

EMS
Governor's Advisory Council
August 5, 2010

Minutes

Member's Present

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

Member's Absent

Dr. Rodney Dixon
Kenneth Starnes
Todd Freeman
Steven Henson
Dr. Darren Flamik
Jeff Priebe
Billy Artis

EMS Staff

Greg Brown
Sonya Sampson
Norajean Miles Harrell
Addie Grigsby-Roshell
Amy Anthony
Joe Martin
Martin Davis
Larry New
Stella Nelson
Helen Huitt

Visitors

Doug Brown	Bill Temple	Detrich Smith	Sharon King
Joe Hennington	Renee Mallory	Clint Evans	Bobby Musgrove
Bob Williams	Renee Patrick	Jerry Hutchinson	Bob Pettis
Brian Nation	Austin Porter	Robby Hines	Doug Earp
Rick Raiser	Judy Dyke	Rod Wasson	Danny Bercher
Sedley Tomlinson	Keith Edmonds	Denis Carson	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on August 5, 2010 at 1:05 p.m. at the Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, AR.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Members and guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Garry Odom and second by Rod Barrett to approve the May 5, 2010 Minutes. The motion was passed and Council approved minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Director’s Update – Greg Brown gave the following Director’s Update:

A-1 Certification Update – Norajean Miles Harrell gave the following EMSP Licensure Report:

September 30, 2010 license renewal mailed

Renewal packets mailed on July 5, 2010 – 1588

Classes Approved by the Section of EMS for 2010:

Basic classes	65 classes scheduled for 2010 - 15 not yet begun
Basic refresher classes:	144 classes approved for 2010 – 24 not yet begun – 3 ongoing at this time
Advanced classes:	9 ongoing classes (14 approved – 5 beginning in Aug/Sept)
Advanced refresher classes:	52 classes approved for 2010 – 6 not yet begun

CEU Approved	CEU total approved in 2007	2667
	CEU total approved in 2008	2761
	CEU total approved in 2009	3108
	CEU approved to date in 2010	2393

I. New Certification

II.	Certified in 2007	(includes
reciprocity)	549)
Certified in 2008 (includes reciprocity)	584	
Certified/Licensed in 2009 (includes reciprocity)	594	
Licensed to date in 2010 (includes reciprocity)	459	through 08/02/2010
EMT # 25722 awarded on 5/17/10		
EMT # 25899 awarded on 8/2/2010 (increase of 177)		

Reciprocity

Advance Reciprocity candidates

Certified via Reciprocity in 2008	63
Complete via Reciprocity in 2009	42 (P=40, AEMT=2)
Currently working in 2010	14 (P=15, AEMT=1)
Complete to date in 2010	22 (P=3, AEMT=4)
Basic Reciprocity candidates in process	31
Total via reciprocity in 2009	42
Total to date in 2010	24

Medicare Rural Hospital Grant: For Paramedic Scholarships and Equipment

Training Sites participating 15
7 have invoiced (awaiting new POs for FY 2011)
4 has been paid

<u>Statewide totals:</u>	(5/20/09)	6052	(5/07/08)	5986
EMT-Ambulance		4021		3955
EMT- Basic		270		294
EMT- Intermediate		143		159
EMT- Paramedic		1618		1577

Currently: as of	7/7/2010	5/18/2010	2/10/2010
Total EMSPs	6400	6274	6336
Licensed EMTs	4532	4440	4487
Licensed Advanced EMTs	146	142	142
Licensed Paramedics	1722	1692	1707

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

A-3 Trauma Systems Report – Bill Temple gave Trauma Systems Update. There are 12 of 18 funded positions on board; hiring expected to be completed by October, 2010. Sub-grants - EMS providers - 118 eligible services (116 grant packages received; 62 paid by end of FY 2010). EMS training sites – 33 eligible, 5 declined (26 grant packages received; 11 paid by end of FY 2010) those not paid in FY 10 did not get their invoices in on time, thus we have to create new purchase orders for FY 2011 so that they can be paid this FY all amendments were completed, thereby enabling those not having been paid or not having spent all the money in FY 2010 to do so in FY 2011 FY 2010 close-out forms were e-mailed to all services having spent their FY 2010 money; once we receive the signed forms, the services will be eligible for FY 2011 funding, which, unlike FY 2010 funding, will be handled on a reimbursable basis.

Communications system and call center - Call center contract expected to be in place by October 1, 2010. Currently evaluating “3 frequency VHF solutions” vs. “AWIN

solution”; regardless which chosen, we expect a “go live” date of January 1, 2011 for the call center and communications system. First TRAC meeting held July 28 (Central Arkansas TRAC) – EMS will play large role in TRACs (destination/transfer protocols, etc.). First hospital designation site surveys to be held August 25-26 (Jefferson Regional in Pine Bluff) and August 26-27 (UAMS in Little Rock)

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-1 EMSC –Addie Grigsby-Roshell gave the following EMSC Report:

B-2 Training Committee – Jamin Snarr gave Training Committee Report. Discussed the putting transitional information on the NASEMSO website; Norajean will work on wording. David Stoppel made motion to put transitional information on the NASEMSO website, motion was seconded by Tony Hickerson and 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 – So far there have been five (5) trained from Rogers for RSI; 22 RSI Services and 315 RSI success rate in mid 90’s after four (4) attempts.

C.-2 Equipment Subcommittee – Equipment Survey have been sent out to all services. The Council is requesting everyone to complete the survey. After completion, the subcommittee will look at percentage and print a report for review. Also, would like to get prices list to see how much items would cost Ambulance services. Will need and equipment list and will send interested individuals the link.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Regulation of First Responders – Keith Edmonds gave report on Regulation of First Responders. Began developing Rules and Regulations from other states with pass/fail rates, regulate training, skills and equipment. After discussion, a motion was made by Cathy Terrell to work toward in conjunction with ADH to increase budget and support of Keith’s AEMTA study on EMS First Responder. The Motion was second by Rod Barrett and passed by the Council.

B. Trauma Bands – Austin Porter with the Section of Injury Prevention gave presentation on Arkansas Trauma Bands: *The Why, Who, What, and When*. See Attachment I & II.

After the presentation and brief discussion there was a motion made by Cathee Terrell to support the Arkansas Trauma Bands. The motion was second by Garry Odom and passed by Council.

C. Code of Ethics – A brief discussion was done concerning assigning a committee to look at developing a Code of Ethics for the EMS Governor’s Advisory Council. Rod Barrett made a motion to endorse the offer but not put into Rules and Regulations. The Motion was seconded by Cathee Terrell and passed by the Council.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Therapeutic Hypothermia. Dr. Wagenhouser gave report on Therapeutic Hypothermia. Therapeutic Hypothermia improves up to 20% - don’t need expensive equipment and can make it an optional skill. Rode Mad a motion to make it an optional skill – but the committee is to submit a protocol. The motion was seconded by Jamin Snarr and passed by the Council.

Bachelor Degrees in EMS – Danny Bercher gave report on the needs assessment for bachelor degree in EMS for higher education which will give credit towards a degree. After discussion, Jamin Snarr made motion to look into doing needs assessment for a bachelor degree in EMS that will give credit towards obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree. The motion was seconded by Rod Barrett and passed by Council.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATES

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

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Jamin Snarr and seconded by Rod Barrett to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.