

EMS
Governor's Advisory Council
May 19, 2010

Minutes

Member's Present

Dr. Timothy Calicott
Garry Odom
Norbert Gunderman, Jr.
Steven Henson
David Stoppel
Rod Barrett
Doug Duerr
Jamin Snarr
Cathee Terrell
Dr. Darren Flamik
Jeff Priebe
Dr. Karl Wagenhauser
Dr. Rodney Dixon
Deloris Sykes
Billy Artis
Sidney Ward

Member's Absent

Tony Hickerson
Kenneth Starnes
Todd Freeman

ADH Staff

Sonya Sampson
Norajean Miles Harrell
Addie Grigsby-Roshell
Brian Nation
Detrich Smith
Amy Anthony
Joe Martin
Martin Davis
Larry New

Visitors

Laura Guthrie
Austin Porter
Robert Galligher
Stephen R. Sims
Clint Evans

Amanda Warren Newton
Danny Bercher
Dwayne Aalseth
Jim Rasse
Rick D. Hogan

Kim Hall
Sedley Tomlinson
Ronald Russell
Keith Edmonds
Denise Carson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on May 19, 2010 at 1:35 p.m. in the Freeway Medical Tower, 9th Floor Board Room.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Members and guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 10, 2010 Minutes were not available for approval; therefore they will be forwarded to Council Members to review before the next meeting. The floor was open for approval of the November 10, 2009 amended Minutes. A motion was made by David Stoppel and second by Garry Odom to approve the amended November 10, 2009 Minutes. The motion was passed and Council approved minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Director’s Update – There was no Section Chief Update

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

March 31, 2010 license renewal complete

Renewal packets mailed on January 4, 2010 – 1578
341 Did not renew by March 31, 2010 midnight

Classes Approved by the Section of EMS for 2010:

Basic classes 47 classes scheduled (28 completing in May -4 yet to begin)
Basic refresher classes: 95 scheduled (88 complete – 2 ongoing – 5 yet to begin)
Advanced classes: 11 ongoing classes (completing in 2010 2 in 2011)
Advanced refresher classes: 42 classes scheduled for 2010 (all complete but 2)

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 1904

New Certification 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) 280 through 5/17/2010
EMT # 25722 awarded on 5/17/10

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=13, AEMT=1)
Complete to date in 2010 22 (P=18, AEMT=4)
Basic Reciprocity candidates in process 62
Total via reciprocity in 2009 42

Total to date in 2010

14

Medicare Rural Hospital Grant: For Paramedic Scholarships and Equipment

Training Sites participating

15

3 have invoiced

1 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	5/18/2010	2/10/2010	10/33/09
Total EMSPs		6274	6336	6192
Licensed EMTs		4440	4487	4377
Licensed Advanced EMTs		142	142	143
Licensed Paramedics		1692	1707	1672

A-2 – Larry New gave the following Regulatory Report

Since the last EMS Advisory Council meeting on February 10, 2010, the Section of EMS has completed the following inspections:

600 Series – 37 Ambulance Services – 109 Ambulances

800 Series – 21 Ambulance Services – 74 Ambulances

The Section of EMS is currently inspecting the 100 series, due to expire on June 30, 2010

Optional Skills:

CPAP	56
Huber Needle	25
RSI	17
Cardiac Thrombolitics	07
CVAP	03

Total Ambulance Services 197

Total Ambulances 651

Services:		Ambulances:	
1-B	20	1-B	81
1-A	0	1-A	13
Air Med	27	Air Med	35
Ad. Resp	6	Ad. Resp.	15
Intermediate	3	Intermediate	07
Sp. Purp.	11	Sp. Purp.	11
Stretcher	01	Stretcher A.	02
Volunteer	16	Volunteer	18
Paramedic	113	Paramedic	469

A-3 Trauma Systems Report – Brian Nation gave Trauma Systems report.

The Section of EMS is working with the Injury Prevention and Control Branch to award hospital, EMS, and EMS Training Site Grants to all eligible applicants. At this time the Section is working on amendments to give applicants who have not expended all of their funding more time to utilize the grant funding. The amendments along with a cover letter describing the process will be mailed to all of the applicants who have finished the process over the next two weeks. Any applicant who has already expended all of this year's available grant funding should follow the instructions in the cover letter to return an e-mail message stating that they have expended the funds instead of filling out and returning the amendment. Once the e-mail is received the applicant will receive a closeout packet.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The Arkansas EMSC Program is very excited to announce that we received funding for the 2010 – 2011 year for the State Partnership grant. It is our goal to continue efforts to ensure that should any child require emergency medical services, that child will receive the very best care. The program continues to promote pediatric education for emergency medical providers.

The EMSC Advisory Committee met on yesterday, May 18, 2010; however, several members were unable to meet with us, but the meeting was very productive. Some of the items that we addressed included:

- Surveying
- Producing and distributing Off-line protocols
- On- line protocols
- Increasing public awareness of EMSC
- Pediatric Education Classes (Child Passenger Safety for EMS, Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professional-PEPP, Pediatric Emergency Assessment Recognition and Stabilization-PEARS).

Currently, our meetings are scheduled before the Governor's Advisory Council; however, we are looking into increasing the number of meetings in order to meet all of all targeted goals and to fulfill the requirements set forth by our national office.

B-2 Training Committee – Jamin Snarr gave Training Committee Report. The Training Committee met last week. Training sites will receive \$245,000 for scholarships and books. Advanced sites will get twice the funding than the basic sites. There will no longer be refresher Course, but transition courses. There was a question if there was an LPN/RN Transition course to Paramedic, answer was no there is not. Pass rates data handed out to committee. Basic 1st time attempt improved 4% since last year. We are now around national average. Paramedic 1st attempt 58%, national average is 71%, we are below on Paramedic national average – committee is looking into why.

B-3 EMS Rules & Regulations Committee – The number one priority is to get the EMS Rules and Regulations finished and to the legislature this session. Goal is to have everything done for review to send to the Board of Health.

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

B-5 EMS Data Committee – No Report

C. PROJECT UPDATES

C-1 RSI Update – Dr. Calicott gave RSI Update. Was asked not to ask for pediatric consideration; will continue study of adult RSI. Plan to ask for pediatric consideration - will have to work with UAMS and do scientific study.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Stipend payments – please let Sonya Sampson know if you did not received stipend payment. Also conference call number and code are sent to committee members when a conference call is scheduled for Governor’s Advisory Council meeting. The number and code are always the same. Stipend payments are given if you are present via conference call.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

The Office of EMS & Trauma Systems is now officially the **Office of EMS**. The Office of Trauma is located at the main building under Bill Temple – Section Chief. Brian Nation will be leaving the Section of EMS and will be working with the Section of Trauma as Data Manager. Question arose if the EMS Data Collection will still be with the Office of EMS or transferred to Trauma System and if the EMSC program will be moved to Trauma. It was suggested that Renee Mallory be present at next meeting for clarification.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next EMS Governor’s Advisory Council meeting will be held at the EMS Conference in Hot Springs, AR August 10, 2010 1:00 p.m. room TBA.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by David Stoppel and seconded by Garry Odom to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.