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Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Advisory Council

Metro Technology Center, Springlake Campus
Economic Development Center, Room 123
1900 Springlake Drive, OKC, OK
Thursday, May 17, 2012
1:00 pm

Minutes

Members Present:

Vanessa Brewington
Bob Hawley
Wade Patterson
Dr. Angela Selmon

Dr. Gerald Doekson
Jimmy Johnson
Gina Riggs
Kelly Swim

Dr. Jeff Goodloe
Sean Lauderdale
Ellen Rockenbach

Members Absent:

Ron Feller
Steve Williamson

Dr. Jay Gregston

Dr. Michael Ogle

Staff Present:

Dale Adkerson
Robert Irby
Lee Martin

Daryl Bottoms
Martin Lansdale

Chris Dew
Eddie Manley

Guests Present:

Klayn Hitt
Jennifer Nuttle

Justin Hunter
R. Shawn Rogers

Stacy Morton
Heather Yazdanipour

I. Call to Order- Roll Call (J. Johnson)

At 1:10 PM J. Johnson called the meeting to order. Roll was called and quorum was determined to be present.

II. Introductions and Announcements (D.Adkerson)

E. Manley will be retiring August 1, 2012.

III. Minutes: Review and Approval (J. Johnson)

A. February 16, 2012

It was moved (Bob Hawley) and seconded (Gina Riggs) to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2012 OERSDAC meeting. The motion carried.

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Voting:

<i>Brewington, V.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Ogle, M</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Doeksen, G.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Patterson, W.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Feller, R.</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Riggs, G.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Goodloe, J.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Rockenbach, E.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Gregston, J.</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Selmon, A.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Hawley, B.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Swim, K.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Johnson, J.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Williamson, S.</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Lauderdale, S.</i>	<i>yes</i>		

IV. Reports

A. Emergency Systems Update

i. Legislative Update

(D. Adkerson)

OERSDAC has been reapproved for three years. J. Johnson addressed a State Senate committee regarding the sunset of OERSDAC. The committee was displeased that several meetings had been canceled due to lack of quorum and reduced the approval period from four years to three years. Members need to make every attempt to attend the meeting. There are four openings that have been vacant for some time. The Health Department will redouble their efforts to fill those positions.

The EMS Bill did not get pushed through to the State Legislature. License/Nomenclature changes will be submitted next year. The new curriculum can still be taught and students tested, but NREMT Advanced EMTs will be licensed as Intermediates until the nomenclature is updated.

ii. OU Protocol Update

(D. Adkerson)

OSDH has a contract with Oklahoma University Health Science Center to develop new State Protocols. Medical Direction Subcommittee will be reviewing the draft protocol set on June 18th, after which there will be a public comment period.

iii. OERSSIRF Update

(D. Adkerson)

FY2011 has been completed. FY2012 is still ongoing. Submissions for FY2013 closes at 3 PM May 18, 2012. Approximately \$1.4 Million will be available for distribution this year. Evaluators are still needed.

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iv. OSU Extension Office and 522 Board Training (D. Adkerson)

OSDH has had a contract with the OSU Extension Office to support 522 Board Trainings. There have been about 15 trainings already, six more have been scheduled, and six more are in the planning stage. The contract has been extended through December. 35 trainings were budgeted.

v. OKEMISIS Update (K. Stewart/M. Landsdale)

Items on the "Updates for OKEMISIS and Trauma Registry" handout were discussed.

NEMSIS v3 will require more information than NEMSIS v2. Oklahoma is already collecting much of the additional information that NEMSIS v3 will require.

Gold and Silver certifications will go away in v3. Vendors will be either certified or uncertified.

The next OKEMISIS Data Dictionary Workgroup will be May 31, 2012.

vi. Communications Update (E. Manley)

Chris Dew will be taking over the "Communications" role from E. Manley.

Narrow Banding Mandate deadline is January 1, 2013.

ComL course will be offered soon.

SIGB workshops will occur this year. National speakers will be presenting. To obtain more information, please contact Nikki Graham at DHS.

At the last Interoperability meeting, a frequency was established specifically to allow National Guard helicopter pilots to speak with ground crews while the helicopters carry and dump water over a wildfire.

vii. NREMT Update (E. Manley)

Transition courses have started. The Instructor Rollouts have been very successful. 24 to 36 rollouts occurred since January 1, 2012. Over 300 instructors and providers have participated. The

A psychomotor test will be given in the Intermediate-85 to AEMT transition courses. A document outlining the requirements and procedures for giving that test will be posted on the website soon.

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Bill Brown, the Executive Director of the National Registry, will be retiring next year. The National Registry has already received several applications for that position and the National Registry will be announcing his replacement in the near future.

The Rollouts were very productive. The last one will be given by E. Manley at Medic Update.

viii. Training & Licensure (E. Manley)

S. Lauderdale provided a report on the Training and Licensure Subcommittee.

Tulsa Community College has submitted its self study. OSU-OKC will submit its self study soon. EOC and Moore-Norman are working on Accreditation. Most of the main programs are Accredited or in the process of becoming Accredited.

The Training & Licensure subcommittee looked at Pass/Fail Rates for EMRs and EMTs for 2010 and 2011. Pass rates declined, overall, for 2011. Instructor qualifications and training are being looked at to improve quality of training.

ix. Medical Direction (Dr. Cathey)

The May 16th meeting consisted mainly of discussion of the developing State Protocol set that will be reviewed on June 18.

x. 2012 Work Groups- (D. Adkerson)
1. State EMS Plan

The State EMS Plan Workgroup met once and the general consensus was that the State provide a shell-document and bring that back to the workgroup. That document has been developed and another workgroup meeting will soon be scheduled.

2. Regulations

The State Rules Rewrite Workgroup has met monthly since January and is very active. The work is moving along at a good pace and much is being accomplished. Language is not currently being crafted. Sections that need work are being identified and ideas generated.

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3. Data Dictionary

The OKEMISIS Data Dictionary Workgroup has met once and has a schedule for future meetings.

4. Ambulance Manufacturing

This workgroup has not met yet because the NFPA has not yet released their standard.

V. Business

A. Mark King Initiative

This Initiative will allow previously Nationally Registered EMTs to become re-registered. The State would have to require National Registration of all of their EMTs. This seemed to be well received by the Training & Licensure Subcommittee. Three States have implemented the Initiative as a pilot program: Alabama, Vermont, and South Carolina. The Alabama EMS Director indicated that the Alabama licensees had positive reviews of the Initiative. There is a “selling” process and public comment period to handle rumors and concerns.

There are probably less than 1,000 licensed EMTs that are not currently registered. National Registration of EMRs is an option that will be considered. The State regulations would need to be changed to require National Registration. Simpler renewals and refresher courses would be benefits of implementing the Mark King Initiative.

The National Registry is funded strictly by testing and registration fees. National Registration provides proof of competency portability. Most healthcare licenses require some type of national certification. If a person cannot obtain National Registration, that person would not be able to obtain or renew his or her State License. All EMTs would be required to renew both National Registration and State Licensure at the respective times. There is one report of an individual not being able to renew his National Registration due to Federal Tax issues. Renewal requirements may be different between the State and the National Registry. Concerns regarding future changes in the National Registry and the State expectations arose.

The Mark King Initiative will be put on the agenda and discussed at the August 16, 2012 OERSDAC meeting.

B. Ambulance Manufacturing regarding NFPA 1917 Standard

There is substantial concern among the various State EMS directors regarding the upcoming NFPA Standards.

A video was presented regarding the NFPA 1917 Standards. Mark Van Arnan is the presenter. The web address for the video is

<http://web.dhr.state.ga.us/ems/20120411-170702-emsacs1/main.htm> .

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The Final Draft of the NFPA 1917 Standards will come out in June 2012. The new Standards will be implemented January 2013. NIOSH is also working on some Ambulance Standards regarding safety of EMS personnel. The NFPA is expecting to adopt the NIOSH Standards as of January 2015. Each State must decide whether to accept NFPA standards and how closely to follow those standards. Existing Vehicles, Remounts and Neonatal vehicles are exempt from the standards.

After 2015, NFPA is planning on going to a 5-year Review/Rewrite process.

Mark Van Arnam's email address is mva@ambulance.com.

After the Video:

The "overhead" requirement reduced clearance to the point that ambulances would not be able to fit under the overhead at some hospitals.

Federal KKK standards will not go away until Fall 2013. Several State EMS directors wish to hold off on implementing NFPA Standards until NIOSH Standards are implemented in 2015.

The State currently has three options regarding the NFPA Standards:

- 1) Adopt it as a whole.
- 2) Adopt part of it.
- 3) Keep KKK standards for now.

Requesting new Ambulances that do not meet NFPA standards will require manufacturers to make changes to the manufacturing process which will increase manufacturing costs.

The American Ambulance Association will be meeting in October and the NFPA standards will be discussed.

VI. Public Comment- *(Please state your name and entity you represent when you are recognized by the Chair.)*

The Medical Director courses will be schedule sometime between mid-July and the end of August. Tom Welin, the Medical Facilities Service Chief, will be retiring soon.

VII. Next Meeting Dates

Medical Direction SC:

Wednesday, August 15, 2012 @ OSDH, Room 1102 Time is TBD.

OERSDAC:

Thursday, August 16, 2012 @ MetroTechnology Center, Economic Development Center Room 123, OKC, OK; 1:00 pm.

Training and Licensure:

Thursday, August 16, 2012 @ MetroTechnology Center, Economic Development Center Room 123, OKC, OK; 10:00 am.

VIII. Adjournment-

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