

## Minutes of the March 21, 2016 Board of Emergency Medical Services Meeting

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. James Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Emergency Medical Services to order at 9:06 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016 in the Country Inn and Suites – Omaha Room located at 5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln, NE. 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, Dr. Thomas Deegan, Ann Fiala, Don Harmon, Troy Hiemer, Charles LaFollette, Dr. Mike Miller, Carl Rennerfeldt, and Dr. James Smith.

The following Department Staff were present at the meeting: Becky Wisell, Licensure Unit Administrator, Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager, Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator, Sue Medinger, Community and Rural Health Planning Unit Administrator Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, Peggy Persell, Investigations Program Manager, and Investigators Russ Fosler, Jeff Newman, and Dennis Scott.

Joel Cerny, Linda Jensen, and Scott Wiebe were absent from the meeting.

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

Mr. LaFollette moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the December 11, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Claire Covert-ByBee was introduced as the new Program Manager of the Office of Rehabilitation and Community Services, the position previously held by Rene' Tiedt.

The Board and the Department formally recognized Laura Ann Scholl for her contributions to the Board of Emergency Medical Services. Ms. Scholl resigned from the Board effective October 13, 2015.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE**

Sue Medinger, Community and Rural Health Planning Unit Administrator, provided the EMS Program Update. Ms. Medinger announced that Tim Wilson has accepted the Office of EMS/Trauma Systems manager position, the position previously held by Dean Cole. Mr. Wilson will officially start April 1, 2016. One hundred and fifty LUCAS devices were distributed to EMS services and hospitals across Nebraska. An additional 150 will be distributed this year and 149 next year. EMS week is in May and an EMS focused calendar will be distributed to services in Nebraska. EMS Programs is working with the Trauma Board to revise the regulations

associated with the Nebraska Statewide Trauma Act. Since January 1, 2016, five EMS assessments have been completed.

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager provided the Licensure Unit Update. Ms. Covert-ByBee shared that the Strategic Planning Session will be held at the Country Inn & Suites – Omaha Room on Friday, April 8, 2016.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Ms. Covert-ByBee provided information to the Board regarding proposed legislation currently being considered by the Nebraska Unicameral. This was for informational purposes only.

There was no report from the Services and Providers Committee.

The Education Committee had a proposed ethics course and a request from a training entity wanting to be added to the Board approved list of CPR providers.

The Board discussed an outline of an ethics course submitted by Tyler Bonnicksen. They did not feel that it met their requirements. There was discussion regarding possible entities that currently provide ethics courses that may fulfill our requirements including one offered by FEMA.

After discussion, Mr. Rennerfeldt moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to deny the request from Pacific Medical Training to be added as a Board approved CPR organization. This denial is based on non-compliance with 172 NAC 13-017(1)(i) which states: “requiring a written and practical skills evaluation of each student.” In the materials submission, the Board did not find any information regarding how the requesting organization provides practical skills as part of their training. Furthermore, there were no materials submitted including the qualifications of those developing and delivering the delivering the training. Subsection 2 outlines the requirements to teach CPR. Finally, the submitted documents reference evidence based upon 2010 science or older. Voting aye: Bailey, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Boldt. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

After discussion, the Board decided to table the discussion regarding the medication shortage issue in order to gather additional information.

On behalf of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), Dr. Deegan shared that they have received the Emergency Care Guidelines for Day Care Providers that was developed. It will be distributed to every licensed day care facility in the state. Day care providers also need continuing education hours every year, so they plan to do an hour telehealth program for them relating to emergency care for their children. The first program will cover the flip chart and burns. The day care flip chart was developed with Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and several focus groups and support of the Nebraska Chapter of the Academy of Emergency Physicians and approved by day care licensure. A PEPP class was recently held in Gresham and one is planned in Chappell. They are working on getting more course coordinators across the state. They are only teaching the PEPP Hybrid BLS course at

this time. The Kids in Disaster Conferences are coming up April 4 & 5 in Kearney at Good Sam, April 6 & 7 in Omaha at the Scott Conference Center and April 14 in Scottsbluff at the Hampton Inn. They continue to hold quarterly telehealth sessions. The one for March was Sepsis in Children and there were 99 participants. The next one will be Pediatric Trauma in the Rural areas on May 18 which is EMS Week. The Children's Trauma Conference is June 3rd. The School Nurse Guidelines were updated for the new CPR Guidelines and being distributed by Department of Education and EMSC. Lincoln Public Schools just requested 80 copies for their school system. 2017 is a competitive year for the EMSC Grant and guidelines should be out this fall. They will be requesting letters of support. New performance measure for grant are in second public comment.

There was no report from the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association (NSVFA).

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek explained that the Board needs to inform the public each year the method by which the Board will provide notice of their meetings. In the past, the Board had chosen to post meeting agendas at the Nebraska State Office Building, to email agendas to the interested parties list, and to post agendas on the Department's website. Mr. Rennerfeldt moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to continue the same method. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, Miller, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Mr. Boldt moved, seconded by Mr. Hiemer to reaffirm the mail ballot decisions to approve the draft of the Naloxone Protocol for addition to the EMS Model Protocols, to issue Wayne Rescue a license to operate as a Basic Life Support – Non Transport Service, and to issue Shaun McComb a license to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek provided an updated application processing report. This report was for informational purposes only.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Hiemer moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to go into closed session at 11:27 a.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, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Rennerfeldt moved, seconded by Dr. Deegan to return to open session at 1:09 p.m. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

### **DECISIONS**

Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Rennerfeldt to offer Alexandria Wonka a five-year probationary license to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician based on her misdemeanor convictions and diagnosis of alcohol dependence, moderate, continuous. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Ms. Fiala moved, seconded by Ms. Bowlin to deny Alejandro Duarte's application to become an Emergency Medical Technician based on his misdemeanor convictions. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Mr. Boldt moved, seconded by Mr. LaFollette to request a pre-licensure investigation on Allan Schultz in order for the Board to make a more informed recommendation. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Dr. Deegan to approve Med Trans Corp dba Eagle Med's application to operate as an Advanced Life Support – Transport Service. Voting aye: Bailey, Boldt, Bonta, Bowlin, Deegan, Fiala, Harmon, Hiemer, LaFollette, Miller, Rennerfeldt, and Smith. Voting nay: None. Absent: Cerny, Jensen, and Wiebe. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Scott Wiebe, Secretary

Prepared by: Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator