Minutes for  
Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services  
Regular Meeting of June 5, 2003  
Capitol Annex, Room 113  
1:00 P.M.

Chairman Stratton called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman Stratton asked the recording Secretary, Darby McDonald to call roll.

Dr. Eric Bentley – Present  
Shawn Bixler – Present  
John Blumenstock – Present  
Lee Brown – Present  
Greg Brown – Present  
Jimmy Cornelison - Absent  
Bob Dixon – Present  
Mayor Dodd Dixon – Present  

Dr. Mary Fallat - Present  
David Gray – Absent  
Mary Guidugli – Present  
Julie Johnson – Present  
Jamey Locke – Present  
Bill Martin – Absent  
Judge Anthony Stratton – Present  
Mike Swift – Absent  
Dr. Jane Wiczkowski - Present

Chairman Stratton called for determination of quorum. The quorum was met with 13 present.

Approval of Minutes:

John Blumenstock made a motion to approve the May 1, 2003 minutes as submitted, seconded by Shawn Bixler. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report:

Chairman Stratton called on Executive Deputy Director Charles O’Neal to report on the Budget. No action was taken.

Public Comment:
Chairman Stratton called for public comment. No public comment was offered.

Old Business:

EMT-I Program:

Discussion was held concerning implementation of an EMT-I training program.

Bob Dixon made a motion for the Board to direct KBEMS staff to develop and implement an EMT-I program and curriculum, and to submit this information to the Board for its September 18, 2003 meeting in Owensboro. Seconded by Shawn Bixler, motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Review of Contracts:

Chairman Stratton called for a special meeting to be held on June 26, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. to review and discuss KBEMS legal contracts with Board Medical Advisor Dr. Dan O’Brien of the University of Louisville, and Board Legal Counsel Patricia Bausch and Joshua Salsbury of Sturgill, Turner, Barker and Moloney, PLLC.

Notice of Intent Statements of Consideration:

Discussion was held concerning the Statements of Consideration (SOC) to the Board’s proposed regulations.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to recommend accepting the submitted comments and approving all Statements of Consideration as a block and submitting to legislative research. Seconded by Jamey Locke, motion passed unanimously.
State Medical Advisor Report:

Chairman Stratton called on the State Medical Advisor, Dr. Dan O’Brien for his report.

Dr. O’Brien recommended Board approval of the following protocols: Rural Metro - Lexington; Hart County – Munfordville; Bellevue-Dayton Fire Department; Ambulance Inc. of Laurel County - London; Pendleton County EMS - Falmouth; On Site Critical Care – Hartford, with the exception of back injuries and back complaints, eye injuries, hyperglycemia, hypotension/acute pulmonary edema, insect stings, respiratory management (non-traumatic), simple wound care, and sprains/strains; AMR Evansville, with the exception of the pediatric status epilepticus, cricothyrotomy and elective intubations.

Dr. O’Brien also recommended approval of two protocol revisions: Georgetown—Scott County and Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to accept the protocols as presented by Dr. O’Brien. Seconded by Lee Brown, motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Medical Standards/ALS BLS Scope of Practice Committee Report:

Medical Directors:

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve the following medical directors upon noted contingencies: Jackson County Ambulance Service, Dr. Mark Barrett contingent upon complication of ATLS by December 6, 2003; Green County Ambulance Service, Dr. Jeff Jones contingent upon complication of PALS by December 6, 2003; Lexington Fire Department EMS, Dr. Joseph Richardson contingent upon letter accepting position,
approving existing protocols and a current curriculum vitae; Nicholas County Ambulance Service, Dr. Stephen Besson contingent upon complication of PALS and ATLS by December 6, 2003. Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed unanimously.

Exemptions:

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve the following exemption requests upon noted contingencies:

The exemption request from Lee County from the 24 hour ALS requirement, allowing the service 12 months to run part time ALS 72 hours per week.

The exemption request from G & B Ambulance Service to run part time ALS 120 hours per week, allowing the service until September 30, 2003 to provide full-time coverage.

The exemption request from Pikeville Methodist Hospital for equipment requirements, contingent upon the service’s acknowledgment of their agreement to maintain some type of defibrillation unit on board each unit during all transports. Also, the service is to acknowledge that they are not approved to enter into mutual aid agreements with class providers I and II.

Seconded by Dr. Jane Wiczkowski, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bentley stated the medical standards committee moved to deny the exemption request from Cumberland County Hospital requesting that Jennifer Tweedy, EMT in the state of Illinois be approved as a non-certified attendant until she obtains her Kentucky EMT license.

Dr. Bentley stated the decision of the Medical Standards Sub-Committee was to continue the submitted request from Mr. James Bando of Gilbertsville until the next scheduled Board meeting.
Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve the staff-developed education and protocol on the Mark I Auto Injection and expand the use to first responders as well as EMT and paramedics, seconded by Dr. Wiczkowski, motion passed unanimously.

Bob Dixon made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation to have Dr. O’Brien and Charlie O’Neal to contact Dr. Smith (anesthesiologist) regarding his opinion on the issue of pharmaceutical assistant intubation prior to Dr. O’Brien developing a statewide airway protocol. Seconded by Dr. Fallat, motion passed unanimously.

EMS-C Committee Report:

John Blumenstock moved for acclamation from the Board to allow the EMS-C committee to rewrite a partnership grant due Nov. 1, 2003. Seconded by Dr. Bentley, motion passed 11-0, Dr. Fallat abstained from voting.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve request from the EMS-C committee to carryover unobligated funds in the amount of $22,287.45 to purchase Broselow pediatric emergency tapes, to be distributed to EMS services throughout the state pending approval from the Federal Grantor. Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report:

Chairman Stratton called on Mr. O’Neal, who presented the Executive Director’s Report on behalf of Executive Director Brian Bishop.

Dr. Wiczkowski made a motion to approve the request submitted to KBEMS from Barren-Metcalfe Ambulance Service to utilize the additional funds allocated to both services for the purchase of one AED. Seconded by John Blumenstock, motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session:
Dr. Fallat made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of disciplinary and personnel issues, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) & (f). Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed unanimously.

Bob Dixon made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Greg Brown, motion passed unanimously. No final action was taken during Executive Session.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to accept counsel’s recommendations, as follows:

2002-071
Motion to accept conciliation agreement, three (3) year probation, random drug test, $400.00 fine monthly payments of $50.00, and pay for cost of mediation.

2002-072
Motion to accept the Hearing Officer’s findings of fact, conclusion of law and recommended order.

Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.