



MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

KS Board of Emergency Medical Services

03/11/2014

Meeting Date: March 11, 2014

Meeting Notes Prepared By: Joe House

1. Purpose of the Meeting

- The agenda focused on continuing education requirements/continued competency, legislative updates, and the oxygenation position statement.

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 Absent
Dr. Ryan Jacobsen	MAC member Present
Dr. Michael Machen	MAC member Absent
Dr. Denise Miller	MAC member Absent
Dr. Sean Herrington	MAC member Absent
Deb Kaufman	KBEMS Board member
Shane Pearson	KBEMS Board member
Steve Sutton	Kansas Board of EMS
Curt Shreckengaust	Kansas Board of EMS
Joe House	Kansas Board of EMS
James Reed	Kansas Board of EMS
Jason White	Mid America Regional Council
Terry David	Rice County EMS / KEMSA
Darlene Whitlock	

Other unannounced participants on teleconference, but did not address the MAC.

3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- No ability to take action on any topics due to no majority of MAC members. Consensus was to receive a briefing on the agenda topics.
- **Attorney General Holder’s Statement**
 - Dr. Ryan Jacobsen shared that he had been contacted by a local Kansas City news station in regards to police personnel carrying Narcan as an immediate



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medication for heroin overdose. This item was discussed later in the meeting.

- **January MAC Meeting notes**
 - No changes requested.

- **Continued Competency as an approach to continuing education**
 - Curt Shreckengaust provided a brief report on continued competency and the progress being made. Some changes have been incorporated into the original plan through conversations across the state with regional representatives as well as physician involvement. Inclusion of NIPPV at the EMT level and above, increase of hourly requirement from 16 to 20 hours of CE in a 2 year certification period for the EMR, changes in terminology, etc..
 - Dr. Ryan Jacobsen asked about the definition of some of the topics and subtopics. Question came as to whether this was too specific for training programs.
 - Dr. Sabina Braithwaite asked about the ability to provide guidance to agencies so that this is not an overwhelming issue and that a stair step approach would be easier with the implementation of the plan.
 - This will be sent out to the group to assist in refining topics and subtopics. Look to see if EMSC has topics that need to be included. By consensus, the MAC will continue to work with Curt on this approach.

- **Legislative updates**
 - **Peer review protection**
 - Dr. Ryan Jacobsen reported that perhaps there should be some state legislation developed to help protect peer review and extend the protection into the pre-hospital environment and perhaps this is something that should be looked at this summer to develop for the next legislative session.
 - Johnson County legal staffing believes that this is currently protected under current statutes and regulations as long as the entities have entered into a formal business agreement with each of the other agencies.
 - **TPOPP/DNR – HB2691**
 - Statute seemed to appear without the knowledge of those that are heavily involved in TPOPP.
 - Jason White provided that this came out of one committee and placed into Health and Human Services. Chairman of the committee is meeting with some of the interested parties during the next week and a better picture should be available after that.
 - **HB2509 – EMS Scope/Clean-up language**
 - Amended and crossed into the Senate.
 - **SB320 – Fines/Subpoenas**
 - Amended and crossed into the House.
 - **HB2526 – Healthcare worker assault**



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- Jason White provided that this legislation seems to be progressing forward. There was a hearing today on this bill with no formal opposition.
- **Position Statement - Oxygenation**
 - Dr. Sabina Braithwaite brought forth a concern as to whether this may be too much/too soon on the back side of restriction of spinal immobilization and whether the presentation of this position would be overwhelming to EMS services and attendants.
 - Dr. Ryan Jacobsen felt that this is worth pursuing, but that perhaps it should be focused onto specific conditions and taken in incremental steps.
 - Consensus was to have a 3-4 sentence very focused segment with some supporting documentation to start getting individuals to begin thinking about normoxia in the prehospital setting. Dr. Ryan Jacobsen offered to develop this segment.
- **Narcan Item**
 - Should the MAC identify the issues involved with the administration of Narcan in police departments/fire departments based upon Attorney General Eric Holder's statement on March 10th? Consensus was to establish some talking points to be used on this topic. Dr. Sabina Braithwaite offered to develop these talking points.
- **Other Items**
 - No other items were brought forward at this time.

4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Continued competency refining of topics/subtopics	Curt Shreckengaust	Update at May MAC meeting	Pending
Continued competency plan circulated to MAC membership and comments returned to MAC Chair and Curt	Curt Shreckengaust	March 31, 2014	Pending
Development of a segment to start off the conversation of normoxia	Dr. Ryan Jacobsen	Update at May MAC meeting	Pending
Development of talking points for Narcan administration in the prehospital setting outside of EMS	Dr. Sabina Braithwaite	Update at May MAC Meeting	Pending



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5. Next Meeting

<i>Date:</i>	<i>May 13, 2014</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Teleconference</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on revision of state continuing education process/revision• Legislative update• Further segment development of oxygenation position statement• Update on Narcan administration and talking points				

Remaining 2014 Meeting Dates:

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