

**Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association
Board Meeting Minutes**



Meeting Date: July 25, 2019

Meeting Location: Boyd County EMS in Ashland, KY

Board members in attendance:

Region	Board Member (^ = Even Year term)	Present or Absent
At-Large	Kevin Callihan	Present
At-Large	Rick Driskill (Secretary)	Absent
At-Large	William Dukes ^	Absent
At-Large	Joe Prewitt	Present
At-Large	Diane Vogel ^	Absent
Region 1	Mark Harrison	Present
Region 1	Allen Jones	Present
Region 1	Troy Walker (President) ^	Present
Region 2	Jim Duke (<i>Treasurer</i>)	Present
Region 2	Chris Winstead ^	Present
Region 2	Mike Cottrell	Absent
Region 3	Joe Bradshaw	Present
Region 3	Mike Reynolds	Absent
Region 3	James Hacker ^	Present
Region 4	Bryan Carpenter	Absent
Region 4	Bret James	Present
Region 4	Phil Deitz (Vice President) ^	Present
Region 5	Ashley Powell ^	Present
Region 5	Brandon Russell	Absent
Region 5	Brandon Remley	Absent
Region 6	Charles Creameans ^	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 1300 CST by President Troy Walker.	
Invocation	By Joe Bradshaw	
Roll Call	By Mark Harrison (covering for Rickie Driskill on vacation)	
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.	Motion, Second. No discussion. Approved.

Financial/Reimbursement Committee Report	<p>Jim distributed a copy of the financial report and reviewed it. General account balance of \$72,023.55. Membership renewals are down probably due to a change in the process this year. Rather than mailing an invoice to each member, this was emailed instead. Follow up will continue. The association has incurred some expenses this year due to legal fees and the Medicaid research program.</p>	<p>Motion to accept Financial Report. Second. No discussion. Approved.</p>
Legislative Report	<p>By Joe Prewitt, Legislative Committee Chair.</p> <p>Joe Prewitt advised that there are a couple of pre-filed fills to support. The Medicaid bill and the second is the same bill that has been introduced in the past, which would add EMS to the existing law to cover college tuition for children of EMS workers in the event of a LODD.</p>	
Medicaid Project	<p>Jim Duke gave a detailed report on the status of our initiative to push a bill forward that would change the method by which EMS gets reimbursed in order to increase Medicaid rates.</p> <p>History: There have been many healthcare organizations in many states that have successfully implemented this kind of program. It has worked well for them for many years.</p> <p>There are two options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provider Assessment- only option available for private services and requires a statutory change. 2. IGT- second option available to government services and requires a regulatory change. <p>KAPA members need to decide and ultimately need to agree and unite to support one method to support in the legislature.</p> <p>EMS in Kentucky has been underpaid and we have tried for more than 25 years to find a way to get a significant increase from Medicaid. This is probably our best and last way to make a positive impact. This system would increase reimbursements to EMS by roughly 17 million dollars. Services with the highest number of Medicaid patients would benefit the most.</p> <p>KAPA plans to hold a special meeting in August to explain and discuss this with the providers. We also want to approach the Kentucky Judges Association and Kentucky League of Cities to ask for a meeting to discuss this with them.</p>	
KBEMS Report	<p>By Paul Phillips</p> <p>KBES has recently sent out a survey about PTSD. Paul asked that if you received it, please complete and return.</p> <p>A workshop will be held at the Bluegrass Airport on August 2 about PTSD and would be beneficial for EMS to attend. Information was emailed to the providers by KBEMS.</p>	

	Block grant checks should be out by the end of August. The 2018 KBEMS annual report should be out very soon.	
Membership Report	William Dukes recently resigned from the board. He was our membership coordinator. We are seeking help from any member who is interested in taking this role.	
Conference Committee Report	Education schedule is complete and is posted on the conference web site. Student registration is open and available online. Exhibitors and Sponsorship: Registration forms are available on the web site at www.kyapa.com . Click on the conference tab for information about the golf scramble, registration, Expo, class schedule, past photo galleries, lodging, and more. Hotel reservations at the Hyatt must be made by August 31. KAPA has a block of rooms at a discounted rate but that block goes away August 31. Printed Conference Flyers were handed out to everyone in attendance. Directors were asked to distribute these to the services within their regions. Awards: Send nominations to Rickie Driskill or make nominations at your upcoming regional KAPA meeting.	
New Business	Vanderbilt CON: Continue to monitor developments. Appointment of Board Member: Troy will appointment someone soon to fill the remaining at-large term vacated by William Dukes. Anyone interested should contact Troy.	
Old Business	KAPA Website: The member login has been disabled. Access is not restricted.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association will be at the State Conference. The location to be determined. July 25 Region 6	
Adjournment	This Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association Board Meeting was concluded at 14:30 EST.	Motion to Adjourn, Second Approved.

Respectfully submitted by: Mark Harrison 7/26/2019