

Minutes of the July 17, 2017 Board of Emergency Medical Services Meeting

Dr. James Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Emergency Medical Services to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 17, 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: Mike Bailey, Randy Boldt, Dr. John Bonta, Karen Bowlin, Joel Cerny, Dr. Thomas Deegan, Ann Fiala, Don Harmon, Troy Hiemer, Linda Jensen, Charles LaFollette, Dr. Mike Miller, Carl Rennerfeldt, Dr. James Smith, and Scott Wiebe.

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

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

Mr. Rennerfeldt moved, seconded by Dr. Miller to approve the minutes with the following changes:

- The administration of labetalol and nicardipine should be changed from infusion pump to intravenously;
- The location of the Statewide EMS Conference from Papillion to Kearney; and
- Removal of the text "NEAAMS" from the middle of page 5.

Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: LaFollette. Motion carried.

There was no Office of Emergency Health Systems update as Tim Wilson was not present.

On behalf of Wendy Snodgrass, EMS Education Compliance Manager, Carol Jorgensen, Central Region EMS Specialist, shared that the policies, procedures, and forms for the tuition reimbursement have been updated and are available online. The

EMS Instructor Workshop with speaker David Page will be August 26-27, 2017 in Lincoln. Any EMS Instructors interested in attending the workshop should contact Ms. Snodgrass. The Leadership Academy Levels I & II will be July 20-23, 2017 in North Platte. There are approximately 23 individuals registered to attend. Ms. Snodgrass continues to have EMS providers sign up for the 24/7 on-line training program to use for distributive learning continuing education.

On behalf of Dr. Eric Ernest, EMS Physician Medical Director, Dr. Smith shared the following:

- After discussion with the Stroke Advisory Council, the Cincinnati stroke scale was added back to the stroke protocol for use as a screening tool and RACE for use as a severity tool. Dr. Smith noted that the protocol had been returned to Dr. Ernest for corrections prior to being submitted to the full Board for approval.
- Dr. Ernest is working with Dr. Lou Lukas to create a POLST (Physician/Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) type form for initial roll out in the metro area with the intent to have it adopted statewide. The form is in its final stages of approval and will be sent out for review once completed.
- A meeting will be held July 27, 2017 to continue working towards improving communication between OEHS, Licensure, and the Board.
- Dr. Ernest is starting to develop the language regarding regulations for physician medical directors and development of educational curriculum.

On behalf of the Legislation and Regulations Committee, Mr. Cerny provided the Board with information regarding the following legislative bills: LB88; LB244; LB487; LB578; and LB644.

On behalf of the Services and Providers Committee, Mr. Wiebe shared that Jordan Dick, the dispatcher liaison intends to submit a written report regarding the use of pre-arrival instructions at the September Board meeting. General discussion occurred regarding the need for training and use of pre-arrival instruction by dispatchers.

There was nothing new to report from the Education Committee.

After discussion, Mr. Rennerfeldt moved, seconded by Dr. Miller to approve the tourniquet protocol as presented. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, Mr. Boldt moved, seconded by Mr. LaFollette to approve the tracheostomy protocol as presented. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, Mr. Harmon moved, seconded by Dr. Deegan to add Tylenol, Motrin to the medication formulary for the EMT-I and Paramedic levels, and Reglan for the Paramedic level. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Trauma Board, Mr. Bailey shared that work continues on the trauma regulations, 43 hospitals in the State of Nebraska have been designated as trauma centers, and there is an EMS dispatcher position open on the Trauma Board.

On behalf of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), Dr. Deegan shared the following:

- The EMSC Ambulance Assessment will be closing on July 31. There is currently a response rate of 95.6% ambulance services.
- The TEEEX Pediatric Disaster Course is scheduled for October 6-7 in Grand Island, Nebraska. There have been many calls for registration so the class is expected to be full. EMSC is looking for sponsors to help for breaks and lunches.
- Three more courses are being planned for 2018: August 25-26 in Otoe County, September 22-23 in the western part of the State, and October 20-21 in the northeast region. Locations need to be found.
- Day Care Flip Charts have been distributed to almost all day care facilities. Requests continue to come in. Another order has been placed for 500 more to finish the distribution.

On behalf of the Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Association (NEMSA), Ms. Bowlin shared that a NEMSA Strategic Planning meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn in Columbus, Nebraska on November 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. EMS Board members are invited to attend.

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

- Through a grant by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the help of the NFS Training division, the NSVFA will be offering a class titled "Saving Those Who Save Others". There will be two classes: the first class will be held in Lincoln on August 18, 2017, and the second class will be held in Grand Island on August 20, 2017.
- The NSVFA Annual Memorial will take place at 3:00 p.m. on September 24, 2017 at the Firefighters Museum and Education Center in Kearney, Nebraska. The names of two Dakota City EMTs that passed away in the line of duty will be unveiled on the LODD Tables at the memorial.

- The NSVFA will be hosting a National Benefits Summit on September 25, 2017 in Kearney, Nebraska. Doug Dekker will be bringing one of the SIMS trucks to the Summit.
- The NVFC Fall meeting will start September 27, 2017. Mark Terry of the NREMT will be there to talk about the National Registry testing.

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

On behalf of the Nebraska Association of Air Medical Services (NEAAMS), Dan Duncan shared that the State of Georgia became the tenth state necessary to pass the REPLICA compact. Mr. Duncan urged the Board to continue to pursue joining the compact as it would be beneficial to providers in the State of Nebraska.

Ms. Covert-ByBee provided the Board with copies of Chapters 11 and 12 that were previously reviewed by the Department and the Board subcommittee. Ms. Covert-ByBee requested that the Board review these and provide feedback. Dr. Smith recognized the Board members for all the time and effort that they have invested in this process. Ms. Hampton shared information regarding the regulatory process. The Board will be scheduling open forums to allow the public to provide feedback on the proposed changes prior to the next EMS Board meeting. The possibility of using WebEx will be explored in order to reach as many members of the public. There was general discussion regarding proposed changes and the potential impact those changes will have across the profession which included:

- There will be no recommendation to remove the ability for Emergency Medical Responders to transport under certain circumstances. Dr. Smith spoke with Wendy Snodgrass about the need to develop education for providers on this subject.
- EMT Addition Modules and the possibility of incorporating those modules into the initial course.

Ms. Covert-ByBee shared that as of October 31, 2017, the Licensure Unit will no longer be printing wallet license cards upon renewal. Licensees are able to go to the DHHS website to print their own copy, free of charge, at any time.

Dr. Smith shared information regarding the national “Stop the Bleed” Initiative. This was for informational purposes only.

After discussion, Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Boldt to pursue emergency regulations to allow EMTs to utilize a draw up and inject method of administering epinephrine intramuscularly. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan,

Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Bailey provided the Board copies of the feedback obtained by the EMS Workforce Committee survey. This was for informational purposes only.

Topics for the next meeting include Dextrose protocol review; Hypertension in Obstetric patients protocol review; and potential funding for revisiting the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to go into closed session at 12:55 p.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Absent: Hiemer. Motion carried.

Mr. Boldt moved, seconded by Mr. LaFollette to return to open session at 2:22 p.m. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Fiala moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to offer Thomas Howard Beck a five-year probationary license to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician based on misdemeanor convictions and substance abuse diagnosis as identified in the Drug & Alcohol evaluation signed on June 5, 2017. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Rennerfeldt. Motion carried.

Mr. Wiebe moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to table Jared M Patterson's application to obtain additional information. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Hiemer moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to offer Daryl Gene Lambert a one-year probationary license to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician based on misdemeanor convictions. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Boldt to recommend reinstatement of Chad Wurdeman's Paramedic license to a non-disciplinary status based upon compliance with current probationary terms and conditions. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, Smith, and Wiebe. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Boldt moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to recommend reinstatement of Jonathan Reed's Emergency Medical Technician to a non-disciplinary status based upon compliance with current probationary terms and conditions. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, Jensen, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Wiebe. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Wiebe", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Wiebe, Secretary