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EMS Advisory Council

August 17, 2005
Minutes

Member's Present

Jamin Snarr
Delois Sykes
Tim Tackett
Michelle Staggs
Kenneth Starnes
Monte Gagliardi
Rod Barrett
Doug Duerr
Jamin Snarr
Dr. Calicott
Timothy Tackett
Billy Artis
Tony Hickerson

Member's Absent

Dr. Marvin Leibovich
Leonard Krout
Fran Hickman

ADH Staff

David Taylor
Brian Nation
Sonya Sampson
Norajean Miles
Larry New
Sonya Ward
Dawn Dutcher

Visitors

Ken Kelly	Robert Carter	Daniel Sweeza	David Serg
Sueelyn Fry	Pam Rales	Kyle Roach	Tommy Norwood
Jeff Evans	Mile Williamson	Jarrod Nall	Sandy Pryor
William Reed	Danny Bercher	SSG Garry Odom	Sarren Flamik
Dwayne Aalseth	Sedley Tomlinson	Kelly McCauley	Tom Picky
Debra Barnes	Connie Eastlee	Timothy Kunder	Laura Guthrie

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Jamin Snarr called the Governor’s Advisory council to order on August 17, 2005 1:30 p.m. at the Office of EMS & Trauma Systems.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Members and guest were welcomed to the meeting and were asked to introduce themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The floor was opened for approval of the June 28, 2005 Minutes. A Motion was made by Kenneth Starnes to approve the June 28, 2005 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Michelle Staggs and passed by the Council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Director’s Update – David Taylor presented the Director’s update. The following was handed out for review and discussion:

Vacancies- EMS Specialist and EMSC Coordinator.
Interviews will be conducted during the month of August for the EMS Specialist position. The EMSC Coordinator position will be advertised during the month of August.

Rural Access to Emergency Devices:

On July 20, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Capitol Building Rotunda a press conference was held to announce the placement of 356 AEDs to approved applicants. Office colleagues distributed AEDs on July 20, 21, & 22, 2005. Four ambulance services applied during this grant period and six AEDs were placed with services.

During the month of November 2004 the Office conducted a survey to assess current utilization of AED’s by basic life support ambulance services. The following information was obtained during the survey:

Number	Action Taken
75	Ambulance services contacted during survey
109	BLS units identified in survey
58	BLS units are equipped with AEDs
44	BLS units are not equipped and would like to obtain an AED
6	6 BLS/Special Purpose ambulances do not desire placement of AEDs
1	BLS unit – Availability of AED unknown – Not available for contact

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On June 1, 2005 the Office was notified by Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) of a new grant award of \$188,521 to continue to place AEDs with first response teams and ambulance services throughout rural communities. The application process will be distributed during the month of October 2005.

Paramedic Scholarship/Equipment Program

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care & the Office of EMS was notified by HRSA of a grant award in the amount of \$60,000. Funding will be utilized for non-disposable training equipment and provide scholarships for paramedic students. Funding will be distributed during state fiscal year 2006.

Merger ADH & DHS

Effective August 11, 2005 the Arkansas Department of Health and the Department of Human Service merged to create the Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Paul Halverson was named Director of the Division of Health. The Division of Health will have four areas of operations that will include the following: Center for Health Protection, Center for Health Advancement, Center for Local Public Health, and Center for Public Health Practice. Council members will be notified when additional information is obtained regarding the Office of EMS & Trauma Systems.

Certification – Norajean Miles gave the certification update. She provided the following handouts for review and discussion:

Recertification

September 30, 2005 (in process)

Recertification packets sent-	1368
Recertification packets received-	180
Pending –needing additional information	3
Percent presently recertified	13%

June 30, 2005 (complete) numbers current 8/15/05

Recertification packets sent-	158
Recertification packets received-	109
Did not recertified-	61
Percent successfully recertified	68.9%

Initial Certification/ Testing January through May 31, 2005

Basic Written exams administered:	8
# students tested	114
# students successful	48

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# students unsuccessful	66
awaiting results for	4 classes

Advanced Written exams administered	10
# Paramedic students tested	55
# Paramedic students successful	27
# Paramedic students unsuccessful	28
# Intermediate students tested	8
# Intermediate students successful	7
# Intermediate students unsuccessful	1
awaiting results for	1 class

Reciprocity

Advance Reciprocity candidates	
Total for January to June, 2005	15

Since June 16, 2005

Complete:	5	=20 for 2005
Office waiting on required documents-	16	
Waiting to purge	2	
Active candidates	20	

Basic Reciprocity candidates	
Total for January to December, 2004	12
Total for January to June, 2005	3

Since June 16, 2005:

Complete	3	= 6 for 2005
Inactive or waiting on required documents	44	
Military (all pre June except one)	5 in process	
	1 complete	

Continuing Education

CEU total for 2004	2322
CEU classes approved January through May, 2005	1184
CEU classes approved June to August 16, 2005	553

Data for this report reflects information current through August 16, 2005.

Regulatory – Larry New gave the Regulatory update. Discussed the following: 100 and 300 series inspected. 171 vehicles inspected 59 services from June 1 – July 30, 2005. The 400 and 500 series are scheduled next for inspection.

Trauma Systems – Brian Nation gave the Trauma Systems update. He reported that he had hosted a trauma coordinators meeting to bring coordinators in to train them on the TraumaScan system. This training was conducted to promote the Trauma Registry data collection system for Trauma Centers. He applied and received \$40,000 for trauma grant for FY 06. There was a question if any funds were available to maintain trauma coordinators at various sites. Brian will

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provide a report in November on efforts to get legislation to help with these issues.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **EMSC – NO REPORT.** Have not met.

2. **Training Committee** – Dr. Monte Gagliardi gave training committee report on 1st responders.

a. **Scope of Practice** - Dr. Gagliardi gave the report. Letter of recommendation was sent to the Scope of Practice Task Force regarding the Training Committees concerns and suggested modifications. At this time, the Committee has not received any additional information concerning revisions. David Taylor said that he should receive information from Director's meeting and will bring information back to the GAC at next meeting.

b. **First Responders** – Training Committee is continuing to look towards a **Voluntary** National certification based on the National Standard Curriculum- Department of Transportation 40 hour First Responder course. The Arkansas First Responder Society has been invited to attend Training Committee meetings to participate with voluntary certification process. A Task force has been put in place and will be chaired by Lisa Robles and two representatives from each Arkansas EMT Association-Society to work on a draft proposal to work towards state/national certification of First Responders.

Question was asked if the Rules and Regulations would have to be amended. David Taylor's stated that the Department would have to review the proposal to determine if the Rules and Regulations would have to be modified or if this could be done by legislation. If done by legislation, a time frame would be given to develop Rules & Regulations to meet outlined legislation.

c. **New Positions on Training Committee-**

Training Committee has recommended that two positions be added to the committee, one representative from the Arkansas First Responder Society and one representative from the military.

3. **Rules and Regulation Committee -**

a. **DNR Update** – Kenneth Starnes gave the report. DNR Rules and Regulations went through Health Department slowly due to the merger, but should be finalized by October 2005.

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4. Air Ambulance Subcommittee – Report given by Michelle Staggs. EMT Certification requirement for Flight Nurses was discussed. Committee voted **not to approve** a proposal to permit a Flight Nurses to work without an EMT certification for the first year of employment. If the proposal passed, the Flight Nurse would be granted a one-year grace period to obtain their EMT certification. The committee elected to meet on a quarterly basis. They will meet on the same day as the EMS Advisory Council. Meetings will start at 11:30 a.m.

C. IO CLINICAL INVESTIGATION- Tim Calicott gave report. Study has not started study due to lack of funding to purchase needles. Currently seeking funding to assist with study.

D. ECC – No Report

E. BOARD OF HEALTH REQUEST

1. **Heber Needles** – Request from Central EMS to request for emergency central venous device access as optional equipment on paramedic ambulance in Arkansas. Request needs to be to Board of Health by September 2005. Dr. Calicott will chair committee to get request to Board of Health.
2. **CPAP** – No Report
3. **RSI** - No Report
4. **Optional Medication List-** No Report

V. NEW BUSINESS

AEDs- It was suggested to add AED's to the mandatory equipment list for basic level ambulance services. A motion was made by Rod Barrett and seconded by Michelle Staggs to send out a survey to all basic licensed ambulance services regarding placement of AEDs. Results will be submitted at next meeting. David Taylor will give report at next GAC meeting. Motion passed by the Council.

Stipend Payments for Council Members- Effective July 1, 2005 board or commission members receiving stipend will be considered state employee and will be subject to federal and state tax withholdings. If any member would like to receive their stipend, they must submit all paperwork to Sonya Sampson.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council will be held at the Office of EMS & Trauma Systems, November 16, 2005.

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VIII. ADJOURN

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned.