

Minutes of the December 8, 2017 Board of Emergency Medical Services Meeting

Dr. James Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Emergency Medical Services to order at 9:03 a.m. on Friday, December 8, 2017 in the Lighthouse Room at the Country Inn and Suites located at 5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Dr. Smith announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

The following Board members were present at the meeting: Randy Boldt, Dr. John Bonta, Karen Bowlin, Joel Cerny, Ann Fiala, Troy Hiemer, Linda Jensen, Dr. Mike Miller, Carl Rennerfeldt, Dr. James Smith, and Scott Wiebe.

Mike Bailey, Dr. Thomas Deegan, Don Harmon, and Charles LaFollette were absent from the meeting.

Also present were: Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager; Tim Wilson, Program Manager; Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator; Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General; Teresa Hampton, Department Legal Counsel; Investigators Trevor Klaassen and Mark Meyerson.

After discussion, Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Dr. Bonta moved, seconded by Ms. Jensen to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2017 conference call. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Wiebe. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

Tim Wilson, Program Manager of the Office of Emergency Health Systems (OEHS) shared the following:

- Communication was sent to all services reminding them that pricing runs out for Helmsley funding for Lucas Devices on December 31, 2017.
- The transition from NEMSIS version 3.3.4 to 3.4 is wrapping up, so now the focus is implementing changes to the data system and streamlining the data entry process.
- Funding is available for 12-lead and Lucas device training.
- Brad Harm was hired as the new Northeast Region Specialist.
- Clay Jordan, RN, NRP, EMSI, will be joining the OEHS staff on December 18, 2017, as the new trauma nurse specialist.
- He is waiting to hear about the reclassification of the staff assistant position so that it can be posted and filled.

- The Stroke Program is slowly starting to roll out. Work is being done with education and the development of protocols for critical access hospitals with assistance from the Nebraska Stroke Advisory Council.
- Becka Neumiller, Stroke Program Manager is working with the CARES registry. She is also working on pushing the importance of the 12-lead program and getting it back up and running again.

Sheri Wren, Trauma Program Manager shared information regarding revisions to the Trauma Rules and Regulations. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Wren at sheri.wren@nebraska.gov.

There was no training agency update as Wendy Snodgrass was not present.

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager shared the following:

- A copy of the proposed changes to the EMS Practice Act that were approved by the Board at its November 27, 2017 conference call.
- A copy of the application processing report.
- The renewal period for Emergency Medical Technicians ends on December 31, 2017. There are still 2,466 EMT licenses that have not been renewed.
- Laura Huggins, EMS Health Licensing Specialist is on extended leave. Tina Miller, part-time EMS Health Licensing Specialist is processing EMS licensing and renewals in her absence.

There was no physician medical director update as Dr. Eric Ernest was not present.

No report from the Legislation and Regulations Committee.

No report from the Services and Providers Committee.

No report from the Education Committee.

After discussion, Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Rennerfeldt to add Zofran and fentanyl to the AEMT level scope of practice in the model protocols for the State of Nebraska. Voting aye: Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Bonta, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Jensen moved, seconded by Mr. Boldt to approve the proposed changes to the dextrose protocol for pediatric patients. Voting aye: Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Bonta, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Mr. Wiebe moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to approve the proposed changes to the dextrose protocol for adults. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Mr. Rennerfeldt moved, seconded by Ms. Jensen to approve the proposed changes to the hypertension protocol for obstetric patients. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Fiala moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to approve the formatting change to the model protocols. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

The following EMS Strategic Planning Committees provided written reports to the Board

- Rules and Regulations
- Essential Service
- Medical Direction
- Data Collection
- Education and Testing
- Communication

Copies of these reports are available upon request by contacting Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek at jacye.lafayette-dymacek@nebraska.gov.

There was no information to share on behalf of the Trauma Board in addition to what was shared by Ms. Wren.

On behalf of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), Debbie Kuhn submitted a request for the Board to write a letter of support for the EMSC grant application.

After discussion, Mr. Rennerfeldt moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to approve the Board to write a letter of support for the EMSC grant application. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Association (NEMSA), Ms. Bowlin shared the following:

- Deb Von Seggern sent her thanks to everyone who attended the NEMSA Strategic Planning meeting on November 4, 2017.
- A bill is being drafted with several different items that have to do with essential service and funding.
- NEMSA has two new legislative lobbyists.
- Ms. Von Seggern is up for re-election as President, but she will not be running. That election will be held in January 2018.

On behalf of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association (NSVFA), Mr. Cerny shared the following:

- The Benefit Summit and National Volunteer Fire Council meetings were well attended. Highlights from the meeting included:
 - Discussions regarding cancer in the fire service and line of duty death benefits;

- A presentation by Mark Terry of the NREMT;
- A Simulation-In-Motion trailer; and
- A presentation by Dr. Smith, Ms. Fiala, and Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Board regarding changes to the rules and regulations.
- Marlene Bomar was elected as the new NSVFA President and Advanced Association Management out of Milford was hired to manage the day-to-day activities of the Association.
- All volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel that obtained the required points to receive the \$250 tax credit will need to submit their names to the State on an approved form that is currently being developed. Those who obtained the required points last year and this year, will get the tax credit for this year. Names will need to be submitted on an approved form that is currently being developed.

There was no report from the Dispatch Liaison as Jordan Dick was not present.

There was no report from the Nebraska Association of Air Medical Services liaison as Dan Duncan was not present.

Dr. Smith provided information regarding Project Austin which was created to provide community awareness and/or education to local Emergency Medical Services regarding children with special health care needs in the area. More information is available by contacting the Project Austin Coordinators by email at projectaustin@childrensomaha.org.

The 2018 Board of Emergency Medical Services meetings are scheduled for Monday, February 26; Monday, April 23; Friday, July 13; Monday, September 10; and Friday December 7. Times and locations will be provided when they are finalized.

Topics for the next meeting include CPR in schools, Stop the Bleed initiative, 24/7 EMS online education, and dispatch concerns.

Ms. Bowlin moved, seconded by Ms. Fiala to go into closed session at 11:44 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

Mr. Cerny moved, seconded by Mr. Hiemer to return to open session at 1:27 p.m. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Mr. Wiebe moved, seconded by Mr. Cerny to recommend denial of George J Woodhull's application for licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician based on convictions, failure to comply with treatment recommendations, and active addiction. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Fiala moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to recommend denial of Patrick J Schlehuber's application for reinstatement following discipline based on an insufficient amount of time spent on probation. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Abstaining: Hiemer. Motion carried.

After discussion Mr. Wiebe moved, seconded by Ms. Jensen to recommend approval of South Central EMS' application to operate as an Advanced Life Support Transport Service. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Fiala to recommend denial of Christina Marie Brown's application for licensure as a Paramedic based on misrepresentation of material facts on her application, discipline in another state, and convictions. Voting aye: Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Abstaining: Bonta and Hiemer. Motion carried.

After discussion, Mr. Rennerfeldt moved, seconded by Dr. Miller to offer Sarah Lynn Ciancio a three-year probationary license to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician based on misdemeanor convictions and multiple diagnoses of substance use disorders. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Bowlin moved, seconded by Dr. Bonta to recommend reinstatement of Brian Dickey's license to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Mr. Cerny moved, seconded by Dr. Bonta to recommend approval of Nathan Duff's application for licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Jensen moved, seconded by Ms. Fiala to recommend approval of Christopher John Murray's application for licensure as a Paramedic. Voting aye: Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Fiala, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey, Deegan, Harmon, and LaFollette. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Wiebe, Secretary