

AMBULANCE SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD

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Meeting Minutes of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board September 19, 2012

ASAB Member Attendees:

Sam Adams
Leo Kennedy
Norman Manville for Michael J. McGrane
Raymond Medeiros
Thomas P. Caito
Russ McGillivray
Kenneth Williams
Michael DeMello
John Vernancio
Dawn Lewis for Nicholas Dominick
Al Galinelli
Louis Parente
Randall Watt
John Potvin
Shea Gregg
Lynn Palmisciano
Robert Lloyd
Sean Thompson

Representing:

DOH – EMS
Providence County Paid
Providence County Volunteer
Paid EMT Union Appointed
Washington County Volunteer
Kent County EMS
DOH – EMS
RI State Fire League
Private Ambulance Service
Hospital Association of RI
Bristol County Fire Dept.
Private Ambulance Service
Newport County EMS
Paid EMT Union Appointed
American College of Surgeons
Rhode Island Medical Society
Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs
Emergency Nurses Association

- A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1307hrs by Leo Kennedy, Chairman.
- A motion was made by Robert Lloyd and seconded by John Potvin to approve the agenda, the motion carried.
- A motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting was made by Randall Watt and seconded by Samuel Adams, the motion carried.
- Correspondence – One item received by Chairman Kennedy which has been sent to Rules and Regulations sub-committee.
- Announcements -EMS Pride Award
 - The Governors Office has approved two board appointments: Dr. James McDonald and Dr. Ana Novais.

- Dr. Williams presented EMS Pride Awards to: Dr. Devi Tsai for his work in developing the QA+QI Tool Kit for EMS Services. Ben Buonanno also received an EMS Pride Award for creative use of technology in patient care.

Committee Reports:

- **Educational Standards** – Mike DeMello gave a verbal report of the Subcommittee meeting: No progress or meeting due to no new Board appointments.
- **Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C)** – Verbal report by Lynn Palmisciano, have not been meeting due to the EMS-C grant meetings being canceled, will schedule an independent meeting.
- **Medical Affairs** – Have not met.
- **Rules and Regulations**– No meeting.
- **Legislative- No Report** – None.
- **EMS Dispatch Taskforce** – The committee did not meet, the committee consists of Sam Adams, Tom Caito, Lou Parente, John Vernancio, Greg Scungio, John Potvin
- **Controlled Substances Working Group** – None (being handled by HEALTH)

Dr. Fine addressed the Board to inform them of the issue with West Nile and EEE, states that North Providence and Providence are the two areas of greatest concern.

Old Business

- RIEMS Electronic Data Project update- Jason Rhodes states there is one financial piece still outstanding, but, there is forward progress.
- Status of the Burn Protocol Change – the Board has approved the changes. In the spirit of collaboration Jason Rhodes is working on providing Director Fine with more information. HEALTH is in the final phase of the update which will include the 2012 American Heart Association updates as well.

New Business

- Action items from committee reports – None
- Falls Prevention for Older Adults – Committee will work with HEALTH Injury Prevention, looking for interested communities to Pilot. Jason Rhodes provided the Board with a draft document to review. Jason Rhodes will Chair the committee which will include: Ray Medeiros, HARI, Russell McGillivray, Paul Casey, Shea Gregg, John Vernancio, Mike McGrane.

- KKK Specifications and Transition to NFPA 1917 – Jason Rhodes asked for a sub-committee of Rules and Regulations to look into this issue.
- State-Level Psychomotor Exam – State Fire Academy cannot provide this service, Rules and Regulations will look into other options.
- Transport of Animals – a Sub-committee of Rules and Regulations has been formed Russell McGillivray will Chair, Tracy from Warren Fire Department, Robert Lloyd, Randall Watt, and David Kurowski will sit on the committee.
- A public comment section will be added to future agenda's.

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Next meeting December 12, 2012

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1430 on a motion by John Potvin and seconded by Robert Lloyd.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Potvin, Secretary