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**EMS Advisory Council  
May 17, 2006  
Minutes**

**Member's Present**

Dr. Timothy Calicott  
Dr. Marvin Leibovich  
Rod Barrett  
Todd Freeman  
Michelle Staggs  
Gary Odom  
Dr. David Schmidt  
Tony Hickerson  
Jamin Snarr  
CC McAllister  
Dr. Monte Gagliardi  
William Seaton

**Member's Absent**

Fran Hickman  
Kenneth Starnes  
Billy Artis  
Dr. Len Kemp  
Doug Duerr  
Richard Taft  
Delois Sykes

**DOH Staff**

David Taylor  
Sonya Sampson  
Norajean Miles  
Larry New  
Brian Nation  
Stella Nelson  
Addie Grigsby-Roshell  
Markann Young

**Visitors**

Mark Kemp  
Karl Waggenger  
Kelly McCauley  
Klye Roach  
Ronnie Weaver  
Danny Bercher  
Sedley Tomlinson

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on May 17, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems, Suite 800, Freeway Medical Tower, Little Rock, Arkansas.

### **II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and guest introduced themselves.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The floor was open for approval of the February 16, 2006 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Dr. David Schmidt and seconded by Garry Odom to approve the minutes presented to the Council. Motion passed, minutes were approved by the Council as presented.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Section Update – Section Chief Update – David Taylor:**

##### **I. EMSC Coordinator**

Ms. Addie Grigsby-Roshell accepted the EMSC Coordinator position on May 8, 2006. She grew up in Southeast Arkansas and graduated from Grady High School, Grady, Arkansas. Mrs. Roshell has attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, (UALR) and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She holds a B.A. Degree in Political Science and has completed 2 years of Graduate School in education at the University of Arkansas, Monticello. It is a pleasure to have Ms. Roshell join the Section.

##### **II. Paramedic Scholarship/Equipment Program:**

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care and the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems have completed the process to award \$60,000.00 of grant funding to Arkansas Accredited Paramedic Training Sites. Approval letters have been sent out to ten training sites that elected to participate in the program. The training sites were required to submit a letter of intent in order to participate and ten of the fourteen training sites returned letters. Each training site will be eligible for \$6,000.00 of funding. Training sites will utilize \$3,000.00 to purchase non-disposable training equipment and \$3,000.00 for Paramedic scholarships. The Section has received billing invoices from some training sites and the process seems to be moving smoothly.

##### **III. AED Distribution/Survey:**

The AED press announcement was conducted yesterday at the Capitol regarding the placement of AEDs with first response teams and ambulance

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services within the State; 195 devices will be distributed to teams within the next 6 to 8 weeks. This is the fourth year the Section has applied for the federal funding. We are currently waiting on the next available grant guidance and application to apply for additional funding. The Section hopes funding will be available at the federal level to continue this program. I want to thank each of you for your support and assistance with the grant program.

The Section of EMS conducted a survey of all Arkansas Basic and Intermediate licensed ambulance services regarding the number of AEDs available to the services. Mrs. Stella Nelson, EMS Specialist, will review the results later as scheduled on the agenda. (Attachment #1)

### 1. Certification Update – Certification – Norajeane Miles:

#### March 31, 2006 recertification completed:

Recertifications packets sent	1330
Received and completed	1137
Those who lapsed or did not recertify (4/13/06)	252
Discrepancy; some lapsed EMT's have now recertified	

Anticipated 1452 recertifications due September 2006. Packets will be mailed June 6, 2006

#### Classes Approved by the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems for 2006

Basic classes: total: 56 - 3 were canceled - 5 not yet started  
Basic refresher classes: 86 classes – 4 not yet held  
Advanced classes: 20 in progress – 18 paramedic / 2 intermediate  
10 of paramedic classes participating in the NREMT Beta test June 5 to July 28  
Advanced Refresher classes: 30 classes – 3 have not started

#### Initial Certification/ Testing January through May 1, 2006

Basic Written exams administered: 25  
Also administered 4 practicals and 4 written end-of-month exams at the Section of EMS.

# students tested	303
# students successful	185
# students unsuccessful	118

Advanced Written exams administered 4  
Also administered 4 end of month written exams at the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems

# Paramedic students tested	58
# Paramedic students successful	39

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# Paramedic students unsuccessful 19

### Reciprocity:

#### Advance Reciprocity candidates:

Certified January to May	11
Office waiting on required documents	31
Waiting to purge	3

#### Basic Reciprocity candidates:

Certified January to May	8
Active – in some stage of process	58
Waiting to purge	6

### Continuing Education:

CEU total approved for 2004	2322
CEU total approved for 2005	2186
CEU scheduled so far in 2006	1832

A new Basic level training site was approved in November at Rich Mountain Community College, Mena, AR. First class of eleven students will test the practical on May 25, 2006 and written with the regional exam in Texarkana on June 8.

*\* Data for certification report reflects information current through May 15, 2006.*

**2. Regulatory Update – Regulatory – Larry New:** Since the March meeting, the 600 series and the 800 series inspections were completed. The inspections comprised of 58 different services and 157 ambulances. Renewal packets have been distributed to the 100 series ambulance services due in June. The inspection series will consist of 35 services and 105 ambulances. Submission of DNR Protocols: Of the 205 total licensed services, the Section has received DNR Protocols from 198 services. Approximately 97%.

#### New Skills Set Update:

CPAP 1 – Service  
Adult Tibial – 12 services  
Huber Needles – 1 submitted protocols, but has not submitted appropriate training program statements.

**3. Trauma Systems – Brian Nation:** Trauma Systems – 200 Arkansas pre-hospital Care Annual Report During 2005 102,797 encounters were reported to the Office of EMS and Trauma Systems Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services through the EMScan Pre-hospital Data Collection System. (Attachment II).

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### B. Committee Reports

1. EMSC – No Report; have not met
2. Training Committee – Jamin Snarr: Have not met, still working on 1<sup>st</sup> Responder
3. Rule & Regulations Committee – Have not met, no report
4. Air Ambulance Sub-committee – Michelle Staggs: The Air ambulance subcommittee met two weeks ago. They are reviewing current Rules & Regulations and have broken into several workgroups. Workgroups will concentrate on specific areas and will report progress back to the Air Ambulance Sub-committee. They will meet again prior to the next meeting, it was noted that there was a lack of attendance for fixed wing air services
5. Medical Sub-Committee – Have not met since last Board of Health meeting.
6. RSI Update – Dr. Calicott did not go before Board of Health with RSI. Will get a good support base before presenting request to Board of Health. Will work with Children's Hospital, UAMS and Board of Health members before presenting request to Board of Health.

### V. New Business

**A. AED Survey:** \$180,000 allocated for AED's for 2006. Stella Nelson presented Basic and Intermediate AED Survey conducted February 2006. (Attachment III).

Grant funds will permit the placement of 31 AED's to currently licensed ambulance services. This will leave approximately 6 – 8 ambulances without one. Older devices distributed by the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems are upgradeable. Manufacturer will upgrade at no cost, individuals will contact the manufacturer directly for upgrade. It was noted that the Section does not regulate the type of AEDs that can be utilized on ambulances.

There was a motion made by Dr. Schmidt to require Basic and Intermediate level ambulances to have an **AED** in their Ambulance. The motion was seconded by Rod Barrett and passed by the Council. The services will have until January 2007 to comply. Motion passed by Council.

**B. Test Result Survey:** Stella Nelson: Summary test results 2006 results from January - April 27, 2006. (Attachment III) Council noted pass/fail ratio of report. Jamin Snarr pointed out that the pass rate has increased for Arkansas and he was pleased with the progress. It was noted by Norajean Miles, Certification Administrator, that specific percentage breakdowns for

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seven areas of the written exam would no longer be available after January 1, 2007. This is due to the new computerized testing process. Students will be notified of areas of weaknesses not specific scores. Test results will be posted as pass or fail with areas of weaknesses noted.

### **VI. Open Discussion**

There was a motion made by Jamin Snarr to remove **Calcium Channel Blockers** from mandatory list and move it to optional drug list. The motion was seconded by Dr. Schmidt and passed Council.

There was a motion made by Michelle Staggs to remove **Activated Charcoal** from the mandatory equipment list for all levels of ambulance services. Seconded by Jamin Snarr, motion passed by the Council.

David Taylor stated he would present the items at the next Board of Health meeting in July 2006. Services must continue to carry calcium channel blockers & activated charcoal until notified by the Section. Other items that will be presented to the Board of Health: mandatory End-tidal CO2 detectors for advanced services (Intermediate, Paramedic, & Air) and mandatory placement of AEDs on Basic and Intermediate level ambulances.

### **VII. Next Meeting Date**

August 24, 2006 at the Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, AR.

### **VIII. Adjourn**

Motion made by Jamin Snarr to adjourn, second by William Seaton. Motion passed by Council and meeting was adjourned.