

Governor's Advisory Council
November 15, 2006
Minutes

Member's Present

Dr. Tim Calicott
Michelle Staggs
David Stoppel
CC McAlister
Jamin Snarr
Deloris Sykes
Monte Gagliardi
Rod Barrett
Garry Odom

ADH Staff

David Taylor
Sonya Sampson
Norajeane Miles
Addie Grigsby-Roshell
Larry New
Stella Nelson

Visitors

Ken Kelly
Chris Braithwrite
Denise Carson
Cathee Jerrell
M. Hutchinson
Leo Broughton
Maritin Bael, MD
Laura Guthrie
Sedley Tomlinson
Tim Pickering
Pam Rollens

Member's Absent

Fran Hickman
Todd Freeman
Dr. Marvin Leibovich
Kenneth Starnes
Dr. David Schmidt
Tony Hickerson
Doug Deurr
Richard Taft
Billy Artis
Dr. Len Kemp

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the Governor's EMS Advisory Council to order on November 15, 2006 at 1:50 p.m.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

The Governor's EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. Members and guest introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The floor was open for approval of the August 24, 2006 minutes. A motion was made by Garry Odom and seconded by David Stoppel to approve the August 24, 2006 minutes. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved by the Council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Director's Update – David Taylor gave the following Director's Update:

National Association of State EMS Officials:

During the October 2006 annual meeting a presentation was made to the National Association of State EMS Officers (NASEMSO) inviting them to hold their 2009 conference in Arkansas. Members of the association voted unanimously to hold the conference in Arkansas. In the near future, a representative from NASEMSO will visit the state to determine where the conference will be conducted. As time grows near, assistance will be needed from board members, associations and EMTs across the state to assist with the conference. This is a great opportunity for Arkansas to take a leading role in the EMS profession.

Salute to First Responders:

Two emergency responders from Arkansas joined peers from all 50 states who took part in the state of New York's Salute to First Responders in New York City on September 10, 2006. The salute was held to honor emergency responders for the work they do everyday to make their communities, states and the country more secure. The ceremony was part of observations marking the fifth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Arkansas State Police Sgt. Jason Aaron from Fort Smith and David Taylor represented Arkansas at the event held in World Trade Center Building #7 which overlooks the September 11th ground zero site in lower Manhattan. While in New York they visited the Ground Zero site and heard firsthand from fellow emergency responders about their experiences working in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks.

A flag from New York Governor George Pataki was presented to Governor Mike Huckabee. The flag was one of 50 flown over the World Trade Center site in recognition of all first responders.

Paramedic Scholarship/Equipment Program:

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care & the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems has been working diligently to close out this years paramedic scholarship & equipment grant. The Section distributed \$23,116.26 for scholarships to thirty-three (33) candidates. Funding in the amount of \$ 29,057.74 was also distributed to paramedic training sites to purchase non-disposable supplies. Total amount dispersed equaled \$52,174.00. Funding for this project will continue for FFY 07 in the amount of \$60,000. Funding will be distributed as follows: \$20,000 for equipment and \$40,000 for scholarships.

Arkansas Safety Summit- November 8, 2006:

Twenty emergency pre-hospital providers from across the state were invited to participate in a one-day summit to help the Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department develop a Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Key areas of discussion included: serious crash types, high-risk drivers, special vehicles, special roadway users, traffic records, and Emergency Medical Services.

The current Federal transportation reauthorization act entitled Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU) requires a safety plan to be developed for each state participating in the program. Emergency Medical Services has been identified within the programs guidelines regarding the development of a Strategic Highway Safety Plan. David Taylor will serve on the steering committee to assist with the plan and will keep the council informed of the program's progress.

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

September 31, 2006 recertification complete:

Recertifications packets sent-on June 6, 2006	1458
processed by 10/09/2006 (90.7%)	1322
14 were incomplete and requiring some additional information	
Of those who did not recertify: (above 14 included in numbers below)	
230 EMT-Ambulance	
25 EMT-Basic	
8 EMT- Intermediate	
32 EMT- Paramedics	
Total not completing recertification requirements	295

Classes Approved by the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems:

Basic classes	21 in process
Basic refresher classes:	5 approved to begin between now and end of 2006 (152 total approved since January 1, 2006)

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Advanced classes: 18 Paramedic & 5 Intermediate in progress completing 2007
Advanced Refresher classes: 0 scheduled between now and Jan 1, 2007
(45 total classes approved since 1/1/06)

Initial Certification/ Testing August 30 to Nov 12, 2006

Basic Written regional exams administered:	4
# students tested -first attempt	62

Also administered 3 practical and 3 written end-of-month exams at the Section of EMS.

Advanced exams administered	2
Finishing by Dec 30, 2006 (2 have exams scheduled)	3

Also administered 1 practical and 3 written end-of-month exams at the Section of EMS

Reciprocity

Advanced Reciprocity candidates	
Certified since January, 2006	40
Paramedics	38
Intermediates	2
Since last GAC in August	13
Active files waiting on required documents-	44
Basic Reciprocity candidates	
Certified since January, 2006:	28
Active files awaiting required information	39
14 of the 39 have been inactive for more that 3 months	

Continuing Education

CEU total approved for 2004	2322
CEU total approved for 2005	2186
CEU scheduled so far in 2006 Nov 14, 2006	3051

Data for this report reflects information current through November 14, 2006.

A-1 a Test Results - After reviewing the certification report, Ms. Miles showed a video presentation on National Registry Computer Based Testing.

A-2 Regulatory Report – Larry New gave the following Regulatory Report: Since the last council meeting in August 2006 the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems has inspected the 400 series and 500 series ambulance service. These inspections series consisted of 44 licensed services and 129 registered vehicles.

To date, the following number of services has been approved for optional skills:

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)	-	4
Central Venous Device Access	-	2
Huber Needle	-	7
Adult I.O.	-	21

As of November 14, 2006 there are currently 202 licensed Arkansas ambulance services and 604 registered ambulances. This includes ground and air services.

A-3 Trauma Systems Report – David Taylor gave the Trauma Systems Report: A trip to Washington State has been scheduled to visit their Trauma Systems program during the month of December. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Trauma Advisory Council are invited to attend. A visit has already been made to Oklahoma's Trauma System. The Trauma Council meeting for November 16, 2006 has been cancelled and rescheduled for November 29, 2006 at 3 p.m.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-1 EMSC - Addie Grigsby-Roshell gave the following EMSC report: The EMSC Committee has been reorganized. The committee is required to fill 14 positions. The committee is also working on a grant process that will have to be submitted electronically with several reports throughout the year. The program will conduct a survey of all hospitals throughout state on pediatric and disaster preparedness.

B-2 Training Committee – Jamin Snarr gave the Training Committee Report. The committee met on November 15, 2006. Several Training Sites have not registered their sites with National Registry regarding computer base testing. They have been notified by the Section and have not responded. A paramedic career survey will be sent out by the Section and reviewed by the Office of Rural Health. Results will be provided to the Council. Dr. Jones, Arkansas Children's Hospital presented a program to the Training Committee regarding EpiPens and the committee voted unanimously to support the program. The committee will construct a training plan/curriculum. It is requested by the committee that the Council's Medical Subcommittee provide sample protocols once the program is implemented. Rich Mountain Community College submitted an application to achieve Arkansas accreditation as an Intermediate training site and would like to start class in January 2007. Monte Gagliardi made a motion to approve Rich Mountain Community College at the Intermediate level only if the site meets all state accreditation requirements during the required site visit scheduled during the month of December 2006. The Section will report results back to the Council regarding the visit and recommendation. Motion seconded by David Stoppel upon their site visit completed by December 2006. Motioned passed by council. University of Arkansas of Hope has submitted an application to achieve Paramedic Training Site designation. State accreditation cannot be issued until National accreditation is obtained. However, recent changes regarding National accreditation have changed and the site will not be able to obtain national accreditation for approximately one year. David Taylor will meet with Agency attorneys regarding the conflict within the current EMS Rules and Regulations and will report to the Council. A site visit will be schedule during the month of December to move forward with the State accreditation requirements.

B-3 Rules & Regulation Committee – NO REPORT; Michelle Staggs made motion to breakout the Rules & Regulation Committee into categories and assign

a facilitator to each subgroup. The committee will be comprised of volunteers from the EMS community to meet on a monthly basis, and for the Rules and Regulation Committee to voluntarily meet on a quarterly basis with a goal of a one year draft. The motion was seconded by David Stoppel and the motion was passed by the Council.

B-4 Air Ambulance Sub-Committee – Michelle Staggs gave the report from the Air Ambulance sub-committee. The committee met briefly November 15, 2006. The Task Force members are working on various issues. The Task Force will meet in December 2006 via a conference call to get things lined out for the February Council meeting. Hopefully, a draft will be presented to the Air Ambulance Sub-committee then forward to the Council for review.

B-5 EMS Data Committee – Garry Odom gave the EMS Data Committee Report. The EMS Data Committee met October 18 and November 15, 2006. They are developing team members - pulling volunteers from several areas of the profession. The committee has developed a unique mission statement and has goals to move forward. The committee would like to obtain data from EMS, hospitals and other individuals throughout the state to help them improve the current data collection system. They will review grant opportunities to help the state move forward in data collection. Improved data collection will assist the state in initiatives such as RSI and move the state forward. The committee is expected to meet again January 30, 2007.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. AR Program for Pediatric Ventilator Assisted Living (APPVAL) – Dr. Martin Bauer of Children’s Hospital addressed the Council on APPVAL. He stated that Pediatric Ventilators are durable enough to be cared for at home. The Council requested Dr. Bauer to come to EMS Conference next year to give talk on CPAP and other skills. Dr. Bauer accepted the invitation and will get with the EMS Conference Chair to schedule a date and time.

VI. Nominations / Elections of Officers – The Floor was open for nominations for the EMS Advisory Council for the following:

Timothy Calicott was nominated as EMS Advisory Council Chair. Michelle Staggs made the motion to close nominations and the motion was seconded by David Stoppel. The motion was passed by the Council. **Timothy Calicott will be the EMS Advisory Council Chairman for 2007.**

Jamin Snarr was nominated as the EMS Advisory Council Vice-Chair. Rod Barrett made the motion to close nominations and the motion was seconded by Michelle Staggs. The motion was passed by Council. **Jamin Snarr will be the EMS Advisory Council Vice-Chairman for 2007.**

Michelle Staggs was nominated as EMS Advisory Council Parliamentarian. David Stoppel made the motion to close nominations and Garry Odom seconded

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the motion. The motion was passed by the Council. **Michelle Staggs will be the EMS Advisory Council Parliamentarian for 2007.**

VII. NEXT MEETING DATES

The 2007 EMS Advisory Council scheduled meeting dates were handed out with one date change. The following are the scheduled dates for the 2007 EMS Advisory Council Meetings:

February 14, 2007	1:30 pm	Freeway Medical Tower Little Rock
May 16, 2007	1:30 pm	Freeway Medical Tower Little Rock
July 19, 2007 (Thurs)	1:30 pm	Freeway Medical Tower Little Rock
November 14, 2007	1:30 pm	Freeway Medical Tower Little Rock

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council will be held at the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems on February 14, 2007 at 1:30 pm

VIII. ADJOURN

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.