

EMS
Governor's Advisory Council
May 23, 2012

Minutes

Member's Present

Dr. Timothy Calicott
Jamin Snarr
David Stoppel
Garry Odom
Tony Hickerson
Sidney Ward
Denise Carson
Norbert Gunderman, Jr.
Rod Barrett
Cathee Terrell – Conference Call
Dr. Karl Wagenhauser
Dr. Steven Strode

Member's Absent

Deloris Sykes
Steve Henson
Todd Freeman
Billy Artis
Doug Duerr
Nikki Cung
Dr. Darren Flamik

ADH Staff

Greg Brown
Sonya Sampson
Amy Anthony
Stella Nelson
Stephen Ryan Tyler
Philip Plischke
Jamie Vanderbilt
Helen Huitt
Jack Hill
Cody Andrews

Visitors

Dewayne Aalseth
Clint Evans
Bill Temple

Renee Patrick
Robbie Hines

Renee Mallory
Jon Swanson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on May 23, 2012 at 1:31 p.m. in the Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 800, Little Rock, AR.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Members and guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The floor was open for approval of the February 15, 2012 Minutes. A motion was made by David Stoppel and seconded by Rod Barrett to approve the Minutes. The motion was passed by the Council and the February 15, 2012 Governor’s Advisory Council Minutes were approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Director’s Update – Greg Brown gave the following Director’s Update: Thanked EMS staff for hard work during EMS Week. Major changes in Section are new hires – Cody Andrews, EMS Specialist, Jack Hill, EMSC Program Manager and Helen Huitt is new Regulatory Administrator. Norajeane Miles Harrell, Administrative position is opened and hopefully the position will be filled by August 2012. Also have one EMS Specialist position that will be advertised and filled after July 2012.

A-1 Certification Update – Helen Huitt gave the following Licensure Update Report:

March 31, 2012 license renewal
 Packets mailed on January 10, 2012 **1740** **1438** renewed for 03/31/2012 licensure period

<u>Statewide totals:</u>				
Currently: as of	05/21/2012	02/13/2012	10/30/2011	
7/12/2011				
05/21/2012				
Total EMSPs (-127)	6524	6651	6489	6555
Licensed EMTs (-88)	4578	4666	4556	4625
Licensed Advanced EMTs (-1)	134	135	134	138
Licensed Paramedics (-38)	1812	1850	1799	1792

From 02/01/2012 to 05/22/2012 initial licensures are:

EMT’s	166
Adv. EMT’s	1
Paramedic’s	<u>41</u>
	208

Classes Approved by the Section of EMS since February 2012:

Basic: Full classes 13 Courses

Refresher/Transitional classes: 40 Courses

Advanced: Full Classes - Paramedic 2 Courses

AEMT 1 Course

Advanced transitional classes:

Paramedic 39 Courses

Instructors:

283 Licensed

18 Provisional

CEU Approved

CEU applications received as of January 2012

305 (about 300 to process)

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

Since February 2012

Series 200	Service	25
	Ambulance	67

Series 600	Service	39
	Ambulance	129

Series 800	Service	21 [Conducting this month]
	Ambulance	73

Backgrounds		418
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A-3 Trauma Systems Update – Bill Temple gave the Trauma Update.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-1 EMSC – Greg gave EMSC report. Will distribute equipment at EMS Conference in August where service can sign out. Jack Hill is working on newsletter would like impute from Committee members. There was an EMSC meeting in Washington last week. Some states are more advanced because they get millions of dollars for funding - working on turning things around in Arkansas.

B-2 Training Committee – No report – did not meet

B-3 EMS Rules & Regulations Committee – Greg Brown gave EMS Rules & Regulations Committee report. Intent was to introduce structure of EMS Rules and Regulations, but need to work through some educational components. Goal is at the August 2012 GAC meeting have copies for approval to see if any changes are needed; after which will proceed with administrative process. Hopefully by this process EMS committee fully behind the EMS Rules and Regulations

B-4 Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee – NO report – item was tabled.

B-5 EMS Data Committee – Ryan Tyler gave EMS Data Committee report. Thanked owners and operations who submit their data. There's been over 113,681 data runs submitted to the state – out of those 10,089 Trauma banned patients were submitted. Will be getting with Jeff Tabor with ATCC to get a list of trauma bands from his service taking our trauma band numbers and comparing with what ATCC's has. Some of the runs are missing information. Please update and resubmit.

PROJECT UPDATES

C-1 RSI Update – Dr. Calicott gave RSI Update. There's been 846 RSI since its inception – success rate 69.9 first attempt, 87.4 second attempt 95.2 third attempt, 97.9 fourth attempt, 98.9 fifth; 4 failed attempts. No major problems

2. Equipment List Update - Greg Brown gave Equipment List Update. If an item is on the required equipment list, there will be an addendum to the Rules and Regs. Only a few things discussed to be added. One change will see more generic medication list. It will list class instead of specific drugs. There is currently a drug shortage and the Office understand shortage and working with services.

3. EMSC Equipment – Equipment being handed out by Jack Hill will consist of Pediatric King Airway, Pediatric Tube holder, OPA's, and Braslow Tapes.

4. Disaster Tags - Disaster Triage Tags – Preparedness has helped purchase \$100,000 worth of Disaster Triage Tags. A training DVD come with tag that trains you on how to use the tags also on YouTube.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Members Expiring - The Office of EMS received phone call from Maggie at Governor's Office that the following three members are about to expire: Jamin Snarr, Dr. Flamic and David Stoppel. If these individuals are willing to serve another term the Office of EMS can submit a letter of recommendation then can be voted at next GAC in August, 2012. Or if someone else is interested in running for these particular chairs, they may submit their name to Governor's Office for their name to be considered. Missing Hospital Association member – so far nobody interested in representing Hospital Association on Council. Hospital Association is waiting on GAC for letter of recommendation.

2. Online Renewals - Online renewals should be available for Paramedics and Advanced EMT by fall 2012. March 2013 should be full blown renewal for all EMT's. Will be set up just like National Registry.

3. Returning Equipment - some services are having problems with equipment not being returned after transporting patient to hospital. Members were asked to email Dr. Calicott on suggestions on ways to fix this problem.

4. EMS Study - Dr. Calicott mentioned the EMS Study - about to close out if you have not taken survey - please do so before end of month.

5. Management Disaster Tool - Cody Andrew will be responsible for Management Disaster Tool and will contact services to make sure everyone is set up. There will be testing every week then on a quarterly basis. A booth will be at EMS Conference in Hot Springs with information. Please make sure you have signed up.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next meeting will be Thursday August 2, 2012 at the EMS Conference, Hot Springs Convention Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas at 1 p.m.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Garry Odem and Seconded by Jamin Snarr to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.