provides what to expect when being audited (at the EMS provider level) and how to comply with the audit. We cannot stress it enough, if the provider uses the License Management System to track all of their continuing education, the audit process is nearly painless.
9. Presentations
  - a. Board received a presentation on 2016 KEMSIS Data. The slides from the powerpoint presentation will be put on the Board's website. Dr. Hornung also requested that Butler County provide a presentation on their ambulance safety project involving the low-top ambulance.
10. Last item –
  - a. The Kansas Highway Patrol has added 3 tactical medics to their response teams. This group is working upon medical protocols that will be reviewed by the Medical Advisory Council. Their response team medical director is Dr. Dennis Allin. KHP decided to specifically train these 3 SRT members to the level of a paramedic to be able to provide EMS in hot zone operations. KHP currently requires these members to complete regular and consistent clinical time at the University of Kansas Hospital to maintain their skill set. This team is not primarily designed or purposed to transport, their primary purpose is to treat until EMS can arrive at the patient's side; however, the team is willing to accompany during transport if the situation allows.