

EMS
Governor's Advisory Council
November 3, 2010

Minutes

Member's Present

Dr. Timothy Calicott
Garry Odom
Norbert Gunderman, Jr.
Tony Hickerson
David Stoppel
Rod Barrett – via conference call
Doug Duerr
Jamin Snarr
Cathee Terrell
Dr. Darren Flamik
Jeff Priebe – via conference call
Dr. Karl Wagenhauser
Sidney Ward

Member's Absent

Billy Artis
Kenneth Starnes
Todd Freeman
Steven Henson
Deloris Sykes
Dr. Rodney Dixon

EMS Staff

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

Visitors

Bill Temple
Laura Guthrie
Sedley Tomlinson

Joe Martin
Jon Swanson
Kim Hall

Detrich Smith
Austin Porter
Renee Mallory

Denise Carson
Danny Bercher
Renee Patrick

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on November 3, 2010 at 1:45 p.m. at the Section of EMS Suite 801.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Members and guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The floor was open for approval of the August 5, 2010 Minutes. There was a correction to the minutes that Steven Henson was listed as absent, but was in attendance. A motion was made by Doug Duerr to approve the minutes with the correction to add Steven Henson in attendance; motion was seconded by Tony Hickerson. The motion was passed by the Council and the August 5, 2010 Minutes were approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

Greg thanked the EMS office staff for their hard work during the September 2010 recertification period especially during the time of being short staffed. Greg also discussed the goal to have the Rules and Regulations ready by fall 2011. Data Collection - Greg has been calling services and speaking with them one on one making sure getting accurate data. Currently 146,000 runs have been resubmitted. Received an email from National Data Collection thanking everyone for the hard work in collecting accurate data; still working toward getting online CEU’s and License renewal.

A-1 Certification Update – Norajean Miles Harrell gave the following Certification update:

September 30, 2010 license renewal complete

Packets mailed on July 6, 2010 1598
Expired on September 30, 2010 306 (254 EMT, 6 AEMT, 46 P)

Classes Approved by the Section of EMS for 2010:

Basic classes 87 classes scheduled for 2010 - 33 will complete in December
Basic refresher classes: 163 classes approved for 2010 – (all complete)
Advanced classes: 18 ongoing classes (6 complete in December)
Advanced refresher classes: 52 classes approved for 2010 –

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 2942

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) 540 through 11/02/2010
 EMT # 25899 awarded on 8/2/2010
 EMT # 26014 awarded on 11/02/2010 (increase of 115)

Reciprocity

Advance Reciprocity candidates

Certified via Reciprocity in 2008	63
Complete via Reciprocity in 2009	42 (P=40, AEMT=2)
Currently working in 2010	8 (P=8, AEMT=0)
Complete to date in 2010	46 (P=40, AEMT=6)
Basic Reciprocity candidates in process	42
Total via reciprocity in 2009	42
Total to date in 2010	32

Medicare Rural Hospital Grant: For Paramedic Scholarships and Equipment

Training Sites participating	15
Awaiting payment	1

Statewide totals:

Currently: as of	11/02/2010	7/7/2010	5/18/2010	2/10/2010
Total EMSPs	6331	6400	6274	6336
Licensed EMTs	4445	4532	4440	4487
Licensed Advanced EMTs	141	146	142	142
Licensed Paramedics	1745	1722	1692	1707

A-2 – Larry New gave the following Regulatory Report

Since the last EMS Advisory Council meeting on August 5, 2010 the Section of EMS has completed the following inspections:

- 300 Series – 24 Ambulance Services – 109 Ambulances
- 400 Series – 21 Ambulance Services - 57 Ambulances
- 500 Series – 25 Ambulance Services - 82 Ambulances Completed by 11/30/2010

Optional Skills:

- RSI -21 Services
- CPAP – 55 Services
- CVAV – 4 Services
- Huber Needle – 25 Services
- Cardiac Thrombolitics – 7 Services
- Adult Tibial – 49 Services

Total Ambulance Services - 201

Total Ambulances - 653

A-3 Trauma Systems Report – Renee Patrick gave Trauma Systems report:

Staffing – All funded trauma positions (18) are now on-board

- Sub-grants
 - a. EMS providers
 - 1. FY 2010 – 118 eligible services; 116 grant packages received; 115 completed grant process; 104 have been paid; 32 completed close-out process
 - 2. FY 2011 – 111 eligible services (some services were combined to streamline grant process and some were ineligible in FY 2011 due to new guidelines from the Trauma Advisory Council’s [TAC’s] EMS Subcommittee); 34 services have received and award announcement letter (only goes to those services that have closed out their FY 2010 funding – the reason there are two more than closed out is because these are new services); 17 grant packages received (Note: FY 2011 funding is reimbursable rather than start-up as in FY 2010)

(Note: Funding increased for EMS providers from 2.3 million in FY 2010 to 3.5 million in FY 2011)

- b. EMS Training Sites
 - 1. FY 2010 – 33 eligible sites (5 declined); 26 grant packages received; 23 completed grant process; 21 have been paid; 12 have completed close-out process
 - 2. FY 2011 – e-mails regarding funding sent to all sites; 5 intent applications received to date
- Call Center – MEMS awarded contract, which went into effect October 1, 2010; currently working with EMSsystems to create new trauma dashboard; T-1 lines in the process of being installed; Motorola in the process of installing consoles and other required infrastructure; January 1, 2011 start date still anticipated with a partial communications system in place
- Communications System – AWIN solution (as opposed to VHF) approved by ADH after recommendation from private consulting firm and consultation with many parties, including the EMS Subcommittee of the TAC; requires that 578 AWIN capable radios be purchased for ambulances and helicopters; radio specifications completed; letter will be sent any day from ADH to vendors on state contract that have AWIN capable radios; bids to be received (although cost will be an important factor, we will look at other factors as well, such as servicing infrastructure and length of time required to deliver and install the radios)

- Hospital Designation – To date, three hospitals have undergone site surveys and been approved as Arkansas Trauma Centers (UAMS in Little Rock as a Level I, the MED in Memphis as a Level I, and Jefferson Regional in Pine Bluff as a Level II); three more are scheduled prior to the end of the year (Arkansas Children’s Hospital in Little Rock, Baptist in Little Rock, and St. Johns in Springfield, Missouri)
- Trauma Regional Advisory Councils (TRACs) – The first TRAC meeting was held on July 28th in Little Rock (Central Arkansas TRAC); six of the seven TRACs have now met
- Training – Training for EMS regarding the call center and how the communications system will operate is being developed

Renee Patrick also stated that will work on getting an FAQ out to the services.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-1 EMSC – The EMSC Coordinator Addie Grigsby-Roshell will be out of the office until January 2011. There is no report, but it was mentioned the importance of completing the survey that was sent out to the services for licensed trucks. This survey is very important to keep the EMSC program funded and running. Will need at least 80% of the surveys completed and returned. If you need assistance in completing the form, please feel free to contact the Office of EMS.

B-2 Training Committee – Jamin Snarr gave Training Committee Report. The Training Committee met at 10:00 am November 3, 2010. The following Instructor rollouts dates were set:

B-3 EMS Rules & Regulations Committee – Report given in Director’s Update

B-4 Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee – David Stoppel gave the following Air Ambulance Committee report: The Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee met December 9th at 10 a.m. to review Trauma Call Center. Bylaws were discussed and updated; will be presented to the Council at the February 2011 meeting. Also, election of Officers was held. Next meeting will be February 16, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

B-5 EMS Data Committee – Report given in Director’s Update

C. PROJECT UPDATES

C-1 RSI Update – Dr. Calicott gave RSI Update. 356 RSI have been done. 23 Service have been approved to do RSI – including six ground services. Northwest Arkansas recently was approved. 68% RSI success rate – not deaths from RSI.

C-2 Equipment List Update – Dr. Calicott Equipment List Update. Created an online survey for what equipment should be on a truck. Will create a list of 200 items and ask what should and should not be on a truck and have list to Council at the next GAC meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011 Nominations

Jamin Snarr made a motion to add the 2011 nominations to the Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Cathee Terrell and passed by the Council to add the following nomination of 2011 Offices to the Agenda:

The Floor was turned over to Vice-Chair Jamin Snarr to elect nominees for Chairman of the EMS Council. The following were nominated for Chair:

Dr. Timothy Calicott nominated by David Stoppel

Nomination closed by Sidney Ward. Dr. Timothy Calicott elected as Chairman by majority vote

The floor was turned back over to Chairman Dr. Timothy Calicott and the following were nominated for Vice-Chair:

Jamin Snarr – nominated by Nobert Gunderman

Nomination closed by Sidney Ward. Jamin Snarr elected as Vice-chair by majority vote.

Chairman Dr. Timothy Calicott appointed David Stoppel as Parliamentarian for the EMS Advisory Council.

B. Expired Members

The following EMS Advisory Council Members terms have expired:

- Cathee Terrell
- Kenneth Starnes
- Sidney Ward
- Charles Hickerson
- Todd Freeman
- Billy Artis
- Deloris Sykes
- Doug Duerr
- Norbert Gunderman
- Jeff Priebe
- Rod Barrett

If you are expired and desire to be reappointed to the EMS Advisory Council, please send a request to be reappointed along with two other names that would qualify for appointment. Secondly, you must complete an online application and

send all information to the Office of EMS by the end of **November 2010**. Greg Brown will send out an email to expired Council members with detailed information.

C. MEMS Call Center

Jon Swanson gave report on the MEMS Call Center. Mr. Swanson explained that purpose is place, time and mode. The Call Center will play an advisory roll and is strictly a resource center. The center should be up and fully running by January 2011.

D. Positions

There are currently have two positions that the EMS Office is interviewing and two more that will be advertised at a later date. Hopefully the Office will have completed all interviews and fully staffed by February 2011.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

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VII. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next EMS Governor's Advisory Council meeting will be held on February 16, 2010 at the Office of EMS, Freeway Medical Tower - 5800 West 10th Street Suite 801, Little Rock at 1:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Sidney Ward and seconded by Garry Odom to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.