

# EMS

## Governor's Advisory Council

August 4, 2011

### Minutes

#### Member's Present

Dr. Timothy Calicott  
Garry Odom  
Norbert Gunderman, Jr.  
Sidney Ward  
David Stoppel  
Rod Barrett  
Doug Duerr  
Jamin Snarr  
Cathee Terrell  
Deloris Sykes  
Tony Hickerson  
Denise Carson  
Niki Cung

#### Member's Absent

Dr. Rodney Dixon  
Billy Artis  
Todd Freeman  
Steven Henson  
Dr. Darren Flamik  
Dr. Karl Wagenhauser

#### EMS Staff

Greg Brown  
Sonya Sampson  
Norajean Miles Harrell  
Amy Anthony  
Larry New  
Stella Nelson  
Helen Huitt

#### Visitors

Doug Brown	Detrich Smith	Sharon King	Joe Hennington
Renee Mallory	Clint Evans	Bobby Musgrove	Bob Williams
Joe Martin	Jerry Hutchinson	Bob Pettis	Robby Hines
Doug Earp	Rick Raiser	Judy Dyke	Rod Wasson
Danny Bercher	Sedley Tomlinson	Keith Edmonds	



<b>CEU Approved</b>	CEU total approved in 2007	2667
	CEU total approved in 2008	2761
	CEU total approved in 2009	3108
	CEU approved to date in 2010	3128
	CEU applications received to date 2011	1799-

**II. New Certification**

<b>III. Certified in 2007 (includes reciprocity)</b>	<b>549</b>
Certified in 2008 (includes reciprocity)	584
Certified/Licensed in 2009 (includes reciprocity)	594
Licensed in 2010 (includes reciprocity)	579
Licensed to date in 2011 (includes reciprocity)	461

Does NOT include advanced upgrades

**Reciprocity**

**Advance Reciprocity candidates**

Complete via Reciprocity in 2010	51
Complete to date in 2011	55
Working files at this time	8

<b>Basic</b>	Complete via Reciprocity 2010	41
	Complete to date in 2011	35
	Working files at this time	29

Statewide totals:

Currently: as of	7/12/2011	02/16/2011	11/02/2010	2/10/2010
Total EMSPs	6555	6491	6331	6336
Licensed EMTs	4625	4566	4445	4487
Licensed Advanced EMTs	138	139	141	142
Licensed Paramedics	1792	1786	1745	1707

Data for this report reflects information current through August 1, 2011  
Submitted by Norajean Miles Harrell, EMSP Licensure Administrator

A-2 Regulatory Report – Larry New gave the following Regulatory Report:

Since the last EMS Advisory Council meeting on February 16, 2011 the Section of EMS has completed the following inspections:

200 Series – 25 Ambulance services – 65 Ambulances inspected

600 Series – 36 Ambulance services – 107 Ambulances inspected

The Section is currently inspecting the 800 series consisting of 21 services and 70 ambulances. The 800 series is due by May 31, 2011.

Next inspection series is the 100 Series due June 30, 2011. The 100 Series has 34 ambulance services and 116 ambulances.

The 400 series will change from a due date of September 30, 2011 till October 31, 2011 due to September being a re-licensure month for EMTs, Advanced EMTs, and Paramedics.

**TO DATE FOR OPTIONAL SKILLS:**

RSI – 23 Services  
CPAP - 57 Services  
CVAV - 4 Services  
Huber Needle – 25 Services  
Cardiac Thrombolytic – 7 Services  
EZ-IO – 57

TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICES – 204 Services  
TOTAL AMBULANCES – 656 Ambulances

A-3 Trauma Systems Report – Joe Martin gave the following Trauma Report:  
Funding FY2011:

107 Vendors completed the grant process and \$3,019,776.00 has been currently expended.  
\$82,302.00 was left over from what was budgeted and will be processed as carry over funds.

FY2012:

113 total eligible EMS services  
105 have completed the grant application  
86 grants have been developed; we did not start this process till November of last year. Utilization of funding is being watched closely by Trauma Program Managers. The purpose for the trauma funding is for enhancement of the system, not supplanting for normal operations of an agency.  
Hospital and EMS agencies will see a drawdown of funding from what they are currently being awarded, due to carry over funds being spent. (go into detail)

Trauma AWIN Radio Update

Almost 430 Trauma AWIN radios have currently been installed. We still have an estimated 110 ambulances that have not had their radios installed. These services must get their radio installed by October 1, 2011 in order to receive the free install paid for by

the State of Arkansas. After this date, the service must pay for the install. These radios must be installed in all units, in order to receive full trauma grant awards.

We currently have around 30 AWIN radios left for continued growth of the communications system. Once we have used up all of these extra radios, the EMS Agency must purchase the radio and have it installed from a Motorola AWIN Installation Provider. Services may use their trauma grant funding to purchase these radios for their units.

AWIN trauma Handhelds and dispatch equipment may not be purchased and will not be allowed onto the AWIN trauma system, due to the original agreement signed with AWIN. The Trauma Section will endeavor to continue upgrades and improvements to this system as the need and funding are available.

Misc.

Trauma Rules and Regulations are scheduled for rewrite. Our intent is to clarify and detail to make them easier for both hospitals and EMS Agencies.

20 of 77 hospitals have been designated; we are able to evaluate 10 hospitals per month once they are ready for designation.

Contract with UAMS' Center for Distance Health to provide system to electronically transfer images (CT scans, MRIs, X-rays, etc.) from lower level to higher level hospitals

American College of Surgeons

Arkansas moving faster than any other state to implement system

Very impressed with progress

Will have many recommendations for future development

ACS final report will be received in a couple of weeks.

Safe States Alliance

Safe States Alliance evaluators will wrap up on Friday, have been very impressed with what we have accomplished in such short time. See's a great potential to grow, more so than most states that they have visited.

## B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**B-1 EMSC** – Addie Grigsby Roshell no longer with Agency. Position is open and will have it filled hopefully by next meeting.

**B-2 Training Committee** – Jamin Snarr gave Training Committee Report. Handed out and discussed basic pass/fail rates. The following motion was made by David Stoppel: Any training site having below 70% first time pass rate for any EMS discipline over a three year period will be placed on 12-month probation for EMT and AEMT and 24 months probation for paramedic. If the training site does not improve over 70% first time pass rate over the probationary period, then its site license may be revoked. An action plan will be required by the training site any year that the first time pass rate falls below 70%. Motion was second by Garry Odom, one opposed the Motion and one abstain the Motion. Motion passed by Council.

**B-3 EMS Rules & Regulations Committee –**

**B-4 Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee – No Report**

**B-5 EMS Data Committee – Met goals. Committee is now working toward new goals.**

### **C. PROJECT UPDATES**

C-1 RSI Update – Dr. Calicotte went before the Board of Health to ask not to have to give RSI report so frequently, but Board of Health would like for him to still come on an annual basis.

C.-2 Equipment List Update – Dr. Calicott gave Equipment List update; Would like to type up required equipment list and bring to committee to vote on. Will send PDF file to give impute and have information available at next GAC.

C.-3 2010 EMS Data Report – Greg Brown handed out the 2010 Data Report. Will place report on PDF format and add to website.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Keith Edmonds – AR EMT Association would like for EMS Office to honor EMS Dispatcher. He would like the Council to develop a committee to recognize the EMS Dispatcher. After discussion Denise Carson made motion to initiate committee through AEMTA to study to promote standardized EMT in state of Arkansas. Motion was seconded by David Stoppel and passed by the Council. Dr. Calicott appointed a subcommittee of the training committee with Danny Bercher as the Chair of Critical Care of Arkansas.

B. New Members – The Council recognized two new members: Denise Carson, Arkansas EMT Association and Niki Cung – Attorney from Fayetteville.

### **VI. OPEN DISCUSSION**

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### **VII. NEXT MEETING DATES**

The next EMS Governor’s Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Office of EMS, 5800 West 10<sup>th</sup> Suite 800, Little Rock November 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. will do election of officers.

### **VIII. ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Jamin Snarr and seconded by Tony Hickerson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.