

AMBULANCE SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD

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Meeting Minutes of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board March 21, 2012

ASAB Member Attendees:

Sam Adams
Leo Kennedy
Michael J. McGrane
Raymond Medeiros
Thomas P. Caito
Gregg Noury proxy for Russ McGillivray
Kenneth Williams
Michael DeMello
Jeff Howe proxy for Mike DeMello @1:30
John Pliakas
Dawn Lewis proxy for Nicholas Dominick
Steve Stokes
Al Galinelli
Louis Parente
Randall Watt
David Savastano
John Potvin
Shea Gregg

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

Emergency Nurses Association
Hospital Association of RI
Private Ambulance Service
Bristol County Fire Dept.
Private Ambulance Service
Newport County EMS
Paid EMT Union Appointed
Paid EMT Union Appointed
American College of Surgeons

- A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Leo Kennedy, Chairman.
- A motion by Mike DeMello and seconded by Mike McGrane to approve the agenda was passed.
- A motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting by Al Galinelli and seconded by Mike McGrane was passed
- Correspondence – None
- Announcements – Pride Awards – None

Committee Reports:

- Educational Standards – Mike DeMello gave a verbal report of the Subcommittee meeting earlier in the day. Action items are under New Business.

- Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C) Committee – Verbal report by Don Dragon.
- Medical Affairs Committee – No report – the committee did not meet
- Rules and Regulations Committee – No Report – the committee did not meet
- Legislative Committee - No Report – the committee did not meet.
- EMS Dispatch Taskforce – The committee did not meet.
- Rules of Order for the Board – Committee disbanded as work was accomplished.
- Controlled Substances Working Group – The group did not meet. Mike De Mello gave a verbal report of a meeting with Katherine Cordy of the Pharmacy Board. Dr. Williams provided a synopsis of a letter to DEA indicating areas of concern and need for clarifications. Copy of letter is attached

Old Business

- Flu Vaccinations for EMS providers – Todd Manni stated that the EMS Department has surveyed providers as to their participation in the vaccination program.
- Sam Adams gave a verbal report on the status of the Patient Care Report software RFP. He stated that the bids have been opened and a review is underway. Dawn Lewis took an action item to survey RN issues with not being able to sign the run reports.

New Business

- Action Items from Committee Reports – None
- Report from Senate ER Diversion Committee – Louis Parente gave a verbal report on the meeting that the Senate Committee held on a bill (11-257) to address Ambulance Diversion. Further monitoring of the bill was assigned to the Legislative Subcommittee.
- Educational Standards – EMTB skill sheets. A motion by John Potvin and seconded by Al Galinelli to accept the new skills sheets as presented was passed.
- Educational Standards – Burn Protocol. A motion by Al Galinelli and seconded by John Potvin to accept the recommended protocol as presented was passed.
- First Responder Program – A discussion by Steve Stokes on the need for two EMTs to perform ALS protocols on a patient was presented. He suggested that if this is to remain the case then maybe a First Responder could take the place of the 2nd EMT. The matter was referred to Rules and Regs.
- No ALS without a BLS provider rule – see item above. Referred to Rules and Regs.

- New Psychomotor skills sheets for Cardiacs – moved to Educational Standards for review.
- Elections – The Election Committee – Ray Medeiros, Russ McGillivray, and Al Galinelli reported that they received no nominations other than that of Leo Kennedy to remain as Chairman. Ray Medeiros moved and Randall Watt seconded the nomination of Leo Kennedy for Chairman. The motion passed. The Secretary then called for other nominations for Chairman. Not receiving any, the vote on Leo Kennedy was taken and he was elected unanimously.
 - Vice Chairman – Tom Caito was nominated by Sam Adams and seconded by Greg Noury. Having no further nominations, Tom Caito was elected unanimously.
 - Secretary – John Potvin and Steve Stokes were nominated for the position of secretary by Randall Watt and Al Galinelli. The vote was held and John Potvin was elected.

Good of the Order

- Committee Meeting Dates – EMSC meeting is the second Thursday in January.
- No word from the Governor's Office on ASAB reappointments.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Randall Watt and seconded by John Potvin at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas P. Caito, Secretary