

**Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association
Board Meeting Minutes**



Meeting Date: 1-21-2021

Meeting Location: Zoom

Board members in attendance:

Region	Board Member (^ = Even Year term)	Present or Absent
At-Large	Kevin Callihan	Absent
At-Large	Rick Driskill (Secretary)	Present
At-Large	Donald Hare ^	Present
At-Large	Joe Prewitt	Present
At-Large	Diane Vogel ^	Present
Region 1	Mark Harrison	Present
Region 1	Mike Wiggins	Present
Region 1	Troy Walker (President) ^	Present
Region 2	Jim Duke (Treasurer)	Present
Region 2	David Webb ^	Present
Region 2	Mike Cottrell	Present
Region 3	Joe Bradshaw	Present
Region 3	Mike Reynolds	Present
Region 3	James Hacker ^	Absent
Region 4	Jody Dunhoft ^	Present
Region 4	Pennie Crady	Present
Region 4	Phil Deitz (Vice President)	Present
Region 5	Ashley Powell ^	Present
Region 5	Brandon Bussell	Present
Region 5	Tim May	Present
Region 6	Charles Creameans ^	Present
Region 6	Terry Fraley	Absent
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 1300 CST by President Troy Walker.	
Invocation		
Roll Call	By Rick Driskill	
Determination of Quorum	By Rick Driskill. A quorum of not less than 51% (20) of the Board of Directors for any regular or special meeting was established.	Established
Minutes of last meeting	Tabled until next meeting	Motion, Second. No discussion. Approved.

<p>Financial/Reimbursement Committee Report</p>	<p>By Jim Duke.</p> <p>Mr. Duke presented the report which is from December and advised that not much activity has happened since. A motion made by Troy and 2nd by Donald Hare members approved the report.</p> <p>Mr. Duke advised we are waiting on CMS to approve the provider assessment process which should take around 90 days which we are near that amount in days now.</p> <p>Upon CMS approval the medicaid office advised their plan is to make the plan retroactive until 1-1-2021.</p> <p>Mr. Duke explained how he thinks the payments will come but he is meeting with the players tomorrow and will have more answers at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Duke also reminded everyone that the next survey is due in April.</p> <p>Jim and Troy spoke about the lagisticare contracts and advised they hope to have a meeting with these folks soon and update the members after they have a plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Motion to accept Financial Report. Second. No discussion. Approved.</p>
<p>Legislative Report</p>	<p>By Joe Prewitt, Legislative Committee Chair.</p> <p>Joe asked Phil Dietz to talk about HB 120 Phil Dietz introduced Tony Shaven from Hebron fire to talk about this bill. He gave a summary of what the bill is about which is a bill that will allow a small department to merge under Chapter 75 and go above the dollar cap with the approval of the County Court approval.</p> <p>Charles Creameans asked if this would allow the court to have authority over special taxing districts of standalone EMS services.</p> <p>After more discussion Troy made a motion to support this bill, if the wording can be changed to assure that this bill would effect standalone EMS services of special taxing districts. If it can't be changed then KAPA would oppose the bill. Mr. Creameans 2nd the motion.</p> <p>Later in the meeting Phil and Mr. Shaven advised they had the author of the bill on the phone and would like for him to address any concerns. Chuck went back over the concerns with the Bill. The author explained that only merged districts and ones that went over the dollar cap would be effected by the Court having to approve the changes. He went on to advise that they have requested this bill change the chapter type separate from chapter 75.</p> <p>Troy advised that Mr. Prewitt, Mr. Dietz and Mr. Creameans would get together with the parties involved with this bill and see if they can come up with something that will be agreeable with everyone.</p>	

KBEMS Report	<p>By Michael Poynter, Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services Executive Director, and Chuck O’Neal, Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services Deputy Director.</p> <p>Mr. Poynter spoke about the vaccine process and advised if anyone was have issues obtaining shots for their staff to get with him and he would help with that.</p> <p>He explained how the Grant process is currently going.</p>	
Membership Report	<p>Helen asked if the board had given anymore thoughts on increasing the due amounts and that is what she is waiting on to send them out this year.</p> <p>After some discussion it was decided to wait until next year and allow more time for discussion.</p> <p>A motion made by Jim and 2nd by Donald Hare to table this issue until later in the year and prepare something for next year. Members approved .</p>	
Conference Committee Report	<p>Mark advised that thing are ready we are just waiting on a decision by the board to move forward if we are going to have a conference this year.</p>	
Old Business	<p>Troy introduced Jody Dunhoft and advised her term would end this year and he introduced Pennie Crady and advised her term would end next year Both are appointments in region 4.</p>	
New Business	<p>David Web went over the possible fee schedule increase for KBEM and advised that KBEMS had been tasked with raising over 200,000 in their budget .</p> <p>The proposed rate changes have been sent out to the providers.</p>	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting of the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association will be April 22 at 13:00 EDT (12:00 CDT) on zoom</p>	
Adjournment	<p>This Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association Board Meeting was concluded at</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn, Second, Approved.</p>

Respectfully submitted by:

Rick Driskill