

**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
December 10, 2014**

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:00 a.m. in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members of the Board present:

Dr. Sullivan Smith, Chairman opened the meeting at 9 a.m. Roll call was taken following members present:

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| Chris Brooks | Brian Robinson | Robert Webb |
| Jeff Davis | James Ross | Tyler White |
| Larry Hutsell | Tim Strange | Jeanne Yeatman |
| Donald Mosby | Stephen Sutton | |

Twelve (12) members were in attendance, a quorum was established.

Board members not present:

Kappu Deshpande

Also present:

Donna G. Tidwell, Director Office of Emergency Medical Services
Brandon Ward, Assistant Director
Keith Hodges, Legal Counsel
Dr. Joe Holley, State Medical Director
Nita Jernigan, EMS Consultant
Steve Hamby, Regional Consultant
Debbie Cox, Regional Consultant
Ray Cook, Regional Consultant
Dwight Davis, Regional Consultant
Teddy Myracle, Regional Consultant
Tory L Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2

The Board and the audience made aware future meetings will be video live streamed.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION

Roll call was taken and three new Board members were introduced. Each Board member was to introduce themselves and the position they hold on the Board. New board members were ask to tell a little about what they do. Ms. Tidwell then announced two (2) new staff members in the Central office and a consultant vacancy that she was working to filled.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24TH 2014 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Dr. Brooks. Motion passed with a voice vote.

RECOGNITION

Ms. Tidwell recognized Dr. Smith for receiving the Rural Health Association Tennessee 2014 Rural Practitioner of the Year award.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Conflict of Interest Policy

Mr. Keith Hodges, Legal Counsel reviewed with the Board the conflict of interest policy.

General Counsel Report

Mr. Hodges reported on the number of open cases in his office. He informed the board the equipment rules had been filed with the Secretary of the State's office and were signed to be effective March 2, 2015. There are no appeals from Board Orders pending. Mr. Hodges notified the board the two (2) legislative proposals approved by the Board did not get chosen by the Governor to move forward.

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent: Timothy V. Sapp, EMT-P License 26396, Crossville, TN

On or about January 9, 2012, Respondent pleaded guilty to receipt of child pornography, a felony, in United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of his license to practice as an EMT-P in the state of Tennessee, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order. Said **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** shall have the same legal force and effect as a REVOCATION of Respondent's license.

Mr. Davis motioned to accept the **CONSENT ORDER** as written and Mr. Hutsell seconded.

Chris Brooks-Aye
Jeff Davis-Aye
Kappu Deshpande-Absent
Larry Hutsell-Aye
Donald Mosby-Aye
Brian Robinson-Aye
James Ross-Aye
Motion passed.

Tim Strange-Aye
Stephen Sutton-Aye
Robert Webb-Aye
Tyler White-Aye
Jeanne Yeatman-Aye
Dr. Sullivan Smith-Aye

REPORT FROM TENNESSEE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TnPAP)

Mr. Harkreader presented the quarterly TNPAP report. Mr. Harkreader was asked to explain the cost of TNPAP. Mr. Harkreader explained the cost structure and stated that the cost can be some of the reasons why people refuse treatment.

Dr. Smith welcomed the students from Southwest Community College

SCHOOL APPROVAL

The Board was presented with one (1) school for initial AEMT Program approval and one (1) school for full approval for the AEMT Program. Cleveland State was recommended for initial AEMT Program.

Mr. Hutsell motioned to approve the initial request from Cleveland State and Mr. Strange seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Chattanooga State was recommended for full approval for their AEMT Program.

Mr. Davis motioned to grant full approval of Chattanooga State AEMT Program and Mr. Sutton seconded. Motion approved with a voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ambulance Committee

Mr. Ward came before the Board gave the Ambulance Committee report. The committee is reviewing Federal Ambulance Triple K specifications and comparing them to the National Fire Protection Association-19(NFPA) and Committee on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) recommended new standards. Mr. Ward stated the committee plans to have recommendation back to Board before October.

Clinical Issues Committee (CIC)

Dr. Holley gave the CIC report, he reviewed the Ebola scare and what was occurring to prepare for recognizing potential Ebola patients and precautions during transports. Dr. Holley presented revision to the Approved Clinical Practices document currently on the website. Mr. Strange motioned to accept the revision to the document, Mr. Mosby seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Dr. Holley informed the Board work is continuing with the Board of Medical Examiners to identify rules for EMS Medical Director. Dr. Holley reviewed the Evidence Base Guideline project was and the part they will play in it. Mr. Sutton asked about giving patients blood while in route to the hospital or other facilities if they need it. Ms. Tidwell stated CIC was investigating and checking on any rules or regulation with blood banks that would affect the recommendation to the Board.

Committee on Pediatric Emergency Care (CoPEC)

Rhonda Phillippi informed the Board of the Star Life Awards to be held on May 14, 2015. Ms. Phillippi reviewed a study that identified age groups seen in the emergency department more than others.

Education Committee

Ms. Tidwell reported the committee did not have a quorum so no business was conduct and they will meet again in March.

Mobile Integrated Health Care (MIHC)/Community Paramedic

Ms. Tidwell gave the report on behave of Chair Mr. Kevin Spratlin who was unable to be present. The committee continues to meet monthly and working hard to get the surveys out. They are hoping to have rules ready for rule making by June. Ms. Tidwell also discussed the MIHC Summit held at the Expo in November in Nashville. Ms. Tidwell stated that is was very interesting and more was learned on what other states are doing with MIHC. The one thing we did learn was to take your time and not to rush it.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. Tidwell reminded the Board the equipment rule will be effective March 2, 2015 and the equipment list prepared by the CI Committee will come to the Board to adopt at the March meeting. There will be a time for public comments during the March meeting. After public comments the Board will either adopt the document as written or change it once approved the list will go into effect in July. She announced the Department was coming close to launching the new licensing system that should be up in the spring of 2015. Ms. Tidwell informed the Board the EMS office will be participating in the Governor's Inauguration Ceremonies in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Smith stated "this is the month that they elect a new chair". Mr. Sutton brought up about electing a chair in September and it was explained why they did not elect one in September. Mr. Hutsell motioned to open nomination and to nominate Dr. Smith and Dr. Brooks seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote to reelect Dr. Smith as Chair. Mr. White motioned to elect the chair in December and Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote. Dr. Smith stated he would like to get with each Committee chair and check on the attendance.

Mr. Sutton asked boards ability to approve Critical Care Paramedics to practice in hospital Intensive Care units under 1200-12-1-.04. The Board was informed the statute only allows for the paramedic to practice in the Emergency Department under supervision of the Registered Nurse in accordance with hospital policy. Mr. Hodges commented the rules under chapter one refers to pre hospital practice not hospital practice.

Dr. Smith announced the next board meeting will be March 25.

Meeting was adjourned.