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## Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Advisory Council

Metro Technology Center, Springlake Campus  
Economic Development Center, Room 123  
1900 Springlake Drive, OKC, OK  
Thursday, February 16, 2012  
1:00 pm

### Minutes

#### Members Present:

Vanessa Brewington  
Bob Hawley  
Wade Patterson  
Dr. Angela Selmon

Dr. Gerald Doekson  
Sean Lauderdale  
Gina Riggs  
Kelly Swim

Ron Feller  
Dr. Michael Ogle  
Ellen Rockenbach

#### Members Absent:

Dr. Jeff Goodloe  
Steve Williamson

Dr. Jay Gregston

Jimmy Johnson

#### Staff Present:

Dale Adkerson  
Chris Dew  
Eddie Manley

Daryl Bottoms  
Robert Irby  
Lee Martin

Dr. Timothy Cathey  
Martin Lansdale  
Kenneth Stewart

#### Guests Present:

Leaugeay Barnes  
Justin Hunter  
R. Shawn Rogers

Rusty Graber  
Stacy Morton  
Ray Simpson

Klayn Hitt  
Greg Reid  
Daryll Ward

**I. Call to Order- Roll Call** (Dr. Ogle)

Dr. Ogle called the meeting to order. Roll was called and quorum was determined to be present.

**II. Introductions and Announcements** (D.Adkerson)

D. Adkerson introduced Rob Wagoner from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

**III. Minutes: Review and Approval** (Dr. Ogle)

A. November 17, 2011

It was moved (Bob Hawley) and seconded (Vanessa Brewington) to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 with a minor grammar change. The motion carried.



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Voting:

<i>Brewington, V.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Ogle, M</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Doeksen, G.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Patterson, W.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Feller, R.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Riggs, G.</i>	<i>abstain</i>
<i>Goodloe, J.</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Rockenbach, E.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Gregston, J.</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Selmon, A.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Hawley, B.</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Swim, K.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Johnson, J.</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Williamson, S.</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Lauderdale, S.</i>	<i>yes</i>		

AGENDA CHANGE: “Rob Wagoner’s Presentation” is moved to number IV.

**IV. Presentations**

- A. Rob Wagoner - Associate Director of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to present information on the Mark King Initiative.

The “National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians” structure, history, purpose, and mission were discussed. The Mark King Initiative was discussed. A “Mark King Initiative – FACT SHEET” was provided.

Goals of the Mark King Initiative include assisting State EMS Offices with the relicensure process, promoting National EMS standards, and supporting EMS Education Agenda for The Future: A Systems Approach.

The Mark King Initiative would allow former Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Personnel to have their registration reinstated. The Initiative is approved by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. The State would be required to change current rules and regulations to require continual NREMT certification. The entire State would have to adopt this process, not just regions or individual agencies. The State must have similar relicensing requirements. Eligible EMS providers must have been Nationally Registered at some time. The Emergency Medical Personnel must hold current State licenses, with no restrictions. The State must provide EMS provider information, as a data file, to NREMT. The enrollment period is defined, after which date all licensed EMS providers must maintain National Certification.

Attached to the Mark King Initiative is the EMS Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach. This would include a change in the Continuing Education process and hours. Continuing Education coursework would be tailored to the National/State (50%), Local (25%), and Individual (25%) needs. Required CE hours for EMTs would be 20, AEMTs – 40, and Paramedics – 60.

Rob Wagoner indicated that the Registry understands that there are still many questions to be answered and that this is only a concept, not a finished product.



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**V. Reports**

**A. Emergency Systems Update**

- i. OU Protocol Update (D. Adkerson)

Medical Direction Subcommittee scheduled an open meeting on June 18, 2012 to look at and go over the proposed OK State Protocol set.

- ii. OERSSIRF Update (D. Adkerson)

First distribution of OERSSIRF grants provided \$1.2 Million of funding. Most agencies have been inspected. Most agencies met the Improved or Significantly Improved benchmarks. One agency failed to meet higher than "Not Improved".

D. Adkerson indicated that a similar report would be presented when the current OERSSIRF grant inspections were completed. The next OERSSIRF period will start in April or May.

- iii. OSU Extension Office and 522 Board Training (D. Adkerson)

Five trainings have been conducted. Five or six are scheduled to be conducted.

- iv. OKEMSIS Update (K. Stewart/M. Landsdale)

Deferred until M. Lansdale's presentation.

- v. Communications Update (E. Manley)

E. Manley indicated that some of the State Communication equipment is being evaluated. E. Manley continues to meet with groups across the State to reinforce Narrowbanding. The Narrowbanding mandate will go into effect Jan. 1, 2013.

- vi. NREMT Update (E. Manley)

E. Manley has given eight Instructor Roll Out meetings.

Transition courses will start April 1, 2012.

- vii. Training & Licensure (E. Manley)

S. Lauderdale indicated that Rogers State University is the fifth accredited Paramedic school in Oklahoma. The others include OCCC, Kiamichi, Great Plains, and Gordon Cooper.

E. Manley indicated that Moore-Norman Technology Center received an OERSSIR grant that is being used to provide instructors with free online



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professional development courses. The next one will start March 5<sup>th</sup>. A total of 30 students can be enrolled in each course, with 15 students per session.

viii. Medical Direction (Dr. Cathey)

Medical Director Education Course will occur in August.

By Unanimous consent, the Medical Direction Subcommittee recommends to the Oklahoma State Department of Health Emergency Systems, Division of EMS to pursue comprehensive background checks related to recertification of medics.

Progress is being made on the State Protocols. Dr. Cathey encourages everyone to take a look at them and begin to comment on them. There will be a meeting in June regarding the protocols. These protocols are up to date and Dr. Cathey expects that the protocols will be updated each year.

G. Riggs indicated that Kiamichi performs comprehensive background checks on students per hospital requirements. Dr. Cathey indicated that such information is valuable for the discussion regarding background checks.

ix. 2012 Work Groups- (D. Adkerson)

State EMS Plan and the Rules Rewrite Workgroups met on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Rules Rewrite Workgroup will meet again on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. More work needs to be done regarding the State EMS Plan before another meeting date is set.

S. Rogers indicated that Rogers EMS is sponsoring a Medical Director Training from the National Association of EMS Physicians on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in Norman from 8 AM to 5 PM.

VI. OKEMSIS Presentation (M. Lansdale)

M. Lansdale presented a summary of information collected and analyzed through OKEMSIS. That information is available at the following Web Address:  
[http://www.ok.gov/health/Protective\\_Health/Emergency\\_Medical\\_Services/OKEMSIS\\_-\\_OK\\_EMS\\_Data\\_System\\_/index.html](http://www.ok.gov/health/Protective_Health/Emergency_Medical_Services/OKEMSIS_-_OK_EMS_Data_System_/index.html).

Discussion ensued regarding data and analysis.

VII. **Public Comment-** *(Please state your name and entity you represent when you are recognized by the Chair.)*

B. Hawley thanked Rob Wagoner for his visit and information.

E. Manley indicated that the 2011 Ambulance Registry is on the Website. Also, EMT renewals have started already. 313 names are on the Tax Hold list that was recently received from the Tax Commission. The Tax Commission sends letters to all of those individuals on Tax Hold and tries to work with them to bring them into compliance. E.



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Manley indicated that many of those on Tax Hold have not updated their address and therefore are still on Tax Hold because the Tax Commission was not able to contact them.

There is not currently a date for the Ambulance Manufacturers Safety Workgroup. D. Adkerson indicated that a report will be published by the NFPA regarding Ambulance Manufacturing Standards.

**VIII. Next Meeting Dates**

<i>Medical Direction SC:</i>	Wednesday, May 16, 2012 @ OSDH, Room 1102 Time is TBD.
<i>OERSDAC:</i>	Thursday, May 17, 2012 @ MetroTechnology Center, Economic Development Center Room 123, OKC, OK; 1:00 pm.
<i>Training and Licensure:</i>	Thursday, May 17, 2012 @ MetroTechnology Center, Economic Development Center Room 123, OKC, OK; 10:00 am.

**IX. Adjournment-**

**Board of Health**