

# EMS

## Governor's Advisory Council

November 6, 2013

Minutes

### Member's Present

Dr. Timothy Calicott  
Garry Odom  
Dr. Steven Strode  
Sidney Ward  
David Stoppel  
Rod Barrett  
Cathee Terrell  
Tony Hickerson  
Denise Carson  
Jamin Snarr  
Dr. Karl Wagenhauser  
Dr. Darren Flamik  
Sherriff Jody Dotson  
Rev. Mark McDonald  
Greg Stubblefield  
Doug Duerr – Conference Call  
Niki Cung – Conference Call

### Member's Absent

Todd Freeman  
Martha Fisher Simpson

### EMS Staff

Greg Brown  
Sonya Sampson  
Helen Huitt  
Cody Andrews  
John Keeling  
Ryan Tyler  
Jack Hill  
Karston Bradford  
Robert Laws

### Visitors

David Jones	Tim Tackett	James Brewington	Donna Ward
Rick Rauser	Mack Hutchinson	Shannon Purvis	Brad Shultz
Kara White	Phil Frazier	Renee Mallory	Sandy Pryer
Kenneth Ray	Gerald Cantrell	Donald Reed	Joe Martin
Sedley Tomlinson	Michael Laws	Laura Guthrie	Brandon Foshee
Scott Ends			

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on November 6, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Section of EMS, Suite 801, Little Rock, AR.

**II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION**

Members and guests introduced themselves and new Council Members were given opportunity to introduce themselves.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The floor was open for approval of the August 1, 2013 Minutes. David Stopple mentioned date incorrect on Minutes. A motion was made by David Stopple and seconded by Garry Odom to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion was passed by Council and the August 1, 2013 Minutes were approved.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Section Chief Update – Greg Brown gave update and discussed the following:

- The Office of EMS is currently fully staffed. Working on projects to include online renewal that should be up and running in a couple of weeks. The online renewal process will look a lot like National Registry. By the end of year the bubble form should be phased out. Everything should be online including making payments.

A-1 Licensure Report – John Keeling gave the following report:

**Licensure of EMSP:**

1555 Were up for renewal 09/30/2013  
As of November 1<sup>st</sup> 386 have not renew  
EMT 1024- Advanced EMT 32-Paramedic-363

<u>Statewide totals:</u>					
Currently: as of		<b>11/06/2013</b>	07/27/2013	05/21/2013	02/13/2013
	02/13/2013				
Total	EMSPs (-87)	<b>6778</b>	6865	6671	6813
	Licensed EMTs (-93)	<b>4640</b>	4733	4608	4722
	Licensed Advanced EMTs	<b>137</b>	137	135	139
	Licensed Paramedics (+6)	<b>2001</b>	1995	1928	1951

From 11/06/2012 to 02/13/2013 initial licensures are:

EMT's	120
Adv. EMT's	4
Paramedic's	<u>39</u>
	163

<u>Classes Approved by the Section of EMS.</u>	<u>Since August 2013:</u>	<u>For the Year:</u>
<b>Basic:</b> Full classes	31 Courses	78
Refresher/Transitional classes:	30 Courses	206
<b>Advanced: Full Classes - Paramedic</b>	12 Courses	22
AEMT	1 Courses	3
<b>Advanced transitional classes:</b>		
Paramedic	25 Courses	95
<b>Instructors:</b>	314 Licensed 0	
	43 Provisional	
	2 Instructor Courses (for the year)	

**CEU Approved**

Information will be provided by. John Keeling

**2648 CEU's have been entered for 2013.**

**Regulatory**

<i>Since Aug. 2013</i>	<b>Total Services</b>	<b>209</b>
	<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>677 (ground and air ambulances)</b>
<b>Series 400</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Series 500</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>82</b>

*Optional Skills*

<b>CPAP</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>CVAP</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Thrombolytic</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>RSI</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Adult Tibial</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Huber Needle</b>	<b>25</b>

*Service closed May of 2013*

**AR State Police –Special Purpose**

*Services added since May of 2013*

**Life Net (Fixed Wing)**  
**PediFlight (Methodist ground unit)**  
**Tulsa Life Flight (Rotor Wing)**  
**Nucor – Hickman (Special Purpose)**

*Pending approval*

**Rotor Wing**

***Backgrounds***

**395 (08/24/2013)**

**Total for year of 2013**

**1,077**

**Total since requiring**

**18,679**

A-3 Reciprocity Report – Cody Andrews handed out and reviewed Reciprocity report. There are currently forty-one (41) candidates awaiting reciprocity at this time. Of those candidates there are thirty one (31) EMT basic, eight (8) paramedic and two (2) advanced EMT applicants. As of July 31, the Section of EMS has granted reciprocity to 122 EMS personnel to practice in the state of Arkansas. Of those who have already been granted reciprocity there were forty-three (43) EMT basic, seventy-six (76) paramedics and three (3) advanced EMT candidates. Average 30 days to get reciprocity process. Karston Bradford is helping with reciprocity.

A-4 Trauma Systems Report – Joe Martin gave the following Trauma Report:

- Closing and opening of new grant PO's; about 20 – 30 EMS services still have not applied for grants
- PI Process – more educational
- Rumor AWIN radios are not 2016 compliance – AWIN system may lose coverage but will be taken up by other coverage – not going to affect radios. Will send out letter stating radios are good.

## B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-1 EMSC - Jack Hill gave report. The EMS-Children Program held its inaugural Simulation Exercise on July, 25, 2013. The program would like to express a special thanks to NorthStar EMS for allowing us the opportunity to provide this training; and would like to express a thank you to Donald Shull, Owner, Tonia Hale, Operations Director, and Dr. Fincher, Medical Direction for their support. Also, would like to thank Searcy Public Schools, and all the EMS crews who participated. Eleven EMS crews went through the simulation. Several things were learned during this first exercise that will continue to improve this program for years to come. Sixty-four hospitals participated in the survey on Pediatric Readiness Project. Jack Hill presented Sidney Ward, NorthStar, a certificate of appreciation. Should a Service wish to have an event, please contact Jack Hill, EMS-Children, Program Manager at the Office of EMS for more information.

Services will get letter in next few weeks about a Heat Related Video.

B-2 Training Committee – Jamin Snarr gave report. Reorganizing - changed times every training site should have a representative at the meeting. Also discussed National Registry pass rates. Jamin Snarr made motion *that the Governor's Advisory Council issues a letter to the Department of Higher Education where as a statewide shortage of paramedic exists. Whereas enrollment numbers are less than needed to meet the needs*

*for the state of Arkansas. We will request the Department of Higher Education to allow schools with lower than required minimum AAS graduates from paramedic programs be allowed to continue at lower than required graduates.*

The motion was seconded by Sidney Ward and passed by the Council.

B-3 EMS Rules and Regs – Greg Brown gave report. Presented Rules & Regs to Board of Health last week; they will then go to Governor’s Office for signature. Greg thanked everyone for their help and support.

B-4 Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee – David Stoppel gave report.

B-5 EMS Data Committee – Ryan Tyler gave presentation on EMS Data. Provide individual dashboard for each ambulance service. Have as many data points as you want. Would like to know what kind of data points is wanted by the services. The Section is trying to get as many data points services would like to have particularly about the system of EMS. As dashboard is being developed, the Section would like input from the services.

B-6 EMS Trauma Subcommittee Report – Tim Tackett introduced himself as chair of EMS Trauma Subcommittee. The subcommittee has changed their date to third Tuesday at 10 a.m. Next meeting will be August 20, 2013. Looking at the deliverables – three main issues – funding, simpler measure and evidence based.

## C. PROJECT UPDATES

C-1 RSI Update – Dr. Calicott gave overview of RSI since the program began.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- EMS Member updates – all members were given paper to update their current information and to return to Sonya Sampson to have on file. This information will **not** be put on internet or given out to the public.
- 2014 GAC Calendar – all members were handed the following 2014 EMS Governor’s Advisory Council Scheduled Meeting Calendar:
  - \* Date - Wednesday, February 12, 2014 1:30 p.m.  
Location - Section EMS, 5800 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street Suite, 800, Little Rock
  - \* Date - Wednesday, May 21, 2014 1:30 p.m.  
Location - Section EMS, 5800 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street Suite, 800, Little Rock
  - \* Date - Thursday, July 31, 2014 1:00 p.m.  
Location - Hot Springs Convention Center, Room TBA in conjunction with AEMTA Conference

\* Date – Wednesday, November 5, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.  
Location – Section EMS, 5800 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street Suite, 800, Little Rock

## **VI. NEXT MEETING DATES**

The next EMS Governor’s Advisory Council meeting will be held Office of EMS, 5800 West 10<sup>th</sup> Suite 800, Little Rock Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

## **VII. ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Cathee Terrell to adjourn and seconded by David Stoppel. Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.