



MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

KS Board of Emergency Medical Services

01/07/2014

Meeting Date: January 7, 2014

Meeting Notes Prepared By: Joe House

1. Purpose of the Meeting

- The agenda focused on peer review protection and the 2014 work plan for the MAC.

2. Attendance at the Meeting

Members	Affiliation
Dr. Sabina Braithwaite	MAC – Chair Present
Dr. James Longabaugh	MAC – Vice-chair Present
Dr. Dennis Allin	MAC member Present
Dr. Ryan Jacobsen	MAC member Present
Dr. Michael Machen	MAC member Present
Dr. Denise Miller	MAC member Present
Dr. Sean Herrington	MAC member Present
Deb Kaufman	KBEMS Board member
Steve Sutton	Kansas Board of EMS
Jason White	Mid America Regional Council
Terry David	Rice County EMS / KEMSA

Multiple other participants on teleconference, but did not address the MAC.

3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- **Changes in MAC Membership**
 - Dr. Denise Miller was introduced as a new member to not only the Board of EMS, but also to the MAC. She is an ER physician at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park, Kansas. She will be replacing Dr. David Kingfisher who resigned his position on the MAC due to his responsibilities as the chair of the executive committee of the board.
- **November MAC Meeting notes**
 - Approved as provided. **Miller/Herrington**. No opposition.



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- **Spinal Motion Restriction Position Statement**
 - Update on the status of this item as it related to the December Board Meeting. The position statement was approved by the board, however dissemination on the board's website has been delayed due to the agency's absence of an IT manager and method to update the current website. Dr. Braithwaite felt the important issue was the board approving the statement and that the posting of the statement on the website is nice, but probably a technicality. Dr. Herrington asked a question regarding the letter that was provided to the MAC membership and its distribution. Dr. Braithwaite explained that the letter is the approach being taken by Sedgwick County and its partners and that it is available for distribution.
 - **Action:** Steve Sutton will send a copy of that letter out to the MAC Membership on January 8, 2014.

- **Continued Competency as an approach to continuing education**
 - No update at this time

- **Peer review protection**
 - Dr. Ryan Jacobsen reported that Johnson County legal staffing had looked at the regulations governing peer review and felt that in Johnson County, the agencies are protected under current statutes and regulations as long as they have entered into a formal business agreement with each of the other agencies in a formal peer review mechanism/arrangement. It was highly emphasized that this is the legal opinion of only Johnson County and does not constitute legal advice to any other entity.
 - Discussion led to a need for other agencies to ask their own legal departments to review the peer review statutes and regulations to determine their own opinion. Jason White (MARCER) asked to emphasize trying to get this done at the local level prior to this summer so that there may be plenty of time to develop legislative changes prior to session, if changes are determined to be necessary.
 - **Action:** Consensus of the group was to encourage local agencies to approach their legal departments for a review of the applicable statutes and regulations.

- **Work plan**
 - Discussion led to the formation of 4 topics for the 2014 MAC Work plan
 - Oxygenation – position on hyperoxia vs. normoxia with a goal of basic airway management and identifying what is acceptable.
 - Peer review – as discussed above.
 - End tidal CO2 monitoring – understanding the importance at all levels
 - 12-lead monitoring/Systems approaches to STEMI – Allowing BLS personnel to obtain 12-lead EKGs and the importance of early ECG acquisition for STEMI determination.



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- **Action:** The committee felt the first topic to be approached should be oxygenation and that a priority level for the remaining topics be determined throughout the year.
- **Statutory Change**
 - Steve Sutton presented a brief overview of the changes being recommended in 2014 legislation in the authorized activities of the paramedic.
 - **Action:** Topic will be discussed at the March MAC meeting if needed.
- **Other Items**
 - Dr. Ryan Jacobsen asked about where community paramedicine is falling at the state level in regards to how it will relate to licensed ambulance services vs. non-licensed/non-transporting ambulance services providing care.
 - Discussion led to the thought that if this is pursued at the state level, it will take a high level of participation across a very diverse group in order to be successful. The consensus was that it would be much more appropriate for this to occur in a “day long” face-to-face session than a teleconference format.

4. Action Items

Action	Assigned to	Due Date	Status
Continued competency proposal update	EDTF/Board Staff	Next MAC meeting	Pending
Joint letter of support of position statement – Sent to MAC membership	Steve Sutton	January 8, 2014	Pending
Peer review protection legislation – Encourage local agencies to pursue local legal interpretation.	N/A	Update at March MAC Meeting	Pending
Oxygenation position statement	MAC Chair	Update at March MAC Meeting	Pending

5. Next Meeting

<i>Date:</i>	March 11, 2014	<i>Time:</i>	5:30pm	<i>Location:</i>	Teleconference
<i>Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on revision of state continuing education process/revision Update on peer review protection status (any other local entities) Update on MAC's position on oxygenation Review of statutory changes to authorized activities of the paramedic (if necessary) 				

Remaining 2014 Meeting Dates:

Mar. 11, 2014 May 13, 2014 July 8, 2014 Sept. 9, 2014 Nov. 11, 2014