

Minutes

KAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 24, 2001

KY Dam Village Inn - Gilbertsville, KY

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| Region 1 | Mark Harrison (Secretary) | Present |
| Region 2 | Nell Thomas | Present |
| Region 3 | Greg Ellis | Present |
| Region 4 | Mike Swift (President) | Present |
| Region 5 | Barry Brown | Present |
| Region 6 | Sherman Hockenbury | Present |
| Region 7 | Mark Bailey | Present |
| Region 8 | Don Adams | Absent |
| Region 9 | Bob Dixon | Absent |
| Region 10 | Michael Mason | Absent |
| Region 11 | Joe Bradshaw (Vice-President) | Absent |
| Region 12 | Charlie Shaw | Absent |
| Region 13 | Brian Lindell | Present |
| Region 14 | James Ritchey | Present |
| Region 15 | John David Gantly | Absent |
| Region 16 | Bob Gainer | Present |
| At Large | Jim Butler Billy Miller Jim Inman John Blumenstock Jamie Locke | Present Present Present Present Present |
| Others Attending | Nancy Gainer and Gerald Stewart | |

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Call to Order | President Swift called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CT. | |
| Approval of the Minutes | Motion by S. Hockenbury to accept the minutes of the January meeting as written. Second by Jim Inman. | Motion passed |
| Treasurer's Report | Billy Miller presented the report. Current bank balance of all account is \$19,969.15. Motion to accept by B. Gainer, second by J. Locke. | Motion passed |
| Medicare Report | President Swift reported. It appears that claims are presently being paid in a timely manner. It was noted that providers need to be aware that some money may have to be returned to AdminaStar following a Post Payment Audit (PPA). John Blumenstock- Recently attended a Washington meeting with Kentucky's Congressional Delegation. National Ambulance Fee Schedule probably will not be implemented until October 2001 at the earliest. Implementation of Patient condition codes is questionable. | |

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| | <p>Motion by J. Ritchey and second by B. Miller that the President of KAPA be authorized for reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by testifying at the Congressional hearings in Washington on behalf of Kentucky's ambulance providers.</p> <p>Part B Claims- Paid claims on appeal are paid minus 10%. If they were appealed in a timely manner, providers are due to be refunded the 10% previously withheld. So far, the refunds are not being received. It was noted that claims filed with more than 40 miles charged would be reviewed for compliance with regard to the nearest medical facility.</p> <p>Part A Claims- Mark Harrison reported. In early February a Part A Provider Relations meeting was held in Louisville. AdminaStar and HCFA conducted this meeting. Attendance was good. AdminaStar was supposed to address a short list of issues submitted to them by the KAPA Subcommittee on Part A Medicare. Instead, they followed their own agenda, explaining for hours in language only they pretend to understand about how to properly file claims. They were not prepared to respond to any specific questions nor did they address any of the issues/concerns submitted by KAPA.</p> <p>Since that meeting, President Swift has talked with David Elliot of AdminaStar. All Part A providers who need assistance may contact Mr. Elliot to schedule an individual meeting.</p> <p>Air Ambulance- John Blumenstock reported. Closest appropriate facility is an issue but progress is being made. The question is what is the appropriate medical facility for air ambulance? In the past, claims had to be appealed in order for the provider to find out which facility AdminaStar considers to be the nearest appropriate. Mr. Blumenstock has been working with Sen. Bunnings office to help resolve the issues.</p> | Motion Passed |
| EMS Conference Committee Report | <p>Jim Butler reported. The conference committee has been meeting and planning the agenda for the 2001 conference in Owensboro. Jim will meet next week with the Motel staff. Vendor letters have been mailed. Updated information will be posted on the EMS Connection. Flyers will be mailed in June.</p> | |

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| | Motion by James Ritchey and second by Jamie Locke that KAPA not pay for or provide alcohol at any event. | Motion passed |
| Legislative Committee Report | James Ritchey and Gerald Stewart reported. Mr. Stewart discussed changes made to the Kentucky Retirement System by the 2001 General Assembly. He suggested that KAPA and KFA might consider working together financially in the future in order to lobby on behalf of our respective interests. James Ritchey gave an overview of bills, which passed including those that did not pass during the 2001 session. | None needed |
| KBEMS Status | Chairman Mark Bailey reported. Brian Bishop has been hired as the Executive Director. Completed transition of power from the Cabinet to KBEMS. Completed four public comment meetings on the new regulations. The next Administrative Regulations Committee meeting will be April 10. All committees and subcommittees are being reviewed for possible adjustments and/or reorganization. Applications are currently being accepted for personnel. Several pieces of property have been examined in an effort to permanently relocate the KBEMS office. | None needed |
| EMS Olympics | Tom Furgerson and David Mather from KAEMT reported. Regional EMS competitions are being planned with all first and second place regional winners to compete at the final competition to be held during the 2001 KY EMS Conference in September. KAEMT needs to raise \$7,600 to cover all expenses for the competitions. Vendor spots are being sold for \$800 each. Motion by Sherman Hockenbury and second by Nell Thomas for KAPA to donate \$800 to KAEMT to support the Olympics, contingent upon the Olympics actually taking place. KAEMT will make a firm decision by April 7. | Motion passed |
| Legislature 2002 | President Swift commented that we need to communicate and bridge with all entities and create a united position on various issues of mutual concern. James Ritchey requested that KAPA's Legislative Committee make plans to travel to four or five different areas of Kentucky to conduct provider meetings in an effort to hear a wide array of issues and concerns. Motion by Sherman Hockenbury and second by Brian Lindell to approve reasonable expenses and to allow the committee to schedule and | Motion passed |

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| | attend these meetings. | |
| Special Guest-Speaker of the House Jodi Richards | House Speaker Jodi Richards addressed the Board and offered his continued support of KAPA. He commented briefly about HB 405 and about the recent legislative session as well. | None needed |
| KAPA Dues | Discussion ensued regarding the amount of dues and the future financial needs of the association. Motion by Brian Lindell and second by John Blumenstock to increase dues from \$50 to \$100. Dues for volunteer services will increase from \$25 to \$50. Motion by Jamie Locke and second by John Blumenstock to set the associate member annual dues at \$50. | Motion passed Motion passed |
| Board Member Attendance | President Swift requested that the Secretary mail a copy of the by-laws to all Board members noting the section that relates to attendance. Also, to send a list of attendance for the past year to the President. | None needed |
| Next Meeting | The next meeting was set for June 12 th in Glasgow, KY. | |
| Adjournment 3:00 PM | Motion to adjourn by S. Hockenbury and second by B. Gainer. | Motion passed |

Submitted by Mark A. Harrison, Secretary
KAPA Region 1