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**EMS**  
**Governor's Advisory Council**  
February 11, 2009

**Minutes**

**Member's Present**

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

**Member's Absent**

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

**ADH Staff**

David Taylor  
Sonya Sampson  
Norajean Miles Harrell  
Addie Grigsby-Roshell  
Brian Nation  
Detrich Smith  
Amy Anthony

**Visitors**

Laura Guthrie  
Monti Gagliardi  
Danny Bercher  
Denis Carson  
John Senner

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on February 11, 2009 at the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems at 1:30 p.m.

**II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION**

Members and guests introduced themselves.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The floor was open for approval of November 12, 2008 minutes. A motion was made by David Stoppel and seconded by Jeff Priebe to approve the November 12, 2008 minutes. The motion was passed and the Council approved the minutes.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Director's Update** – David Taylor gave the Director's update. He handed out for review and discussed the following:

**Colleague Update:**

The Section currently has one EMS Specialist vacancy. Mr. Kenny Tutor, EMS Specialist resigned at the end of December 2008. The Section will miss Kenny and we wish him the best. The Section is currently advertising for applicants and will keep the Council advised of progress.

Mr. Joe Martin is the Section's newest EMS Specialist. Joe is an EMT-A and is a graduate from University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and is working on his Masters in Emergency Administration Management, Arkansas Tech University. Joe comes from TEC Solutions and MEMS. We welcome Joe to our new family and wish him well.

**Legislative Update:**

The following Bills will have an impact on Emergency Medical Services and are being monitored by the Section:

- SB143: An Act to Provide for the Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Personnel. Sponsor: Senator Broadway- currently in committee.
- HB1204: To Increase the Tax on Cigarettes and Certain Tobacco Products etc. Sponsor- Representative Reep- Passed House 75/24/1. Will move to Senate committee.
- HB1238: To create and Fund the Trauma System, Sponsor- Representative Garner- currently in house committee, raises fines for crimes against a person and moving traffic violations.
- SB315: To Amend the Trauma System Act. Sponsor- Steele- creates avenue for trauma system funding and distribution of funding. Does not set dollar amounts. Revises current makeup of Trauma Advisory Council.

- SB312: An Act to Create “The Anthony Hobbs III Act” and to create school-based Automated External Defibrillator and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Programs. Sponsor: Steele- Require AEDs on all school campuses and training.

**Possible Bills:**

- Insect Sting Act- Sponsor unknown at this time: Will require EpiPens at all schools. Will impact BLS services.
- Ambulance Services Area- Sponsor unknown at this time: Will revise code related to health care facility. Will impact page 9 of current EMS Rules and Regulations.

**A-1 Certification Update** – Norajean Miles gave the following certification report:

**March recertification (ongoing)**

Recertifications packets mailed on January 6, 2009 – 1478  
Received and processed by Feb 9, 2009 95

**Classes Approved by the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems for 2008:**

<b>Basic classes</b>	83 scheduled/completed during 2008 40 classes scheduled during 2009
<b>Basic refresher classes:</b>	158 scheduled/completed during 2008 71 currently scheduled for 2009 (65 already complete)
<b>Advanced classes:</b>	15 scheduled during 2008 (9 will complete in 2009) 4 classes just beginning in 2009
<b>Advanced Refresher classes:</b>	58 completed in 2008 29 currently scheduled in 2009

**New Certification**

Certified in 2007 (includes reciprocity)	549
Certified in 2008 (includes reciprocity)	584

**Reciprocity**

**Advance Reciprocity candidates**

Certified via Reciprocity in 2007	62
Certified via Reciprocity in 2008	63
Active files waiting on required documents	8

**Basic Reciprocity candidates**

Certified via reciprocity in 2007	52
Certified via reciprocity in 2008	56
Active files waiting on required documents	38

**Continuing Education**

CEU total approved in 2006	3224
CEU total approved in 2007	2667
CEU total approved in 2008	2761
CEU approved in 2009	935

**Statewide totals: Current (2/9/09) 6174 (11/07/08) 6025 (8/4/08) 6143 (5/07/08) 5986**

<b>EMT-Ambulance</b>	<b>4083</b>	<b>3968</b>	<b>4061</b>	<b>3955</b>
<b>EMT- Basic</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>EMT- Intermediate</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>EMT- Paramedic</b>	<b>1665</b>	<b>1630</b>	<b>1627</b>	<b>1577</b>

Data for this report reflects information current through February 9, 2009.

**A-2 Regulatory Report-** Larry New gave the following report:  
Since the last EMS Advisory Council meeting on November 12, 2008 the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems has completed the following inspections:

200 Series – 26 Ambulance services – 69 Ambulances inspected  
700 Series – 12 Ambulance services – 45 Ambulances inspected  
Next inspection series is the 600 Series - 37 Ambulance services and 108 ambulances.

**Optional Skills:**

RSI – 16 Services  
CPAP - 50 Services  
CVAV - 1 Service  
Huber Needle – 20 Services  
Cardiac Thrombolitics – 8 Services  
EZ-IO – 42

**Total Ambulance Services - 201**

**Total Ambulances - 648**

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

The Section of EMS and Trauma Systems and the Trauma Advisory Council is near the end of the administrative review process for the revised Rules and Regulations for Trauma Systems. The finished version has been submitted to the Governor's office for signature. Once it has been approved and signed, the completed document will be made available on the Section's web site.

Legislation is currently being considered that might provide funding for a trauma system in Arkansas. House Bill 1204 would increase the tobacco tax to provide for a number of health related programs. A portion of the approximately 88 million dollars from this change could be used to fund the trauma system. The bill achieved the super majority of 75 votes needed to pass through the House of Representatives on February 5, 2009. The bill should be considered by the Senate within the next couple of weeks.

House Bill 1238 has also been proposed to help fund the trauma system. This bill adds to moving violation fines and to aggravated assaults to fund the system. This bill is currently being discussed in House committees.

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**B-1 EMSC** – Garry Odom and Addie Grigsby-Roshell gave the following EMSC Report:

The EMSC Gant Program funding cycle ends on February 28, 2009. We are waiting for results from our national office regarding funding for the 2009 – 2010 year. We are optimistic that our grant proposal has been accepted and the program will continue.

We would like to thank Southeast Arkansas Community College (SEARK) for hosting a two-day Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals (PEPP) course and a Train the Trainer Course. It is our goal to continue to offer pediatric training throughout the state. Since we started offering the PEPP course along with the Train the Trainer the numbers of individuals eligible to teach the class have increased tremendously.

EMS agencies across the state were provided an opportunity to have their names drawn to receive a child restraint safety system to use while transporting small pediatric patients. The restraint systems have been distributed and as a result of receiving one “Pedi-mate”, Vital-Link EMS has decided to equip all of their units with the child restraint system.

Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Tonya Thompson for her work with EMSC program. Dr. Thompson has served as the Program Director / Principal Investigator for the past three years and will continue to dedicate her time with the Arkansas Children’s Hospital. Brian Nation will serve as the EMSC Principal Investigator for the upcoming year.

Garry Odom made a motion to add an EMSC representative on the EMS Governor’s Advisory Council to help meet federal guidelines related to the EMSC grant. Mr. Barrett agreed to work with the Arkansas EMT Association to see if the language could be added to Senate Bill 143. Rod Barrett seconded and the motion was passed by the Council.

**B-2 Training Committee** – Jamin Snarr gave Training Committee Report: Training Committee met Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems at 10 a.m. A letter was previously sent to National Registry of EMTs to request the utilization of the King Airway device and EZ-IO (Intraosseous) device to the paramedic practical testing skills. Rob Wagner, Associate Director of the National Registry of EMTs replied in writing to the Training Committee’s request and gave permission for the state to utilize the King Airway device during the paramedic practical examination, but did not give approval to utilize the EZ-IO device. The Training Committee also discussed the upcoming revisions to the National Educational Standards and how the new standards will be implemented within the state. The Training Committee will keep the Council informed of any developments.

**B-3 EMS Rules & Regulations Committee** – Report provided by David Taylor. The November and December meetings were canceled. The Licensure and Registration workgroup meeting is scheduled to meet next week. Once the revision of the Rules and Regulations are completed, the committee chairmen will meet in August and review the draft that will be presented to the EMS Advisory Council, Department of Health and the Board of Health for approval. Once approved, the Section will move forward with the adoption process and hold required meetings.

**B-4 Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee** – David Stoppel gave Air Ambulance Sub-Committee report. The committee has been discussing real time internet web based weather monitoring and hopes that the committee can come up with language to place a requirement into the Rules and Regulations for ambulance services to utilize a similar system. The committee was also update on the trauma system Bill. The committee also reviewed documents related to federal guidance for air ambulance regulations and state oversight. The next meeting will be May 13, 2009, 1:00 pm at the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems.

**B-5 EMS Data Committee** – Garry Odom gave EMS Data Committee report. The new web based data collection system is up and running. The server has been installed to receive data. We received \$150,000 from Office of Rural Health to assist in the purchase of the web base upgrade. So far, forty ambulance services have moved to the new data collection version.

## **C. PROJECT UPDATES**

**C-1 RSI Update** – Dr. Calicott gave the RSI update. Dr. Calicott stated he provided a report to the Board of Health related to the study. The report reflected 19 RSI cases conducted with a 94% intubation success rate. To date, three services (one ground and two air services) have been approved to conduct field RSI. There are 12 services that have submitted a request for approval and site visits will be conducted once all required material is received. The Section hopes to have all 12 applicants up and running by the next Council meeting.

**C-2 Stroke/Protocol Development** – Dr. Calicott gave the Stroke/Protocol Development Report. He informed the committee that he was working with David Stoppel to develop a protocol that is comprehensive without being too difficult to implement. Hopefully the new protocol will shed light on the importance of identifying stroke and making it a higher priority. The protocol should be completed by the next Council meeting.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Arkansas Statewide Trauma Systems** – Each Council member received an informational booklet titled “A System Saving Lives” related to a Statewide Trauma System.

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**2009 EMS Advisory Meeting Dates** – David Taylor handed out the 2009 EMS Advisory Council Meeting dates and locations. The dates are as follows:

- ❖ Wednesday, February 11, 2009 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Section of EMS & Trauma Systems
- ❖ Wednesday, May 20, 2009 @ 1:30 p.m.  
During EMS Week Celebration  
Freeway Medial Tower Boardroom 9<sup>th</sup> Floor - Suite 906
- ❖ Thursday, July 30, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Hot Springs Convention Center  
In Conjunction with AEMTA Education Conference
- ❖ November 4, 2009 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Section of EMS & Trauma Systems

**Phone/Address Update** – all committee members were asked to fill out a 2008 Contact Information Sheet and return to David Taylor prior to leaving.

**VI. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**Announcement of Educational Opportunities:** Denise Carson informed the group that the Arkansas EMT Association's Spring Fling will be held March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at the University of Arkansas Community College in Morrilton. The Arkansas Ambulance Association will hold its annual Stars of Life recognition ceremonies at the Capitol on February 26, 2009 and will also hold its annual Provider Educational Conference April 21 through 23, 2009 at Little Rock.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATES**

The next EMS Advisory Council meeting is scheduled at the May 20, 2009 1:30 p.m. during EMS Week.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Motion was made by David Stoppel and seconded by Cathee Terrell to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.