

**Ambulance Service Advisory Board
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**Meeting Minutes of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board
September 16, 2015**

ASAB Member Attendees: Representing:

**Joe DeAngelis Proxy for John Potvin Rhode Island State Association
of Firefighters**

Leo Kennedy Providence County Paid EMS

**Tom Lawrence Proxy for Tom Caito Washington County Volunteer
EMS**

John Pliakas Emergency Nurses Association

Michael DeMello Rhode Island State Fireman's League

Jason Umbenhauer Kent County EMS

Joseph Lauro American Academy of Emergency Physicians

Michael McGrane Providence County Volunteer EMS

David Savastano Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters

John Vernancio Private EMS

Al Galinelli Bristol County Fire Departments

Lynn Palmisciano American Academy of Pediatrics

Randall Watt Newport County EMS

1. Establishment of Quorum – A quorum was established with 13 members present.

2. Call to Order – Leo Kennedy, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1305.

3. Introduction of Membership

4. Review/Consent of Agenda – A motion by Al Galinelli and seconded by Randy Watt to approve the agenda was passed.

5. Approval of Minutes of Jun 2015 meeting – A motion made by Al Galinelli and seconded by Mike McGrane to accept the minutes as presented was passed.

6. Correspondence

A. Proxy letters from Tom Caito and John Potvin

B. Resignation of Brendon Martin from the Board

7. Announcements – Anne George is taking a new position and leaving from 6 years as trauma QA/QI for EMS

EMS Pride Awards, Dr. Williams presented pride awards to members of the Yawgoo Valley and Narragansett Fire Department for the successful resuscitation of a cardiac arrest victim.

DOH Application Awards – Michael DeMello – Educational Standards work

Don Teevan – ALS/BLS award for EMT of the Year

8. Committee reports:

A. Educational Standards Committee – did not meet over summer

B. Pediatric Committee – looking to start QA/QI rounds

C. Medical Affairs Committee – No active cases

D. Rules and Regulations Committee – no activity

E. Legislative Committee – no activity

F. Controlled Substances Committee – Still waiting on approval from pharmacy

G. Falls with the Elderly Committee – No report

H. EMS Data Management Committee – Chairman Umbenhauer reported working on NEMESIS Version 3 and awaiting upgrade from ImageTrend. Anticipated start by 3/2016

9. Old Business

A. no old business

10. New Business

A. Jason Rhodes – EMS office involved in QI team reporting to Governors office to reduce critical deficiencies found during inspections. The new ambulance inspection manual to be reloaded in the next week. Inspection checklists are to be added to ImageTrend for ALS and BLS.

Committee to assist DOH: Mike McGrane, Mike DeMello, Leo Kennedy, Jason Umbenhaurer.

B. Committee appointment for the next year: ESC – DeMello; R& Regs – Umbenhaurer; Pedi – Palmisciano; Cont Sub – Potvin; Med Affairs – Pliakas; Legs – McGrane; EMS Data – Umbenhaurer; Falls – Medeiros; Culture of EMS – Rhodes.

11. Good of the Order

A. John Pliakas reported that the target for protocols release is Dec 2015. Discussion took place on new protocol format. Some may be

released earlier than the full release. Jason Rhodes discussed history of new stroke protocol development. Chairman Kennedy inquired as to the amount, if any, of training that will be needed for the new protocols. Chief Rhodes stated supplementary training info will be provided on release. Stroke patients under the age of 18 should go to Hasbro. Also, the routine protocol would be a foundation protocol.

B. Subcommittee chairs are to look at committee appointments. Shortly, new committee lists are to be sent out.

C. Construction at Hasbro will be ongoing.

D. Several new employees are located at DOH EMS.

E. NHTSA supplied graphics on ambulance crashes and need for seatbelts.

F. Next meeting on Dec 16, CCRI Room 4090.

12. Adjournment – Jason Umbenhauer made a motion to adjourn, multiple seconds for the motion, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike DeMello

Acting Secretary