

**MEETING OF THE  
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
May 29, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Clark Fincher, M.D., President, (via phone)  
Nathaniel Smith, M.D., MPH, Secretary  
Lawrence Braden, M.D. (via phone)  
Glen "Eddie" Bryant, M.D. (via phone)  
Alan Fortenberry, P.E. (via phone)  
Larry Fritchman, D.V.M.  
George A. Harper, J.D.  
Susan Jones, M.D. (via phone)  
Tom Jones, R.S.  
John R. Page, P.D. (via phone)  
Alexander Rejistre, Sr., D.C. (via phone)  
Catherine Tapp, MPH (via phone)  
Rev. Dwight Townsend (via phone)  
Peggy Walker, RN-BD, MSN, CADC (via phone)  
Patricia Westfall-Elsberry, O.D. (via phone)  
Anika Whitfield, D.P.M. (via phone)  
Terry Yamauchi, M.D. (via phone)  
James Zini, D.O. (via phone)

**MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)**

Miranda Childs-Beebe, D.D.S., President Elect  
Anthony N. Hui, M.D.  
Jim Lambert  
Marvin Leibovich, M.D.  
Mary Beth Ringgold  
Joe Thompson, MD MPH

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Rick D. Hogan, General Counsel  
Reginald Rogers, Deputy General  
Counsel  
Connie Johnson, Executive Assistant to  
Nathaniel Smith, M.D., MPH

## **MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Health was held Wednesday, May 29, 2013 in the Director's Board Room at the Arkansas Department of Health in Little Rock, Arkansas. President Fincher called the meeting to order at approximately 12:18 p.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Proposed Revision to Rules and Regulation's Pertaining to EMS**

Mr. Greg Brown, Section Chief of Emergency Medical Services thanked the Board Members for calling this meeting. Mr. Brown stated EMS has been working very closely with the Arkansas Ambulance Association, EMT Association, the Training Committee and the Governor's Advisory Counsel for the last few years on these EMS Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Brown stated that he spoke with Dr. Leibovich, as a matter of information, last week and went over the Rules with him. Dr. Leibovich had several questions that were answered and he understood the reasoning behind those answers.

It was pointed out that a lot of the sections have been changed completely or moved to help with the flow of the Rules. It has been about ten (10) years since any changes have been made to these Rules. The changes are based on the Aeromedical Association as far as their recommendations for accreditations. All of the changes have been based upon guidelines by the majority of National Organizations.

Some of the biggest changes to the Rules were complete additions for some of the Trauma Rules. Such as Urgent Transfer Guidelines, the Trauma Triage Guidelines, a new section of Aeromedical Standards and the Ambulance Designs. The New Scope of Practice Model was added, which is the National Guidelines based upon the American College of Surgeons, the National Registry of EMT and the National EMS Education Standards. An emphasis on medical direction was taken due to the lack of it in the past. Increasing the medical direction over sight for each ambulance service to include a quality assurance program and addressing the importance of data submission was made. There has also been a small change in the licensure process, increasing some of the requirements for EMS providers to be licensed in this state. In the past disciplinary actions were not weighted; that has been changed. The first, second, and third violations have been removed and replaced with a disciplinary action, which helps to decide what form of discipline needs to be done. Some of the statutory language has been changed, such as the Patient Care and the Choice of Health Care Facilities and some definitions have been added. There were also some changes to the EMS Training Site accreditation; they must all be accredited, which comes from the National Registry.

Mr. Brown asked if there were any questions and there were none.

President Fincher entertains a Motion to pass these changes. Mr. Harper made a motion and Dr. Whitfield seconds. The Motion was carried.

## **President's Report**

The President thanked the members for their time and apologized for the technical difficulties.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nathaniel Smith, M.D., MPH  
Director and State Health Officer