

Minutes of the December 7, 2018 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 7, 2018 in the Staybridge Room at the Staybridge Suites located at 2701 Fletcher Avenue in 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, Troy Hiemer, Linda Jensen, Dr. Mike Miller and Dr. James Smith.

Dr. Thomas Deegan, Ann Fiala, Dr. Donald Harmon, Carl Rennerfeldt and Scott Wiebe were absent from the meeting.

Also present were: Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager; Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator; Tim Wilson, Program Manager; Wendy Snodgrass, EMS Education and Compliance Manager, Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, Teresa Hampton, Department Legal Counsel, Trevor Klaassen, Investigator, Mark Meyerson, Investigator, Matthew Gelvin, Program Manager and Juan Ramirez, Research Analyst. .

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

Bailey moved, seconded by Bowlin to approve the April 23rd, 2018 meeting minutes. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Jensen advised change to minutes from September 10th, 2018 to change term “suppressors” to “pressors.” Boldt moved, second by Bowlin to approve the September 10th, 2018 meeting minutes with aforementioned change. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Gelvin and Ramirez presented information to the Board regarding licensure discipline. The presentation included information regarding all professional health licenses and Emergency Medical Services personnel. Ramirez presented information on demographics including age, gender, location and type of discipline. There was discussion regarding the presentation.

Tim Wilson provided an update for Office of Emergency Health Services.

- Information included:
 - Staffing updates
 - Losing two staff as of today and have permission to rehire both positions.
 - The department is completing a statewide EMS assessment
 - Will offer town hall meetings around the state
 - Physician Medical Directors has two positions filled, the EMS for Children position is out for bid
- New Inspection Process

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- Wilson advised the department is working on statute changes for inspections
- Wilson presented revised forms the department will use for inspections going forward
 - There was discussion regarding the forms and potential revisions
- 407 Credentialing Review Process
 - Wilson states next Wednesday is first meeting of credentialing review, not a public hearing.

(The board took a break at 11:02 am)

(The board returned from break at 11:14 am)

Wendy Snodgrass, EMS Education Compliance Manager gave a training agency update:

- 8 training agencies were reviewed, no glaring deficiencies
- The NREMT psychomotor exam results used to be good for one year and cognitive exam results good for two years, now they are both good for two years.

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager provided an update on the licensure unit:

- Covert-ByBee introduced Antonio Carranza as the new Health Licensing Coordinator.
- Announced that all vacancies within the Licensure Unit are now filled.
- Stated she is working with Tim Wilson on the Emergency Medical Services inspection process. Including working with a business analyst to reflect the removal of expiration dates for EMS Service Licenses.
- EMS Compact Update
 - Commission meeting held September 28th. There's a website established, emscompact.gov. The EMS Compact committees are working on the continued development of rules and daily procedures.
 - The next annual commission meeting is scheduled for May 13th through May 16th 2019.
- LB 299
 - Advised that LB299 is now effective and the application available to the public. This application process allows individuals with a criminal history to submit an application to the Department for the Board to review and determine if the conviction history would disqualify the applicant from obtaining a license.
- Covert-ByBee presented the Application Processing Report.
- She gave an update on the regulations stating that they have been moved to the next step in the process.

Ernest provided the Physician Medical Director update:

- Stated they are working on making E-Narsis more streamlined.

Cerny stated no news from the Legislation Committee.

Service and provider committee also did not have any updates.

Education Committee update from Miller:

- Miller presented information on applying epinephrine in a draw up and inject fashion rather than an auto injector. He displayed a kit that had been used by the state of Washington as an example. Miller states this kit is much less expensive than an auto-injector which can be difficult to afford, especially for rural services.
- Teresa Hampton stated that their scope of practice includes whatever is taught in the education courses.

Hiemer moved, seconded by Smith, to move forward with draw up and inject implementation in education courses as presented today which may be subject to FDA Approval. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta,

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Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

(Board took a break for lunch at 12:13 pm)

(Board returned at 12:25 pm)

Doug Decker presented information about providing simulations, especially for rural training, stating there may be ways to assist with education.

Smith provided information on behalf of the Scope of Practice committee.

- There was no update on model protocols.
- Would like to add discussion relative to adoption of pre-hospital sepsis protocol

Bailey provided a Trauma Board update stating rules and regulations are in the draft stage.

The Emergency Medical Services for children liaison reviewed pediatric training and the Heartland EMT symposium. Both went well but attendance was low for both.

Bowlin as the Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Association Liaison inquired about board attendance at the NEMSA Conferences in January and March.

Hiemer moved, seconded by Miller, to have a member of the board give an official report on behalf of the board. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Cerny gave a report on behalf of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association.

- The association is meeting December 8, 2018.
- Working on offering a bill to help firefighters that have fire related cancers

There were no comments from the public.

The board selected meeting dates for 2019. They are, Monday 2/25/2019, Friday 5/10/2019, Friday 7/12/2019, Monday 9/9/2019 and Friday 12/6/2019.

Topics for next meeting include intravenous Tylenol, sepsis training, report from Inspection committee regarding the proposed Inspection process, 2018 outcome data for training agencies report and update on the 407 process.

Miller moved, and Cerny seconded to go into closed session 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, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

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

Boldt moved, seconded by Bowlin to recommend issuing a license as an Emergency Medical Technician to Amanda Ferrell. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

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Hiemer moved, seconded by Jensen, to recommend issuing a 5 year probationary license as an Emergency Medical Technician to Brandon Stolze based on his previous convictions and substance use disorder diagnosis. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Jensen moved, seconded by Bailey, to recommend issuing a license as an Emergency Medical Technician to Bridget Reis. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Boldt moved, seconded by Bonta, to recommend issuing a license as an Emergency Medical Technician to Cody Rohrig. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Boldt moved, seconded by Miller, to table the Emergency Medical Technician application of James Clark for additional information. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Boldt, to recommend issuing a license as a Paramedic to Jason Shreck. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Hiemer moved, seconded by Bailey, to recommend issuing a license as a Paramedic to Jeffrey Grandmont. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Bowlin moved, seconded by Miller, to recommend issuing a license as an Emergency Medical Technician to Lindsey Howell. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Boldt moved, seconded by Jensen, to recommend issuing a 2 year probationary license as an Emergency Medical Technician to Luke Buller based on previous convictions and substance use disorder diagnosis. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Miller moved, seconded by Jensen, to recommend issuing a 2 year probationary license as an Emergency Medical Technician to Travis Stithem based on previous convictions and substance use disorder diagnosis. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Boldt, to recommend issuing a license as an Emergency Medical Technician to Tyrel Fear. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Bowlin, to table the Emergency Medical Technician application of Zachary Lehr for additional information. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Cerny, Hiemer, Jensen, Miller and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Rennerfeldt and Wiebe. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Wiebe, Secretary