



# MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## KS Board of Emergency Medical Services

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**Meeting Date:** July 8, 2014

**Meeting Notes Prepared By:** Joe House

### 1. Purpose of the Meeting

- The agenda focused on the content for the MAC's portion of the KBEMS website, legislative ideas/changes, and future position statements.

### 2. Attendance at the Meeting

<b>Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
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 Absent
Dr. Denise Miller	MAC member Absent
Dr. Sean Herrington	MAC member Absent
Deb Kaufman	KBEMS Board member
Chad Pore	KBEMS Board member
Wendy Gronau	KBEMS Board member
Joe House	Kansas Board of EMS
Curt Shreckengaust	Kansas Board of EMS
James Reed	Kansas Board of EMS
Frank Williams	Midwest Lifeteam
Terry David	Rice County EMS / KEMSA

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

### 3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- **May MAC Meeting notes**
  - No changes requested – Approved as provided.
- **Old Business**
  - Dr. Braithwaite advised that the state medical director talk is currently awaiting some other action, but there is nothing new to report. Both the letter of support for KEMSA's grant request for Just Culture and the Naloxone issues statement have



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been completed.

- **Content for MAC page of KBEMS website**

- Dr. Allin requested a list of the medical directors and service directors be published within the page. Dr. Longabaugh asked that it be broken down into a listing by region or at least organized by region.
- Consensus of the group was to have the MAC Position Statements, meeting minutes, meeting agendas and supporting material, MAC membership, as well as the medical director/service director listing be published along with some links to other resources (NAEMSP, ACEP, NASEMSO, etc.) placed upon the page.
- Discussion was held regarding placing model state protocols on the page, but that it may be an extra step that may add confusion or difficulty in finding.
- Discussion also revolved around method of contact for the MAC membership and the ability to link to an email address, whether that is a personal email address or developed with the Board/State's system to automatically route a standard "@ems.ks.gov" address to the personal email address.
- Joe House mentioned that a majority of the linkage of documents could be done within a couple of weeks and that the two lists (medical directors and service directors) may take a couple of months to develop and link.
- Joe will send out a notice to the MAC membership when the page goes live.

- **Legislative Changes/Ideas**

- Joe House asked that in preparation for the upcoming legislative meeting on development of a packet, are there any items to change within the scope of practice/authorized activities from the clinical side and the MAC?
  - Discussion revolved around a perceived problem with consistency in language due to having new scope items included along with old scope items in the same statute and the way that the statute is built upon the lower level of certification rather than restating what is allowed.
  - Dr. Allin stated that simplification was attempted once before, but that the vagueness of the wording utilized was challenged by other agencies due to a concern of the activities being more open-ended. Dr. Allin shared that with the MAC providing clinical oversight, perhaps those other agencies would not have concern if presented with similar wording.
  - MAC recommendation is that clinical items/authorized activities be referenced within regulation as opposed to be enumerated within statute or a way is developed to simplify the current statutes regarding the authorized activities.
- Dr. Braithwaite asked if we add Naloxone IN to the EMT scope of practice?
  - Latest trend is to allow everyone to have naloxone, but would require adding education to the EMT curricula.
  - Consensus was that this is not an issue within the state at this time and that it should be revisited if the issue arises within the state.



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- Dr. Jacobsen discussed the potential Peer Review Legislation.
  - Currently Johnson County is crafting business agreement documents for all entities within their county. In Johnson County, it is their interpretation of the current law that this is able to be done and protected through establishing and making these business agreements.
  - Some of the entities within Johnson County may be providing or presenting legislation that would enable this on a state level, but it is anticipated to take a considerable amount of time due to its involvement of revising statute.
  - Dr. Jacobsen will continue to keep the MAC advised of their findings with this process and if they decide to pursue legislative changes.
- **Future Position Statements**
  - Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI)
    - Discussion revolved around not necessarily supporting/endorsing its use or non-use, but instead allowing what items/process/policy need to be present to ensure patient safety if it is going to be used.
    - Dr. Allin stated that he would develop a few talking points for the starting of a resource document and would have it the talking points available for presentation and further refinement/ideas at the September meeting.
  - Helicopter EMS (HEMS) Utilization
    - Discussion revolved around some safety concerns that may be present during HEMS utilization along with a lack of integration within some EMS systems.
    - Discussion continued on whether the Kansas MAC could endorse the NAEMSP statement as a start to addressing the issue within the state.
    - Chad Pore stated that he believes that this could offer some consistency in the approach of HEMS utilization not only for local EMS services, but also with information that would be beneficial to the hospital.
    - Dr. Braithwaite stated that she would develop a few talking points for the starting of a resource document on this topic.

### 4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Development of MAC page on KBEMS Website	Joe House/Board Staff	Mid-August	Pending
Develop rough start of resource document for RSI	Dr. Dennis Allin	Update at Sept. MAC Meeting	Pending
Develop start of resource document for HEMS Utilization	Dr. Sabina Braithwaite	Update at Sept. MAC Meeting	Pending



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### 5. Next Meeting

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Sept. 9, 2014</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Teleconference</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislative changes / ideas</li><li>• RSI resource document discussion</li><li>• HEMS Utilization resource document discussion</li><li>• 2015 Meeting Dates</li></ul>				

Remaining 2014 Meeting Dates:  
*Sept. 9, 2014    Nov. 11, 2014*