



## Minutes

<b>MEETING TYPE</b>	Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services: Board of Directors		
<b>DATE</b>	June 8th, 2023	<b>TIME</b>	1:30 PM (Eastern Time)
<b>LOCATION</b>	Board Members In-Person preferred; Zoom option available	<b>ROOM</b>	COT Conf. Room 547CE

### Members

<b>P</b>	John Holder-Chair	<b>P</b>	JoEllen Reed	<b>P</b>	Donovan Blackburn		
<b>P</b>	David Webb	<b>P</b>	Harry Clark	<b>P</b>	Brandon Edmiston		
<b>P</b>	Ronald Crafton	<b>P</b>	Tim Webster	<b>P</b>	Adam Mather		
	Gena Cooper	<b>P</b>	Ben Neal-Vice Chair				
<b>P</b>	Keith Smith	<b>P</b>	Chris Lokits				<b>13 Total: 7= Quorum</b>

#	Item	Discussion/Issue	Action/Responsible Party
1	Call to Order	Officially call meeting to order	Meeting called to order at 1330 EST.
2	Roll Call	Roll call and ensure quorum	Quorum was established with twelve (12) present with audio and visual capabilities.
3	Public Comment		Public comments provided by Mike Harris and Ryan Stull/KY EMS Association in opposition of the moratorium on NREMT accreditation. Ryan Stull/KY EMS Association would like to encourage the Board to support any legislation coming up to increase funding for regionalized education programs in EMS training.
4	Approval of Minutes	Review for Approval: 1) April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Motion to approve by Chris Lokits and seconded by Keith Smith. Motion carries.
5	Financial Report	Financial Report Review	Through April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023. May numbers aren't published yet. Motion to approve by Keith Smith and seconded by Dr. Ron Crafton. Motion carries.
6	Medical Oversight Committee	Committee met on June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2023. Multiple projects ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>202 KAR 7:550</li> <li>Pilot Programs-JCEMS</li> </ul>	<b><u>202 KAR 7:550</u></b> Summary of changes for 202 KAR 7:550 presented by Mr. Lokits. Motion to adopt the document with the changes presented by Chris Lokits. Seconded by Harry Clark.

			<p>Discussion was presented with concern with pediatric transport devices and tourniquet requirements. Roll Call Vote. See below for results. 9 Nos, 1 Yes, 1 Abstain, and 2 No Votes. Motion fails.</p> <table> <tr> <td>John Holder--</td><td>No</td><td>Tim Webster--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>David Webb--</td><td>No</td><td>Ben Neal--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Crafton--</td><td>No</td><td>Chris Lokits--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Cooper--</td><td>Absent</td><td>Donovan Blackburn—</td><td>No Vote</td></tr> <tr> <td>Keith Smith--</td><td>No</td><td>Brandon Edmiston--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>JoEllen Reed--</td><td>No</td><td>Adam Mather--</td><td>Abstain</td></tr> <tr> <td>Harry Clark--</td><td>Yes</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>Motion to accept the changes with the following amendments: pediatric transport device-on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, pediatric transport device capable of transporting patients 5-99 lbs, strike Section 4 completely, and on page 6-Line 9 add four (4) arterial tourniquets by Ben Neal. Seconded by Chris Lokits. Roll Call Vote. See below for results. 0 Nos, 12 Yes, 0 Abstain, and 1 No Vote. Motion carries.</p> <table> <tr> <td>John Holder--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Tim Webster--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>David Webb--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Ben Neal--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Crafton--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Chris Lokits--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Cooper--</td><td>Absent</td><td>Donovan Blackburn—</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Keith Smith--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Brandon Edmiston--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>JoEllen Reed--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Adam Mather--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Harry Clark--</td><td>Yes</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <p><b><u>Pilot Programs-JCEMS</u></b>  JCEMS presented 2 Pilot Programs to Medical Oversight. They were accepted and</p>	John Holder--	No	Tim Webster--	No	David Webb--	No	Ben Neal--	No	Dr. Crafton--	No	Chris Lokits--	No	Dr. Cooper--	Absent	Donovan Blackburn—	No Vote	Keith Smith--	No	Brandon Edmiston--	No	JoEllen Reed--	No	Adam Mather--	Abstain	Harry Clark--	Yes			John Holder--	Yes	Tim Webster--	Yes	David Webb--	Yes	Ben Neal--	Yes	Dr. Crafton--	Yes	Chris Lokits--	Yes	Dr. Cooper--	Absent	Donovan Blackburn—	Yes	Keith Smith--	Yes	Brandon Edmiston--	Yes	JoEllen Reed--	Yes	Adam Mather--	Yes	Harry Clark--	Yes		
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			<p>passed to the Board. Pilot Program 1 is on Buprenorphine Administration in the field as a part of a program with public health. Director Goodpaster gave a summary of the program and addressed concerns. Motion that the Board approve the Jessamine County Pilot Program 1 by Chris Lokits and seconded by Ben Neal. Discussion: Timeline for Pilot Program is one (1) year and then it will need to be reapproved. This isn't a research pilot so we're able to approve it at any point, it doesn't have to wait the full year. JCEMS already has a leave behind program and had about 232 post-naloxone refusals in 2022. This will increase on scene times some due to assessing the COW score over a course of time. Verbal vote. Motion carries.</p> <p>Pilot Program 2 is to establish Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine program at their service. This isn't in conjunction with the first program but will help assist the first one. Motion that the Board approve the Jessamine County Pilot Program 2 to establish a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program by Chris Lokits and seconded by David Webb. Motion carries.</p> <p>Medical Oversight has a workgroup that is still working on education materials/flyers that address IFTs.</p> <p>The MIH-CP Subcommittee is really close to finalizing its regulations concerning the certification of that advanced practice providers certification.</p>
7	Data Collection Committee	Committee last met on May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023. Data Committee report.	<p>202 KAR 7:540 is in need of revision. We're going to attempt to quickly revise it. It currently has KCTCS language in it and we'd</p>

			like to revise it, so it doesn't need to be revised for a while.
8	Education Committee	Committee met on May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023. Multiple projects ongoing.	No action items at this time.
9	Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)	Committee met on April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2023. Multiple projects ongoing.	<p>Our last meeting focused on our Awardees. The flyer has been given to you with 36 agencies recognized. Our press for the recognition has lapsed this year due to losing the Marketing Department with KCTCS which usually goes out in May. Any recognized agencies, we're more than happy to work with you on getting some press for your local media. 4 of those services have been recognized for 6 years: Hebron Fire, Jessamine County, Madison County, and Medical Center EMS. We have 11 hospitals recognized.</p> <p>There was a motion from the last Board Meeting in relevance to the NRP program. EMSC and Dr. Cooper are now in support of the program and have addressed concern with those in opposition of it. Supplemental opportunities have been provided now for services to send instructors to the class at certain hospitals. KPECC might also be able to provide a pre-conference skills check off day which would include NRP, PALS, etc. Motion to approve the NRP course materials curriculum change by David Webb and seconded by Ben Neal. Roll Call Vote. See below for results. 0 Nos, 12 Yes, 0 Abstain, and 1 No Vote. Motion carries.</p>

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10	State Medical Advisor Updates	1) The following EMS agencies have requested Medical Director Changes and have been approved by the State Medical Director and the Director of Field Operations as of 5/31/2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Harrison County Hospital TEI #355-Dr. Paul Fleming</li><li>Bellevue-Mcville Fire Protection District #1480-Dr. Paul Spellman</li></ul>	1) Motion to ratify Medical Director submissions as approved by the State Medical Advisor by Tim Webster and seconded by David Webb. Motion carries.			
		2) The following EMS agencies have requested protocol revisions and/or adoption of the state protocols and have been preliminarily approved by the State Medical Advisor as of 6/5/2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alpha Event Medicine #8006, 8001, 8002</li><li>Ballard County Ambulance Service #1501</li><li>Baptist Health Corbin EMS #1701</li><li>Baptist Health Lexington Ambulance Service #2025</li><li>BGCAPP EMS #4023</li><li>Burlington Fire Protection District #1490</li><li>Caldwell County EMS #1355</li><li>Central Campbell Co. Fire District #1560</li><li>Covington Fire Department #1304</li><li>Crescent Springs VFD #1434</li><li>Crittenden County EMS #1023</li><li>Deaconess EMS, LLC #1043, 1342</li><li>Edgewood Fire and EMS #1500</li><li>Florence Fire and EMS #1381</li><li>Fort Wright Fire Dept. Ambulance Service #1477</li><li>Hebron Fire Protection District #1476</li><li>Jeffersontown Fire and EMS #1688</li><li>Mayfield-Graves County Ambulance Service #1009</li><li>Mount Washington Fire and EMS #1697</li><li>Newport Fire Department #1309</li></ul>	2) Motion to ratify Medical Protocol submissions as approved by the State Medical Advisor except for Mount Washington Fire and EMS by Keith Smith and seconded by JoEllen Reed. Motion carries.			
			3) Recommendations from the State Medical Advisor is one of three options: Dismissing concerns and adopting in full, adopt the protocols with the exception of the sedative only protocol and send it back to MWF&EMS for revision, or adopt the protocols with the exception of the sedative only protocol and send it to Medical Oversight. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Motion to approve the protocol with the exception of the DAI by Dr. Ron Crafton and seconded by David Webb. Roll Call Vote. See</li></ul>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owensboro Fire Department #6005</li> <li>Owensboro/Daviess County EMS #1037</li> <li>Pendleton County Ambulance Taxing District #1599</li> <li>Perry County Ambulance Authority, Inc. #1416</li> <li>Point Pleasant Fire Protection District #1478</li> <li>Rockcastle Regional Hospital &amp; Respiratory Care Center, Inc. #3020</li> <li>Southgate-Wilder EMS #1539</li> <li>The Medical Center EMS #1077</li> <li>Trigg County Hospital Ambulance Service #1366</li> <li>University of Kentucky Hospital/Emergency Transport #1687</li> <li>Vanderbilt Lifeflight #3021</li> <li>Walton Fire Protection District Ambulance Service #1123</li> </ul>	<p>below for results. 9 No, 3 Yes, 0 Abstain, and 1 No Vote. Motion fails.</p> <table> <tr> <td>John Holder--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Tim Webster--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>David Webb--</td><td>No</td><td>Ben Neal--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Crafton--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Chris Lokits--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Cooper--</td><td>Absent</td><td>Donovan Blackburn—</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Keith Smith--</td><td>No</td><td>Brandon Edmiston--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>JoEllen Reed--</td><td>No</td><td>Adam Mather--</td><td>No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Harry Clark--</td><td>Yes</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to accept the protocols like they are and seconded by Adam Mather. Roll Call Vote. See below for results. 0 Nos, 12 Yes, 0 Abstain, and 1 No Vote. Motion carries.</li> </ul> <table> <tr> <td>John Holder--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Tim Webster--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>David Webb--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Ben Neal--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Crafton--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Chris Lokits--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Cooper--</td><td>Absent</td><td>Donovan Blackburn—</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Keith Smith--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Brandon Edmiston--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>JoEllen Reed--</td><td>Yes</td><td>Adam Mather--</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Harry Clark--</td><td>Yes</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	John Holder--	Yes	Tim Webster--	No	David Webb--	No	Ben Neal--	No	Dr. Crafton--	Yes	Chris Lokits--	No	Dr. Cooper--	Absent	Donovan Blackburn—	No	Keith Smith--	No	Brandon Edmiston--	No	JoEllen Reed--	No	Adam Mather--	No	Harry Clark--	Yes			John Holder--	Yes	Tim Webster--	Yes	David Webb--	Yes	Ben Neal--	Yes	Dr. Crafton--	Yes	Chris Lokits--	Yes	Dr. Cooper--	Absent	Donovan Blackburn—	Yes	Keith Smith--	Yes	Brandon Edmiston--	Yes	JoEllen Reed--	Yes	Adam Mather--	Yes	Harry Clark--	Yes		
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11	Executive Committee	<p>Committee last met on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Multiple projects ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NREMT Moratorium Letter Request</li> <li>Standardized PCS Form</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>PCS Form</u></b></p> <p>The EMS TAC Committee have agreed that the Medicare PCS form would be best served being used as any pre/post-authorization. The new form that has come out is impossible for EMS to complete due to the information requested. The EMS TAC Committee and Executive Committee</p>																																																								

wanted to make the Board aware and that the TAC Committee’s intentions are to vote for this to be approved. Motion to make this the standardized non-emergent transport form and adopt the Medicare PCS form as the official preauthorization document for all insurance preauthorization requests statewide. Seconded by Tim Webster. Motion carries.

**NREMT Moratorium Request**

Motion for the Kentucky Board of EMS to draft a letter to the National Registry of EMTs to request a 5-year moratorium on the accreditation process to address our paramedic shortage in Kentucky by Ben Neal. Seconded by Keith Smith.

Discussion: Is there any proof that this would increase our providers?-There’s no proof but we’ve lost paramedics in the last 5 years instead of gain.

The goal is to open up the education everywhere, especially in rural areas where it’s hard to take classes without traveling really far.

Several entities have expressed that they are considering distance learning to help with the shortage in KY.

EMS was included in HB 200 so hopefully we have some money to help fund education. Board members have been trying to meet with whomever to try and address this shortage.

The Board is not trying to do away with the NREMT at all.

Roll Call Vote. See below for results. 10 Nos, 2 Yes, 0 Abstain, and 1 No Vote. Motion carries.

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				Motion for Board Chair Holder to put together a work group for recruitment and retention with involvement from multiple relevant stakeholders by David Webb. Seconded by Tim Webster. Motion passes.		
12	KAPA Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting Date</li><li>Sponsorship</li></ul>	The meeting spot available for KBEMS is September 15 <sup>th</sup> at 1030 EST if we would like it. Motion to accept that time by Keith Smith and seconded by Ben Neal. Motion carries.			
			Motion to sponsor the KAPA Conference for \$5,000 pending state and legal approval by Tim Webster and seconded by Dr. Crafton. Roll call vote. See below for results. 0 Nos, 10 Yes, 2 Abstain, and 1 No Vote. Motion carries.			
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<b>13</b>	Review of Job Descriptions and Postings	Updated discussion regarding the position descriptions/postings	<p>Most of the jobs have been filled. The only one not filled is the Deputy Director position. It has been created now as a contract position.</p> <p>The staff received a cost of living raise from the state however, the Director is currently employed with KCTCS and will not receive that raise. Motion to increase the pay to match by Ben Neal and seconded by JoEllen Reed. Motion carries.</p>
<b>14</b>	Interim Executive Director Updates		<p>Requests for information from the staff from the Board should go through Director Slone first.</p> <p>We've been working with a number of partners recently to increase educational opportunities.</p> <p>Service complaints will go to the OIG's office now.</p> <p>There's an agency that will be doing solely VA runs and are federally regulated/licensed.</p>
<b>15</b>	Information/Announcements	Next meeting date: August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	<p>Mr. Lokits-There's an organization called Women in Emergency Services that's offering mentorship for women in emergency services. For anyone interested, their website is <a href="https://www.womeninemergencyservices.org/">https://www.womeninemergencyservices.org/</a> . It's a virtual mentorship and leadership program geared towards women.</p>
<b>16</b>	Adjournment		<p>Motion to adjourn by Ben Neal and seconded by Keith Smith. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 1649 EST.</p>