

EMS

Governor's Advisory Council

May 22, 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
Norbert Gunderman, Jr.
Dr. Darren Flamik
Niki Cung – Conference Call
Doug Duerr

Member's Absent

Dr. Karl Wagenhauser
Billy Artis
Todd Freeman
Deloris Sykes
Jamin Snarr

EMS Staff

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

Visitors

Matt Brumley	Keith Edmonds	Dwayne Aalseth	Renee Mallory
Terry Bracy	Sedley Tomlinson	Bill Temple	Tim Tackett
Clint Evans	Chad Mosby	Renee Joyner	Mike Williamson
John Benjamin			

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on May 22, 2013 at 1:33 p.m. at the Office of Emergency Medical Services 5800 W. 10th Suite 800, Little Rock.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Members and guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The floor was open for approval of the February 13, 2013 Minutes. Doug Duerr was listed as absent from the February 13, 2013 minutes, but was in attendance via conference call. A motion was made by David Stoppel and seconded by Garry Odom to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion was passed by Council and the February 13, 2013 Minutes were approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

- The following Governor Advisory Committee member’s terms are to expire July 1, 2013: Denise Carson, Rod Barrett, Niki Cung, Doug Duerr Billy Artis, Toney Hickerson, Cathee Terrell, Todd Freeman, Norbert Gunderman, Sidney Ward and Deloris Sykes. The Governor’s Office will be contacting the representing organization to inform them that the term of the person they have representing will expire July 1, 2013. They will also contact individual to see if they would like to continue to serve as a member of the Council.
- Ambulance Patient Design Concept – standard document on how ambulances are to be designed. If members do not have a draft copy, let Greg know and he’ll get one for them. A draft EMS workforce guideline has been sent out as well. The projection of EMS turnover for the next ten years will be anywhere from 33% – 40%; three times the average turnover. The guidelines will help strengthen and increase longevity in the EMS profession.
- Model Guidelines for EMS nationwide. Same care should be administered nationwide - these will be guidelines and not protocols. Please refer to NASEMSO website for additional information.
- By July 1st goal – no more bubble forms. By September all online renewal.

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

March 31, 2013 license renewal
1864 Were up for renewal 03/31/2013 -1412 renewal 452 didn’t renew. 72 have since renewed.
EMT 887- Advanced EMT 30-Paramedic-495

Statewide totals:

Currently: as of	05/21/2013	02/13/2013	11/07/2012	07/30/2012
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	02/13/2013				
Total	EMSPs (-142)	6671	6813	6645	6689
	Licensed EMTs (-114)	4608	4722	4605	4679
	Licensed Advanced EMTs (-4)	135	139	134	136
	Licensed Paramedics (-23)	1928	1951	1905	1873

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

EMT's	117
Adv. EMT's	6
Paramedic's	<u>50</u>
	173

Classes Approved by the Section of EMS since August 2012:

Basic: Full classes	48 Courses
Refresher/Transitional classes:	145 Courses
Advanced: Full Classes - Paramedic	11 Courses
AEMT	2 Courses
Advanced transitional classes:	
Paramedic	66 Courses
Instructors:	
	297 Licensed
	34 Provisional
	4 Instructor Courses

CEU Approved

1153 CEU's have been entered since 3/1/2013

A-2 Regulatory Report – Helen Huitt gave the following Regulatory Report:

Since February, 2013 Total Services 206

Series 600	Service	40
	Ambulance	116
Series 800	Service	21
	Ambulance	72
Series 100	Service	38
	Ambulance	125
Optional Skills		
CPAP		47
CVAP		5
Thrombolytic		7
RSI		22
Adult Tibial		53
Huber Needle		25

One Service closed March of 2013 Medic One – Pocahontas

One Service pending approval for the end May 2013

Backgrounds 372 (03/21/2013)

A-3 Trauma Systems Report – Discussed EMS funding. Re-evaluate traumacom and bands which are playing into funding. Discussed giving ground service credit for short transport or air ambulance transport.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-1 EMSC - Jack Hill gave report. The EMSC Program manager attended the annual Program Managers meeting in Bethesda, MD. The meeting is conducted by HRSA and is a requirement of the state partnership grant. The focus of the meeting was on the Pediatric Readiness Assessment and Disaster Planning for Children.

The EMS-Children Program is excited to announce the beginning of a Pediatric Simulation Training Program for EMS services. The program is in its beginning phase and will soon be available to EMS services around the state. This program is sponsored by the EMS-Children Program and the Arkansas Department of Health. Jack Hill EMS-Children Program Manager attended training in Miami, Florida on the operation of the Pediatric Hal Simulator. This simulator will provide a dynamic approach to simulation training. Training will be a collaborative effort between the EMS service Medical Director, EMS service Operations Manager, local ER and the EMS-Children Program Manager. All scenarios can be customizing to individual EMS service needs. More information will be provided in the coming months, please be on the lookout for additional details.

The National Pediatric Readiness Project is a collaborative multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that emergency departments (EDs) are ready to care for children. The project has begun in Arkansas. As of today's writing we are at 44% completion. The EMS-Children Program would encourage everyone who has a connection to their local ER, to encourage the ER to complete the assessment. The following link will provide a wealth of information on the project.

EMSC Newsletter – The Pedi Times are sent out every two months; if anyone would like to receive copy please give Jack Hill the email address.

B-2 Training Committee – Dr. Danny Bercher gave Training Committee report. The Training committee met. Baxter Regional Medical Center gave presentation about their community medicine program which highlighted their activities. Looking at reducing their hospital cost by one million dollars.

B-3 EMS Rules and Regs – Greg Brown gave report. Presented Rules & Regs to Board of Health about two weeks ago with small error – markups did not show up; will send new set out via email with markups to be presented at next meeting scheduled for the 29th.

B-4 Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee – Cathee Terrell gave report. The Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee met and discussed AWIN for helicopters has been approved. Services reimbursed except for the installation of the radios. Excited about new fixed wing helicopter service

B-5 EMS Data Committee – Arkansas did about 9,000 Pediatric encounters. Trauma 1,380 Pediatric encounters. Data is improving, but still have areas of concern – missing EMT#, age and illness and incorrect data on age is being entered. Working with AR State Police and University of Alabama to develop a module to merge databases to enter trauma band numbers, patient demographics, license number, etc.

B-6 Reciprocity Report – Cody Andrews handed out and reviewed Reciprocity report. Reciprocity changes – Reciprocity paperwork will be good for 60 days only. New package will be required and all fees sent in previously will be forfeited.

There are currently forty-four (44) candidates awaiting reciprocity at this time. Of those candidates there are twenty (20) EMT Basic; Twenty-two (22) Paramedic and two (2) Advanced EMT applicants. As of May 20, 2013 the Section of EMS has granted reciprocity licensure to 69 EMS Personnel to practice in the state of Arkansas. Of those who have already been granted reciprocity there are thirty-one (31) EMT Basic, Thirty-six (36) paramedics and two (2) Paramedics.

C. PROJECT UPDATES

C-1 RSI Update – Dr. Calicott gave report. Added 22 new RSI's. When the new Rules & Regulations are approved, RSI is in the scope of practice.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Matt Brumley, chairman Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention presented Council with ARSAVES which discussed statistics on strokes in Arkansas and the impact of ARSAVES telemedicine program. He also presented to the Council with a suggestion to set up a task force to write EMS stroke guidelines. Motion made by Rod Barrett to set up Advisory Council & Stroke Taskforce subcommittee, motion was seconded by Denise Carson and passed by Council. Committee will consist of volunteers – Dr. Calicott, Denise Carson and Cathee Terrell.
- Entertaining the idea of a Medical Directory subcommittee

VI. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next EMS Governor's Advisory Council meeting will be held during EMS Week at the Office of EMS, 5800 West 10th Suite 800, Little Rock August 1, 2013, 1:00 p.m. at the AEMTA Conference in Hot Springs, AR.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by David Stoppel to adjourn and seconded by Cathee Terrell. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.