

**Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association
Board Meeting Minutes**



Meeting Date: April 21, 2016

Meeting Location: Laurel County EMS

Board members in attendance:

Region	Board Member (^ = Even Year term)	Present or Absent
At-Large	Kevin Callihan	Absent
At-Large	Rick Driskill (Secretary)	Absent
At-Large	William Dukes ^	Present
At-Large	Aaron Stamper	Present
At-Large	Ashley Powell ^	Present
Region 1	Mark Harrison	Present
Region 1	Allen Jones	Present
Region 1	Troy Walker ^	Present
Region 2	Jim Duke (<i>Treasurer</i>)	Present
Region 2	?? ^	Absent
Region 2	Joe Prewitt (<i>Vice President</i>)	Absent
Region 3	Joe Bradshaw	Present
Region 3	James Hacker	Present
Region 3	Michael Reynolds ^	Present
Region 4	Matt Bryant	Absent
Region 4	David Eldridge	Absent
Region 4	Phil Deitz ^	Present
Region 5	Robin Barber ^	Present
Region 5	Stephanie Eliam	Absent
Region 5	Brandon Remley	Present
Region 6	Tom Adams (<i>President</i>) ^	Present
Region 6	Terry Fraley	Present
Region 6	Michael Mason ^	Present

The following items were presented, discussed, and/or acted upon while the board meeting was in order:

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to order	The meeting was called to order at 13:00 EST by President Thomas Adams.	
Invocation	By Joe Bradshaw.	
Roll Call	By Mark Harrison	
Determination of Quorum	By Mark Harrison A quorum of not less than 51% (12) of the Board of Directors for any regular or special meeting was established.	Established
Minutes of last meeting	Reviewed. And approved	Motion, by Terry Fraley. Second by Arron

		Stamper. No discussion. Approved.
Financial/Reimbursement Committee Report	<p>By Jim Duke.</p> <p>Jim introduced Joseph Lubarsky for an overview of the healthcare provider tax being considered.</p> <p>Reimbursement:</p> <p>Medicaid stopped paying Medicare co-pays some time ago has cost providers roughly 2 million dollars. Joseph Lubarsky from Louisville addressed the group. Discussed the provider assessment or levy. Medicaid average below 3-4% may not be cost effective. KY is a high federal match state. \$1 state / \$2.38 federal = \$3.38. This is a legislative process that could take over a year. Would need the following information from providers.</p> <p>Revenue from emergency runs (total net collected)</p> <p>Revenue from Medicaid emergency runs (total net collected)</p> <p>KAPA has already voted to enter into a legal agreement with Mr. Lubarsky. Jim Duke will continue to work with him to gather information.</p>	Motion to accept Financial Report. Second. No discussion. Approved.
Legislative Report	<p>By Aaron Stamper</p> <p>Legislation on LODD passed SB43. Made some amendments but is a good start for EMS. Huge response to the call center by EMS in support of the bill. Will need to work during next session to expand coverage to other EMS providers that are currently non-covered. KAPA messages to the membership for calls overwhelmed the legislative call center.</p>	
KBEMS Report	<p>Report by Chuck O'Neal</p> <p>Discussed and reviewed Kentucky data from NREMT about EMT course completion and pass rates for all EMT levels. We rank 46 out of 51 (at the bottom) for pass rates.</p> <p>Regulations: (2007 EMS Scope of Practice Model)</p> <p>701 Scope of Practice: In order to precept a student; must be a paramedic, nurse, or physician. EMT students should spend time with paramedics in ambulances or chase cars to get needed exposure. In current regs for a year.</p> <p>EMT Basics are not allowed to transport patients with IVs in place. Can monitor a saline lock.</p> <p>Data submission numbers: Version 3 data compliance is about 93% currently.</p> <p>KBEMS 4.5% budget cut for upcoming year. Could take a 2% cut this</p>	

	<p>year.</p> <p>Block Grant Funding: All applications are electronically filed through your provider KEMSIS account.</p> <p>New ticket system to request assistance or ask a question is operational. It is an electronic "help" process that can be initiated and tracked.</p> <p>May 26: State funded PPE exercise is scheduled and details are on the KBEMS web site.</p> <p>May 9: Regional Data Review seminar will be held at the KBEMS office and will review collected STEMI data from Central/Eastern KY Regional Mission: Lifeline Report. All EMS, ED, Fire, and Hospital personnel are invited.</p>	
Membership Report	<p>Presented by William Duke.</p> <p>118 paid members a few more renewals are expected. A packet was distributed.</p>	
Conference Committee Report	<p>Presented by Troy Walker</p> <p>Education Committee Chair Allen Jones is busy scheduling speakers and planning classes.</p> <p>3 keynote speakers are confirmed.</p> <p>TEI: KBEMS is not able to continue to provide the CE hours for conference attendees. It is a time consuming task and KBEMS just has too many projects and issue going on right now to continue. They are willing to assist as needed as the transition to a new provider is worked through.</p> <p>Troy made a motion to get a TEI in the name of KAPA. The application is ready to be signed.</p>	<p>Motion by Troy Walker and second by Allen Jones. Passed</p>
New Business	<p>Washington, DC: KAPA trip has been scheduled and meetings are being confirmed with members of Congress.</p> <p>Event Medical LLC, State Wide CON:</p> <p>Hearing sometime in July to submit comments. Tom is receiving letters of protest from each Kentucky EMS provider. He needs a letter from each provider in order to oppose on behalf of your county.</p> <p>Bill Young, ECU: Discussed paramedic shortage and what the educators can do to help improve this. He was joined by Lee Brown from WKU and Tracy Franklin, Somerset Community College. Jim Duke also spoke representing Owensboro Community College. EMS managers must come together and communicate with educational institutions to discuss what can be done to help. Institutions need</p>	

	<p>preceptor agreement for students. Hybrid classes are being developed. Support is needed from EMS and hospitals. A very lengthy group discussion ensued.</p> <p>Schooley Mitchell: Lee Balaklaw talked about his telecom consulting services and how it could save EMS providers money. His company will review existing bills and confirm that services being paid for are the services wanted. They will provide ongoing audits and assist with anything needed regarding phone or other telecom services.</p>	
Announcements		
Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association will be July in Northern Kentucky. The location to be determined.	
Adjournment	The Board Meeting was concluded at 1600 hours.	Motion to Adjourn, Second, Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rick Driskill

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