

**Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association
Board Meeting Minutes**



Meeting Date: July 14th 2016

Meeting Location: Yellow Ambulance Louisville

Board members in attendance:

Region	Board Member (^ = Even Year term)	Present or Absent
At-Large	Kevin Callihan	Present
At-Large	Rick Driskill (Secretary)	Present
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	Jim Williams ^	Absent
Region 2	Joe Prewitt (<i>Vice President</i>)	Present
Region 3	Joe Bradshaw	Absent
Region 3	JAMES Hacker	Absent
Region 3	Michael Reynolds ^	Present
Region 4	Mike Phillips	Present
Region 4	David Eldridge	Absent
Region 4	Phil Deitz ^	Absent
Region 5	Robin Barber ^	Absent
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 ^	Absent

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 Tom Adams.	
Invocation	By Aaron Stamper	
Roll Call	By Rick Driskill	
Determination of Quorum	By Rick Driskill. 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.	Motion, Second. No discussion. Approved.

Old Business	<p>Mr. Adams gave a report on Event Medical in their efforts to obtain a CON for the entire state. After several conversations with several Board members and KAPA's lawyer to their lawyer it looks like they are going to scale back their request.</p> <p>Jim Duke advised that KAPA spent around \$7,000 to fight this issue on the behalf of KAPA members if each member had to fight this themselves it would have cost north of \$50,000, but because you are a member of KAPA we only spent \$7,000 to protect our members.</p>	
Financial/Reimbursement Committee Report	<p>By Jim Duke.</p> <p>Jim Duke advised that he would have the final report out soon to the board.</p> <p>On Reimbursement: Jim advised that BC/BS has changed the amount they are paying EMS. Anthem has gotten into the MCO game also, he advised they have started a fee schedule which is less without asking for any input from the providers they serve. KAPA has reached out to them and requested a meeting to discuss the issue through our attorney. Mr. Duke advised that KAPA'S Attorney has attended a meeting with the Health and banking leaders but the subject was never brought up. Mr. Duke advised that KAPA had this same problem before with workman's comp. After KAPA got involved with them we were able to improve the payments from workman's comp. It is KAPA's hope that we can do the same thing with this.</p> <p>Mr. Duke advised that commercial Insurance is also down; If they decide to pay at the MCO rate we are in trouble.</p> <p>The next item talks about the Provider tax from our last meeting in an attempt to increase everyone's amounts. We are in the process of running a test batch to see if this would help provider across the state. Mr. Duke advised that this is our best hope to increase our money in this area without having to give up something in return.</p> <p>Mr. Duke explained the Governor's plan to see how Kentucky is going to fit into the affordable care plan. Mr. Adams and Mr. Prewitt have spoken to the Governor about this and he told them that now is the time to address our concerns. Mr. Duke stated that the person that is putting the plans together for the state is Mr. Burtwhistle, and that has helped KAPA in the past. KAPA has reached out to him so we can set up a meeting and see if we can improve our rates.</p> <p>Mr. Duke went on to explain again how the tax would work.</p>	<p>Motion to accept Financial Report. Second. No discussion. Approved.</p>
Legislative Report	<p>By Joe Prewitt, Legislative Committee Chair.</p> <p>Mr. Prewitt reported to the board that the Mackey bill was signed by the governor and that Mrs. Mackey and members from KAPA were present during the signing.</p> <p>KAPA would like to recognize Aaron Stamper and his staff for their efforts walking this bill through the process and recognize Mrs.</p>	

Mackey and Mackey family for all the hours it took to open doors and keep them from being shut in order to get this bill passed. (Everyone in attendance gave a round of applause).

Mr. Prewitt advised the Board that we currently have two regulations currently being updated.

1. The 501 update is set for public comment on July 21, 2016 Joe asked to open the floor and have Mr. Chuck O'Neal answer any questions the members might have. President Adams advised he had been contacted by Mr. Jim Williams with what he calls the Med Center Blowing Green section of the 501 regulation. Mr. O'Neal advised and encouraged anyone with concerns or comments about the new regulations to please bring it forward during the public comment period so their voice can be heard.

The Board gave the members a few moments to review the regulations that had been handed out at the beginning of this meeting. And had been emailed out to the members prior to today.

Mr. O'Neal advised that KBEMS will be submitting it's own public comments to correct certain verbiage in the reg's.

A rep. from Kosairs Children's asked a question about class 3 specialty care transport. Her question; If they would have to carry equipment to cover all three sub sections of the class 3, Which is broken down into Adult, Pediatric and neonate given the fact that they provide transport for all three, Or would they need to obtain a wavier for part of the equipment. Mr. O'Neal advised that they would need to comply with the requirements of the license class to include the required equipment. Mr. O'Neal went on to explain that the Board wants to get away from the waiver process.

Mark Harrison asked who makes the determination of the need of a Emergency inter-facility transport. Mr. O'Neal advised that this is addressed in the definition sections of the regulation.

Troy Walker asked on the subject of transfers about the reason for the time limits on transfers. Mr. O'Neal advised 30 min. on Emergencies and 90 min. on non-emergencies. He explained that this would allow an avenue for facilities to contact another provider service to make the transport if the primary service was unable to facilitate the transport. This is done to curve the patient waiting in the sending facility. He went on to explain the intent in this is for the request to be filtered through the local provider to make the arrangements for transport.

Mr. Prewitt explained that these reg's where written by providers most of which set on the KAPA Board and that it has been a very long process and we attempted to write

	<p>these reg's with both the patient and provider in mind on every section.</p> <p>Mr. Prewitt again encouraged everyone to make both positive and negative comments during the public comment period so any need changes can be addressed before they become law.</p> <p>Allen Jones asked if EMR's would still be allowed to function as primary staff on Ambulances or would they have to be at the Basic EMT level. Mr. O'Neal advised that the current staff would be grandfathered but any new staff would have to be at the Basic EMT level.</p> <p>Mr. Adams advised he had been asked about the Medical First Response and if this section of the reg's are geared toward fire departments doing medical first response. Mr. O'Neal advised that yes this was put into the reg's to address and put into place some form of medical oversight for anyone providing medical treatment in the state.</p> <p>He explained this will be obtained by one of two methods.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Via the use of MOU which will be a written document/Agreement between the responding department and the local EMS agency to provide medical oversight.2. If the response department does not wish to enter into an agreement with local EMS they can apply for their own license to provide medical first response. <p>Mr. O'Neal advised that during the comment period he was going to request to remove the mutual aid Freq: 155;160 as our main radio freq. Because we currently do not hold the license for this and if we leave the language as written we would have to apply for the license.</p> <p>Troy Walker asked if services would be required to have two hand held radio's on each unit. Mr. O'Neal advised that this is correct .</p> <p>Jim Duke ask that KAPA commend each member of the panel that worked on the new regulations due the amount of time that went into these reg's, and that each reg was written with the best interest of the patient and the provider in mind.</p> <p>Someone asked if by entering into a MOU if this would make the provider liable for the first responders. Mr. O'Neal explained that yes it would make both agencies liable for the treatment provided.</p> <p>The question was asked if Critical Care Paramedic were addressed in the new regulations. Mr. O'Neal advised it is not addressed in the new reg's . The reason is the way the current reimbursement language is written. Moving forward KBEMS plans on making the CCEMT-P a separate endorsement which will show that the</p>	
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	<p>provider has obtained training above the basic scope of practice paramedic level. This in turn will meet the requirements of the SCT.</p> <p>Dr. Smith asked about the requirements on Adult Critical Care Transports if an EMT, Medic and RN.</p> <p>Mr. O’Neal advised the meaning for this is for the class 3 with the sub section for Adult, Pedi and neonate. He advised that you can staff for adult under your class 1 license where you have to have a CCRN is for the pediatric and neonate section of the class 3.</p> <p>Someone asked why are we required to have the extra level of certification to the level of CCRN when neither our employer nor the Kentucky Board of Nursing requires our staff to this level for the care of the pediatric and neonate.</p> <p>Mr. O’Neal advised that KBEMS is not superseding the requirements of the Board of nursing or the employer rather KBEMS is making regulations requirements for those who will be doing the transport of these patients outside of the facilities.</p> <p>Question: Are you going to give waivers or grace periods for facilities engaged in these types of transports.</p> <p>Mr. O’Neal advised that currently there is no language in the regulations to allow waivers or grace periods. He noted this is a good point and they should bring that to the board during the public comment period.</p> <p>Mr. Adams again encouraged everyone to make their concerns during the public comments period.</p>	
<p>KBEMS Report</p>	<p>By Michael Poynter</p> <p>Mr. Poynter advised that KBEMS has two positions open currently one to replace long time staff member Mrs. Darby who is retiring at the end of July and the second position will be for a data information specialist to be able to answer the expanding request for open records that have been pouring into the KBEMS office.</p> <p>For the first time ever KBEMS can tell you how many transports have been made with in the state.</p> <p>Mr. Poynter advised they had a Directors meeting and had a very good turn out and we are planning another one in September 6th 2016 in Louisville, more information will be coming soon on times and location.</p> <p>Mr. Poynter spoke about the Community Based Paramedic program, he said we currently have five pilot programs in the state.</p> <p>He advised KBEMS is working on expanding the endorsement</p>	

	<p>program.</p> <p>Mr. Poynter spoke about “NCBRT” National Center on Biomedical Research Training which is a federal funded program to fund the development of a program for EMS security protection for observation techniques.</p>	
Membership Report	<p>William Dukes provided a map which shows how many members from each region are represented across the state. The state currently has 128 members he expects this to grow.</p> <p>Mr. Prewitt request that KAPA provide one KAPA sticker for each Ambulance the member, has at their service.</p>	
Conference Committee Report	<p>Tory Walker advised that the Education component of the Conference is complete and wanted to commend Mr. Jones and his staff for their hard work.</p> <p>Troy advised that this is the busy time for the conference.</p> <p>Mark Harrison is sending out the vendor packets.</p> <p>John is putting together a flyer to be sent out soon.</p> <p>We are working to get Continuing Education hours for the Nurses.</p> <p>Registration is open for both the Conference and for the Hyatt. Troy explained how the room blocks work and asked that everyone obtain their room early and if they need to cancel to please cancel early so the rooms could be used by someone else.</p> <p>Allen Jones gave a rundown of the speakers this year.</p> <p>Troy advised that from the requests from last year we will have a wilderness class this year.</p> <p>We will also have the finals for the provider challenge.</p>	
New Business	<p>Mr. Adams asked if there was any new business to be brought before the board that has not been covered in the committee reports.</p> <p>Mr. Driskill wanted to remind everyone about the regional meetings, elections and award nominations.</p>	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting of the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association will be at the State Conference. The location to be determined.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>This Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association Board Meeting was concluded at 14:30 CST.</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn, Second Approved.</p>

Respectfully submitted by: Rick Driskill July 14 2016

