

Ambulance Service Advisory Board

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Ambulance Service Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2016

A meeting of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday March 9, 2016, at 1:00 pm at Community College of Rhode Island, 400 East Ave. Warwick, Rhode Island. This meeting will be held in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meetings Law.

ASAB Member Attendees:

John Potvin
Paul Casey
Leo Kennedy
Thomas Caito
John Pliakas
Sean Thompson proxy for Michael DeMello
Jason Umbenhauer
Jason Rhodes
Joseph Lauro
Michael McGrane
Steven Laroche proxy for John Vernancio
Al Galinelli
Raymond Medeiros
Bethany Gingerella
Dawn Lewis
Adam Reis
Randall Watt
Ken Williams
Christine Goulette

Representing:

Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
House of Representatives
Providence County Paid EMS
Washington County Volunteer EMS
Emergency Nurses Association
Rhode Island State Fireman's League
Kent County EMS
Rhode Island Department of Health
American Academy of Emergency Physicians
Providence County Volunteer EMS
Private EMS
Bristol County Fire Departments
Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs
Hospital Association of Rhode Island
Private EMS
Newport County EMS

Rhode Island Department of Health

1. Establishment of Quorum – A quorum was established with 19 members present.

2. Call to Order – Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1307hrs.

3. Introduction of Membership

A. Introduction of new members:

4. **Review/Consent of Agenda** - A motion by John Potvin and seconded by Dawn Lewis to approve the agenda with the addition of renewing the use of CCRI as a meeting place, appointment of vice-chairs to new business, the motion passed.

5. **Approval of Minutes of December 2015 meeting** - A motion made by Al Galinelli and seconded by Raymond Medeiros to accept the minutes as presented was passed.

6. **Correspondence**

A. NONE

7. **Announcements**

A. NONE

8. **Presentation from Dr. Long, DOH -**

9. **Committee reports** (upon approval of reports, move action items to New Business)

A. Educational Standards

a. NO MEETING

B. Pediatric Committee

a. NO MEETING

C. Medical Affairs Committee

a. NO ACTIVITY

D. Rules and Regulations

a. Protocols will be ready for approval at the June Board meeting

E. Legislative Committee

a. One bill regarding E-911, Clean up bill that adds to the make up of the ASAB

F. Controlled Substances Committee

a. NO MEETING

G. Falls with the Elderly

a. NO MEETING

H. EMS Data Management

a. Tightening up the data set, there will be a meeting next week.

I. EMS Culture for Safety

a. Jason Rhodes reported: That there has been two brain storming meetings. Participants made a list of all the things they felt were safety issues. Broad categories are being paired down to more specific issues.

10. **Old Business**

A. NONE

11. **New Business**

A. QI Ambulance Inspections – Rhodes

Reported that this was part of an overall Health Department quality initiative, and will focus on reducing critical ambulance deficiencies, this is being referred to Rules and Regulations Committee.

B. Hybrid EMT Course –

Rick Blais made a request to allow online/hybrid education programs for EMT licensure. The request is for EMT level only at this time. Many members of the Board spoke in support of this concept; the Health Department offered no objection. Ray Medeiros made a motion, which was seconded by Randal Watt to send this item to Educational Standards, the motion passed.

C. Election of Officers

The nominations committee consisted of: Ray Medeiros, John Pliakas, and Adam Reis. The committee received nominations as follows: Leo Kennedy – Chairman, John Potvin – Vice Chairman, and Ray Medeiros Secretary. Chairman Kennedy asked three times for other nominations. Al Galinelli made a motion to appoint Leo Kennedy as Chairman, John Potvin as Vice Chairman, and Ray Medeiros as Secretary. Randall Watt seconded the motion, which passed.

D. Vice – Chair Discussion

Leo Kennedy posed the question of whether we should have vice-chairs for each committee. As this was added to the agenda today no action is being taken. Jason Umbenhauer supported the idea.

12. **Good of the Order**

A. Any committee meeting dates?

- Hasbro Children's Hospital Trauma Symposium – May 5, 2016

B. June ASAB meeting – June 15th 1pm CCRI Room 4090

13. **Adjournment** – John Potvin made a motion to adjourn, John Pliakas seconded the motion, the motion passed @ 1350hrs.

Respectfully,

John H. Potvin
Secretary