



Minutes			
MEETING TYPE	Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services – Workforce Development Committee		
DATE	September 5, 2024	TIME	10:30 AM EST
LOCATION	Virtual	ROOM	Teams Meeting

Members						
P	Phil Ferguson - Chair	P	Joe Middleton			P Eddie Slone
P	Liz Harney - Vice Chair	A	Scott Gehring			P Wayne Briscoe
A	Jacob Carroll					
P	Scott Helle					
P 10:45 A 11:08	Kelli Selvage					7 Total: 4= Quorum
#	Item	Discussion / Issue			Action / Responsible Party	
1	Call to Order	Officially call meeting to order			Meeting called to order by Board Chair Ferguson at 10:35 AM EST.	
2	Roll Call	Roll call and ensure quorum			Quorum was established with four (4) members present.	
3	Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ August 6, 2024 			Motion to approve the August minutes made by Scott Helle and seconded Joe Middleton. Minutes Approved.	
4	Public Comment				None	
5	Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Fair Booth – Jacob Carroll • Marketing Video Update – KBEMS Staff • KY EMS Website – Phillip Ferguson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Logo • KACo/Opioid Settlement Review – Liz Harney • Hybrid Paramedic Course – Phillip Ferguson • KAPA Letter – Phillip Ferguson • KEMSA Letter – Phillip Ferguson 			<p>Chair Ferguson: State Fair Booth, Jacob Carroll worked hard but just couldn't get it to work for this year. Preparing for next year and we will have things developed for recruitment and retention.</p> <p>Eddie Slone – Marketing Video Update Meeting with everyone now. Quotes being prepared. Moving along but approximately 4-6 weeks to do the actual video. One state contractor that we will have to use.</p>	

Chair Ferguson – KY EMS Website and Logo Website – met with the designers. We need to determine a logo. Ali Goldener sent a few mock-ups. Need to do something unique. Charge anywhere from \$150-250. Angela Fields will check on funding avenues from KBEMS and Joe Middleton will be the backup if KBEMS can't cover this.

Liz Harney – KACo/Opioid Settlement Review Presentation last week in Owensboro. Expressed our need and showed our role with EMS and with the Opioid Crisis. Received well and believe it was a strong presentation and are willing to listen to us. Chief Ferguson - Feeling that no one really knows what qualifies or who qualifies for this money. Networking was an important part of this.

Chief Ferguson – Hybrid Paramedic Course A lot of traction. Draft being completed on the modules. Does anyone have experience with Platinum? Wayne Briscoe and Joe Middleton both have. Joe Middleton uses it for most everything. Wayne Briscoe found it user-friendly. Chief Ferguson is creating a video on information regarding recruitment that will be pushed out along with a flyer. Around 30 students already but likely more than that. Purchasing Canvas Studio with a feature that will allow someone that can do the skill and then attach online, or I can watch them online perform the skill. Looking at new innovative ways to reach the rural areas. East to West showing a lot of excitement around the program.

Eddie – Hybrid method, can you handle 50 students?
Chief Ferguson – absolutely. Having classes within the state will be good rather than them

going out of state to get these classes. Getting the information out there will be really important.

Chief Ferguson – KAPA Letter & KEMSA Letter
Next two letters go together. KEMSA letter he will send to us. Addresses how we should go regarding education. Similar to KAPA but a different approach but want to stay with National Registry. We as a committee need to give an opinion very soon to the Board on how we feel on or about those letters. What does Eddie think is the Board expecting something from us?

Eddie Slone – Yes, I do. They expect this workgroup to take out obstacles if they are real but also what the educational opportunities are.

Chief Ferguson will send the letters out and then we will take action at the next meeting.

Joe Middleton – leaning towards finding an avenue of doing both. Flip side is there are administrative barriers blocking us from growing and doing what they want us to do. In the meantime, work on what we can to increase the number of paramedics. We need to be in tune to what they are asking.

Look at a second option. What do the students want? Ask them. Avenue to catch everyone. This committee will have an obligation to concede to both groups.

Ultimately the decision of the Board. We should maintain National Registry but for those looking for alternate pathway, have the Board look for the alternate path.

Scott Helle - We often look back at Texas. Two different options: Licensed and Certified Paramedics. We could do something in that kind of realm. Most people will move towards the accredited program. Need standards and keep those.

			<p>Kelli Selvage – agrees with Scott; the different levels and options will be important.</p> <p>Joe Middleton – must be clearly identified and let the student make the choice.</p> <p>Eddie Slone – Kelli being part of the workgroup as part of the Community College System will move us toward what we need. If we can get the money it takes, and get the recurring cost to do our test, it won't matter. We will have the money to do what we need to with the problems we have. Whatever we do must be sustainable.</p> <p>Chief Ferguson – Michigan has spent over \$2 million, and it still isn't off the ground. Sees Joe's approach with a two-prong thought.</p> <p>Wayne Briscoe – spoke with Michigan. They are not progressing well. National Registry has some options for us to use.</p> <p>Chief Ferguson – What we could do to get a representative at one of these meetings?</p> <p>Wayne Briscoe – Need someone like Director of National Registry.</p> <p>Eddie Slone – thinks we could get him in the next 3-4 weeks to just ask them the question.</p> <p>Chief Ferguson– would you get back your investment? It takes a long time to teach the paramedic program.</p> <p>Joe Middleton – the Registry is not done like it used to be. It's all written. Can KBEMS use the same model, use a proctored test through an approved "tool" to see if they can pass the test. Is it really going to cost millions of dollars for this?</p> <p>Eddie Slone – more support of what Joe is saying if we are not responsible if we can take someone else's test. If we are looking at multi-millions, then we have to spend it appropriately. Logistically it's more realistic.</p> <p>Scott Helle – If we did do any of this, state level, have to have statute change, right?</p>
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6	Information/Announcements	Next Meeting Date: September 19, 2024	Chair Ferguson
7	Adjournment		Motion made by Liz Harney and seconded by Scott Helle to adjourn the meeting. Meet adjourned at 11:24am EST.