

Ambulance Service Advisory Board

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Meeting Minutes of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board
March 18, 2015

ASAB Member Attendees:

John Potvin
Leo Kennedy
Thomas Caito
Randall Watt
Sean Thompson

Michael DeMello
Jason Umbenhauer
Lynne Palmisciano
Dawn Lewis
Joseph Lauro
Michael McGrane
Raymond Medeiros
David Savastano
John Vernancio
Matthew Primiano

Frank O'Reagan

Representing:

Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Providence County Paid EMS
Washington County Volunteer EMS
Newport County Paid EMS
Proxy for John Pliakas
Emergency Nurses Association
Rhode Island State Fireman's League
Kent County EMS
American Academy of Pediatrics
Hospital Association of Rhode Island
American Academy of Emergency Physicians
Providence County Volunteer EMS
Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Private EMS
Proxy for Al Galinelli
Bristol County Fire Departments
Proxy for Brendan Martin – Private EMS

- 1. Establishment of Quorum** – A quorum was established with 16 members present.
- 2. Call to Order** – Leo Kennedy, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1301.
- 3. Introduction of Membership**
- 4. Review/Consent of Agenda** – A motion by John Potvin and seconded by Raymond Medeiros to approve the agenda was passed. Three items were added to the agenda under new business by the Chairman (no action to be taken). The items added to New Business are: 1. Introduction of the new Director of the Department of Health, 2. a notice from the outgoing Director of the Department of Health, and 3. Notice on the meeting with the Governor's office.
- 5. Approval of Minutes of December 2014 meeting** – A motion made by Randall Watt and seconded by Thomas Caito to accept the minutes as presented was passed.

6. Correspondence

A. None

7. Announcements - None

8. Committee reports:

- A. **Educational Standards Committee** – Chairman DeMello reported that the Committee met on March 11, 2015. The main purpose of the meeting was to upgrade the current EMT-Cardiac curriculum. After meeting with stakeholders it was explained that the Committee was looking to use the Advanced EMT curriculum as the foundation and align us with a national educational standard. The proposed program is 150-200 hours whereas the current Cardiac course is comprised of a minimum of 160 hours. Proposed clinical requirements would include: a minimum of 40 hours in the hospital and 24 hours of field observation. During this time students must achieve the following minimum skill requirements: 15 medication administrations, 25 IV insertions, ventilate or oxygenate 20 patients, 25 patient assessments comprised of: 5 trauma, 5 cardiac / chest pain, 5 shortness of breath, 5 pediatric, and 5 altered mental status. The final exam will still be administered by the state, the certification will remain a 3 year license. The proposal is to transition to the new curriculum for any courses after August 1, 2015. Students will be allowed to sit for the National Registry Advanced EMT test if they so choose as the new course will meet the requirements of the Advanced EMT program. In addition, with approval of the course medical director high-fidelity simulation can be used to augment actual clinical time. A motion made by Randall Watt and seconded by John Potvin to accept the report as presented was passed.
- B. **Pediatric Committee** – Lynne Palmisciano reported: no meeting, planning on a meeting in May.
- C. **Medical Affairs Committee** – No report
- D. **Rules and Regulations Committee** - Chairman Caito stated that there was one meeting to look at the Ambulance Inspection Manual. The protocol revisions are in progress along with the updates to the Rules and Regulations. Discussion ensued regarding the distribution of the draft Ambulance Inspection Manual and the ability of the Board and the Committee to review. Several members were under the impression that the document was going to be discussed at an upcoming Rules and Regulations meeting. Chairman Kennedy tabled the discussion regarding the Ambulance Inspection Manual in order to give members time to review.

- E. **Legislative Committee** – No report
- F. **Controlled Substances Committee** – One meeting with the new pharmacy director, still waiting on the state to allow individual agencies to register.
- G. **Falls with the Elderly Committee** – No meeting
- H. **EMS Data Management Committee** – Chairman Umbenhauer reported there has been 4 meetings of the Committee since the last Board meeting. The schedule has been ambitious in order to meet time established timelines. Next meeting is March 25th at HEALTH.

9. Old Business

- A. **Upgrade of Curriculum (ed. Stand.)**- Michael DeMello made a motion to upgrade the EMT- Cardiac curriculum to the Advanced EMT curriculum as described under his committee report. The motion was seconded by Randall Watt, the motion passed.
- B. **Rewrite of Rules and Regulations** – Goal of the June Board meeting
- C. **Inspection Manual** – Tabled to discuss at the next Rules and Regulations meeting
- D. **Status of IT Clamp** – HEALTH has issued an advisory notice and supports its use.

10. New Business

- A. Jason Rhodes Introduced Dr. Nicole Alexander Scott as the new Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health she begins her new post on April 1, 2015.
- B. Jason Rhodes explained a draft regulation introduced by Dr. Fine regarding Mobile Integrated Health there will be a public hearing on May 26th 10:00am at HEALTH.
- C. Meeting with the Governor's office to fill vacant Board positions is pending

11. Good of the Order

- A. EMS office has moved back to room 105
- B. Location of the March Meeting CCRI 4th Floor Room 4090
- C. EMS Week is in May, HEALTH will be taking nominations for several awards

D. Nominations Committee Report / Elections:

Ray Medeiros, chair of the nominations committee reported the following: Nomination of Leo Kennedy for the position of Chairman, Tom Caito for Vice-Chair, and John Potvin for Secretary. Chairman Kennedy asked 3 times for additional nominations hearing none nominations closed. Lynne Palmisciano made a motion to elect the slate, Ray Medeiros seconded the motion which passed.

E. Lynne Palmisciano gave a thank you for our patience as the Hasbro ED has been extremely busy and EMS providers have been very patient.

F. The Rhode Island EMS Expo will be held April 28th at the Crowne Plaza.

12. Adjournment – John Potvin made a motion to adjourn, Randall Watt seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Potvin
Secretary