

Approved July 30, 2009

Governor's Advisory Council

May 20, 2009

MINUTES

Member's Present

Dr. Tim Calicott
Garry Odom
Norbert Gunderman, Jr.
Sidney Ward
David Stoppel
Rod Barrett
Jamin Snarr
Cathee Terrell
Karl Wagenhouser
Deloris Sykes
Todd Freeman
Kenneth Starnes
Steven Henson

Member's Absent

Billy Artis
Dr. Rodney Dixon
Doug Duerr
Dr. Darren Flamik
Jeff Priebe
Tony Hickerson

ADH Staff

David Taylor
Sonya Sampson
Norajean Miles Harrell
Addie Grigsby-Roshell
Larry New
Brian Nation
Stella Nelson
Detrich Smith
Amy Anthony
Helen Huitt

Visitors

Steven R Sing	Denis Carson	Donna Ward	Keith Edwards
Joel Hennington	Danny Bercher		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the Governor’s Advisory Council meeting to order on May 20, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Members and guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The floor was opened for approval of the February 11, 2009 minutes. A motion was made by David Stoppel and seconded by Garry Odom to approve the minutes. The motion was passed by the Council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A - Section Chief Update – David Taylor provided the following Section Chief Update:

The Section currently has one EMS Specialist vacancy. The Section is currently advertising for applicants and will keep the Council advised of the progress.

Two PowerPoint presentations were made to the Council regarding the 87th General Assembly (see attachment #1) with the first relating to new legislation that will impact the Emergency Medical Services profession and the second concerning The 2008 EMS Needs Assessment. To view the assessment visit www.healthyarkansas.com/ems

A-1 Certification Update – Norajean Miles-Harrell distributed and presented the following certification report:

Certification Report for EMS Advisory Council: May 20, 2009

March recertification (ongoing)

Recertifications packets mailed on January 6, 2009 – 1478
Received and processed by April 1, 2009 – 1094 (384 lapsed)
Received and processed by May 19, 2009 - 1201 (267 did not recertify)

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

Basic classes	83 scheduled/completed during 2008 46 classes scheduled for 2009 (32 completing in April/May)
Basic Refresher classes:	158 scheduled/completed during 2008 111 scheduled for 2009

	(107 already complete)
Advanced classes:	15 scheduled during 2008 (9 will complete in 2009) 13 ongoing classes (completing in 2009)
Advanced Refresher classes:	58 completed in 2008 43 already held in 2009 (3 scheduled but not yet held)

New Certification

Certified in 2007 (includes reciprocity)	549
Certified in 2008 (includes reciprocity)	584
Certified to date in 2009 (includes reciprocity)	297

Reciprocity

Advanced Reciprocity candidates:

Certified via Reciprocity in 2008	63
Complete via Reciprocity to date in 2009	10
Active files waiting on required documents	14

Basic Reciprocity candidates

Certified via reciprocity in 2008	56
Active files waiting on required documents	35
Complete via Reciprocity to date in 2009	5

Continuing Education

CEU total approved in 2007	2667
CEU total approved in 2008	2761
CEU approved to date in 2009	1807

Statewide totals: Current (5/20/09) **6052** (2/9/09) **6174** (5/07/08) **5986**

EMT-Ambulance	4021	4083	3955
EMT- Basic	270	271	294
EMT- Intermediate	143	155	159
EMT- Paramedic	1618	1665	1577

Advanced Stroke Life Support (ASLS) Instructor Class - The ASLS instructor class was jointly sponsored by the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems and the Section of Cardiovascular Health. The class was held on April 16th, twenty-six (26) instructors completed the course. Currently a total of 52 instructors have completed the course with 22 currently on the waiting list for a class scheduled in October. Data for this report reflects information current through May 19, 2009.

A-2 Regulatory Report - Larry New provided the following regulatory report:

Total Background Investigations for 2008: 27

Denied Certification: 11
Non-Disqualifying offenses: 16

Total Amb./EMT Investigations for 2008: 28

Total EMT Revocations: 3
Total Ambulance Revocations: 0
Total EMT Suspensions: 3
Total Suspensions Amb. Serv: 0
Total EMT Probation: 3
Total Amb. Serv. Probation: 2
Total EMT Written Warning: 4
Total Amb. Serv. Written Warning: 3

Investigations carried over from 2008: 16
Total Investigations for 2008: 71
Total completed investigations for 2008: 55

Since the EMS Advisory Council meeting in February 2009, the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems has completed the following inspections:

600 series – 35 ambulance services – 99 ambulances inspected
800 series – 21 ambulance services – 81 ambulances inspected

The next inspection series is the 100 series consisting of 32 ambulance services and 111 ambulances. The 100 series are due on June 30, 2009.

Total Ambulance Services: 197
Total Ambulances: 640

Optional Skills:

RSI	16	CPAP	51
CVAV	1	Huber Needle	20
Cardiac Thrombolitics	7	EZ-IO	43

A-3 Trauma Systems Report – Brian Nation gave the following Trauma Systems Report:

The Section of EMS and Trauma Systems is working diligently to establish a trauma system in Arkansas. Letters of intent and applications for hospitals to receive start-up grants to work toward trauma designation were recently mailed. These are due back to the office by July 1, 2009 so that the documentation can be reviewed and awards can be made as soon as possible. Similar application packets will be mailed out to EMS services in the near future.

Great strides have been made in data collection efforts. The EMS system for data collection will work with the trauma registry as part of the trauma system. The new Web Enabled version of the software has helped the Section to achieve better submission than it has seen in many years.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-1 EMSC – Addie Grigsby provided the EMSC report – We are pleased to announce that the Arkansas EMSC Grant Program was approved for the 2009 – 2010 federal fiscal year. It is our goal to continue to assist the EMS community by improving pediatric care. One objective for the year is to offer pediatric focused training throughout the state. We have scheduled the Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professional (PEPP) courses in a couple of regions around the state. In addition to PEPP, we are looking into offering some safety training and injury prevention workshops. We would like to welcome Ms. Myra Wood to the EMSC Advisory Committee. Ms. Wood will serve as our Family Representative. Today, Wednesday May 20, 2009 is EMSC Day. We are proud to announce that this year the EMSC Program celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

B-2 Training Committee – Jamin Snarr gave the following report: The Training Committee met on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. An update was provided related to the 2008 EMS Needs Assessment and the committee reviewed 2008 exam test results. The state is still experiencing a high failure rate and the committee will have more discussion at next meeting. The Advance Stroke Class went well and the attendance was excellent. Jerry Hutchinson, Texarkana College discussed the possibility of Texarkana College applying for designation as an Arkansas Paramedic Training Site. The Committee will review his application and conduct a site review and provide findings to the Council.

B-3 EMS Rules & Regulations Committee – David Taylor provided the following report: The EMS Rules & Regulations Committee has not met due to the legislative session. The last meeting was held in April 2009 regarding licensure and registration. The workgroups will meet in the near future to move the process forward.

B-4 Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee – David Stoppel provided the following report. The Air Ambulance Sub-committee met on May 13, 2009. The group was provided a legislative update by David Taylor regarding new legislation that will impact the Emergency Medical Services profession. The committee is continuing to review weather turn down systems. The group also discussed EMS Week and activities. The next committee meeting will occur in Hot Springs on July 30th at 8:00 a.m.

B-5 EMS Data Committee – One-hundred and fifty ambulance services have installed the new software. Six services are using outside vendors and several are working with the vendor directly to resolve networking issues. Dr. Calicott suggested that if grant monies come available for ambulance services related to trauma system development, that monies be withheld to ambulance services that are not submitting data. The Section has mailed several letters to all ambulance services related to the new software and data collection requirements. The Section is conducting a four year data submission survey of all ambulance service and results will be distributed to the ambulance services.

C. PROJECT UPDATES

C-1 RSI Update – Dr. Calicott distributed the Arkansas Drug Assisted Intubation Program Data Report May 2008 to Council members. Ambulance services can now submit data points via the internet. This will assist in the processing of data reports. (see attachment # 2)

C-2 Volunteer for AHA Stroke Committee - Dr. Calicott requested a volunteer to assist with the American Heart Association Stroke Committee. Dr. Calicott has resigned from his position on the Stroke Committee and would like for someone on the EMS Governor's Advisory Council to take his place as the EMS representative. The committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Heart Association. Steve Henson suggested that Matt Brumley would be a good candidate and he will contact him to see if he would accept the position. David Taylor will assist Mr. Brumley regarding contact information related to the committee.

C-3 2008 EMS Needs Assessment - David Taylor provided a PowerPoint presentation at the beginning of the Council meeting. Individuals can view the 2008 EMS Needs Assessment at www.healthyarkansas.com/ems

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Update – David Taylor handed out and presented a power point presentation on legislative issues pertinent to EMS (see attachment #1)

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- B. **By-laws** – By-laws were sent to all EMS Advisory Council members. After review, some members had questions and wanted to make revisions to the document. David Taylor discussed that the Council by-laws will permit members to participate in Council meetings via phone conference once the by-laws are passed. Dr. Calicott suggested that all members read over the by-laws thoroughly and submit suggested revisions to David Taylor by June 11, 2009.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

- A. **Council Member Name Badges** - Dr. Calicott suggested that all EMS Governor’s Advisory Council Members wear name badges at the EMS Conference in Hot Springs. David Taylor will try to obtain name badges by the next meeting.
- B. **EMSC Council Member Representation** - Rod Barrett stated that the Arkansas EMT Association was unable to add the Council’s request to add an EMSC representative to the EMS Advisory Council during the past legislative session within the EMT licensure Bill. This goal will be attempted again during the 2011 legislative session.
- C. **ACT 689 “Licensure” Presentation** – Rod Barrett presented a framing of Act 689 “An Act to Provide for the Licensure for Emergency Medical Service Personnel” to the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems to display in the office for all licensed Emergency Medical Services Personnel to view. Mr. Barrett thanked Leslie and Keith Edmonds for donating the framing for all to enjoy.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Governor’s Advisory Council will be held July 30, 2009 at the EMS Conference in Hot Springs, 1:00 p.m. Room TBA

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Garry Odom and seconded by David Stoppel. Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm