

Minutes

KAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 16, 2001

Fire Training Center Elizabethtown, KY

Region 1	Mark Harrison (Secretary)	Present
Region 2	Nell Thomas	Absent
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	Present
Region 10	Michael Mason	Present
Region 11	Joe Bradshaw (Vice-President)	Present
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 Absent Absent Present Present
Others Attending	Approximately 25 people from the membership were present. A sign-in sheet is attached.	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	President Swift called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. Sympathy is extended to Keith McCormick and family whose daughter was killed in an automobile accident yesterday in Morehead.	
Minutes Approval	Motion by S. Hockenbury to accept the minutes of the December meeting as written. Second by B. Gainer.	Motion passed
Treasurer's Report	Billy Miller could not be present at today's meeting but faxed the report to the President. KAPA has no outstanding bills and has a total bank balance of \$22,163.52. Motion to accept by J. Blumenstock and second by B. Gainer.	Motion passed
Legislative Committee Report	Chairman Ira Dyer could not be present. James Ritchey reported. The committee has reviewed all legislative bills filed to date. It is believed that HB 33 will be withdrawn and the intent of the bill can be achieved through administrative regulations. The	None Needed

	committee supports this. KAPA will support an effort for the state to establish a task force to study the need for EMS funding. KAPA will also support a bill that deals with a mother abandoning her baby. On January 17 th , some KAPA Board members will be meeting with Senator Williams, President of the Senate, to discuss current Medicare funding issues and to solicit assistance and support to resolve the problems.	
EMS Conference Committee Report	Jim Butler reported that the committee met last Tuesday. The 2001 conference will be September 10 - 16 in Owensboro. We will not be merging with KENA/APCO but will see if it can be accomplished in 2002. An addition this year will be the EMS competition finals and a golf scramble. The next committee meeting will be March 1 st at Anderson County Ambulance Service.	None Needed
Past President	Mike Swift recognized Bob Gainer for his hard work over the past few years as President of the association and for his continued support.	None Needed
AdminaStar Report	<p>President Swift spoke at length regarding the current situation concerning ambulance providers and AdminaStar. He stated that two providers have received advanced payments recently. This is the first time ever for a Part B provider to receive an advanced payment. Three more KY Ambulance Providers are talking seriously about closing their services very soon. Currently, it is estimated that \$13,000,000 YES MILLION, in ambulance Medicare claims is outstanding. AdminaStar recently stated that significant internal guidelines will be implemented soon but KAPA has no idea what the guidelines are.</p> <p>Five educational seminars have been scheduled in different regions of the state starting on the 17th. Attending each of these will be Lt. Governor Henry and officials from HCFA and AdminaStar. Ambulance providers and their billing staff are strongly encouraged to attend one of these seminars.</p>	None Needed
Jerry Key- President of the Indiana Ambulance Association	Jerry Key addressed the group. AdminaStar processes Medicare claims for both Kentucky and Indiana. He stated that Indiana's situation is very similar to that of Kentucky's. His association supports a joint meeting of association representatives, HCFA, AdminaStar-Federal and David Werfel. Mr. Werfel is the President of the American Ambulance Association (AAA). The two associations would split the cost	

	<p>equally of bringing in Mr. Werfel.</p> <p>S. Hockenbury made a motion to pay 50% of fees and expenses to get David Werfel to meet in Louisville as stated above. His fee is \$3,500.00 plus expenses. Second by J. Blumenstock. A roll call vote was taken. There will be a joint KAPA and Indiana Ambulance Providers Association meeting following the earlier meeting with Mr. Werfel.</p>	Motion Passed With All In Favor
Request to Alter Agenda	President Swift asked for a motion to alter the agenda due to a special called meeting by Governor Patton at 4:00pm today to discuss the "diversion issue". Motion by B. Gainer and second by J. Blumenstock.	Motion Passed
James Ritchey-KBEMS Regulations Committee Report	<p>James Ritchey explained that at the last meeting of the regulations committee, the diversion language was removed from the ambulance ground regulations. The request to remove this language was made to the committee on behalf of the City of Louisville and it was further stated that this was a non-issue. We now know that it is an issue since ALL emergency regulations have been delayed from being signed by the Governor because the City of Louisville wants the diversion plan to stay in the regulation.</p> <p>Sherman Hockenbury commented that perhaps the diversion plan should remain in the emergency regulations in order to get them signed in a timely manner. Then later, public hearings can be held and amend them as necessary. Sherman also explained why the plan is needed in Louisville and how it was developed. He suggested that perhaps if left in place, it could be dealt with through the waiver process.</p> <p>John Blumenstock made similar comments about the diversion plan and the issues surrounding it.</p> <p>Motion by J. Ritchey that KAPA recommend to KBEMS to re-insert the original diversion language into the emergency ground ambulance regulations at their next meeting on February 1st. Second by J. Butler. This would allow all delayed regulations to be signed by the Governor.</p>	Motion Passed
Part A Sub-Committee	President Swift commented that KAPA represents Medicare Part B & Part A providers as well. There is only about 12 Part A ambulance providers in Kentucky. However, they are experiencing problems	None Needed

	also. He will form a sub-committee to address the Part A problems.	
KY Judges Association	A draft letter has been sent to the association. They will be distributed to all County Judge Executives for each county's use and sent to AdminaStar. The association has passed a resolution supporting KAPA on this issue. A big thanks goes to Judge Stratton for his efforts and assistance.	None Needed
Legal Council	Several names of Attorneys have been submitted for consideration. After some discussion, J. Bradshaw made a motion to retain John Rogers on a per hour basis. Second by B. Gainer.	Motion Passed
Next Meeting	Motion by M. Harrison to have the next KAPA meeting in Marshall County at the KY Dam Village Inn State Park on March 23 - 24. Second by S. Hockenbury.	Motion Passed
Adjourn at 3:45pm	Motion by J. Locke to adjourn. Second by J. Bradshaw.	Motion Passed

Submitted by Mark A. Harrison, Secretary
KAPA Region 1