



MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

KS Board of Emergency Medical Services

Date of Meeting: May 12, 2015

Meeting Notes Prepared By: Carrie Doud

1. Purpose of Meeting

- The agenda focused on informational/discussion items due to quorum not being met. Items discussed were FLEX EMS update, proposed DEA regulation changes to eliminate standing orders for controlled substances, i-gel airway and privatization of CARES.

2. Attendance at the Meeting

<i>Members</i>	<i>Company</i>	
Dr. Ryan Jacobsen	MAC – Chair	Present
Dr. James Longabaugh	MAC – Vice Chair	Present
Dr. Dennis Allin	MAC Member	Absent
Dr. Michael Machen	MAC Member	Present
Dr. Sean Herrington	MAC Member	Excused
Deb Kaufman	KBEMS Board Member	
Joseph House	KBEMS Executive Director	
Curt Shreckengast	KBEMS Deputy Director	
James Reed	KBEMS Staff	
Jason White	KEMSA/MARCER	
Travis Vaughn	Lenexa Fire Department	
Terry David	Rice County EMS/KEMSA	
Sara Roberts	KDHE	

3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- March MAC Meeting Notes
 - No changes requested – Approved as provided
- Old Business
 - Position statement – Rapid Sequence Intubation
 - Meeting quorum not met; further discussion/approval tabled to July meeting.
 - FLEX EMS Update



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- Sara Roberts, KDHE Director of Primary Care/Rural Health provided the FLEX EMS update.
- Gilbert Tabares has changed positions. His position is currently open and Ms. Roberts is hopeful to have filled by the next MAC meeting.
- Funding is still available in the FLEX grant for programs the MAC may find useful for medical directors. Ms. Roberts noted the grant funding will end August 31st. Programs will not need to be completed by this date however plans will need to be in place.
- Following discussion, members were in agreement to focus on a broader audience, including both medical directors and service directors. Ms. Roberts will put together a proposed model and work with Board staff to distribute to the MAC members for review and comment prior to the July meeting.

- New Business
 - Proposed DEA Regulations to Eliminate Standing Orders for Controlled Substances
 - Jason White provided an update to the MAC members on the ongoing discussions regarding proposed changes in DEA regulations to eliminate standing orders for controlled substances.
 - Mr. White noted the current discussions and involvement of EMS are part of the overall political pressure surrounding the use and abuse of controlled substances. Concern was noted that the DEA does have the authority to implement changes to regulations to eliminate standing orders for controlled substances.
 - Consensus from the MAC was to draft an informal response to the issue and communicate with MARCER and KEMSA as well as state legislators over the summer to encourage local engagement on the issue and the potential impact changes would have on the EMS community.
 - Mr. White and Terry David will work on drafting a response to the issue with follow up at the July meeting.

 - I-gel Airway and Scope of Practice Issues in Kansas
 - Dr. Jacobsen provided information on the i-gel supraglottic airway noting that the product is currently being piloted in Johnson County.
 - Dr. Jacobsen noted the question had been raised if this procedure was considered as part of the scope of practice for a BLS provider. Secondly, does there need to be a change in how supraglottic airways are currently defined in regulation for BLS providers.
 - Joe House clarified that current regulation reads blind insertion supraglottic



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- airway. The only exclusion being the LMA specifically.
- Consensus from Board staff was use of the i-gel device would be considered blind insertion of supraglottic airway and would be considered as part of the scope of practice for a BLS provider.
 - Privatization of CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival)
 - Dr. Jacobsen discussed the CARES system transition to a private funding subscription model. The model overview indicates there will be three levels of fees for site participation, based on population coverage and a flat fee for state participation. States will identify a local coordinator who oversees CARES operations in the state. This role can be a full FTE or a portion thereof depending on the state population and plans for expansion.
 - Dr. Jacobsen asked for the members input on desires to pursue a statewide subscription to the registry and if interested how best to move forward with pursuing.
 - Joe House noted while not impossible, securing a full time FTE could be a challenge on the state side.
 - Question was raised on how the CARES system aligns with the University of Kansas Medical Center Heart and Stroke Collaborative.
 - Dr. Machen noted overlap between the two systems and the data being collected. Currently, the Heart and Stroke Collaborative is limited to the eleven participating sites in Northwest Kansas however possibility of becoming the standard for the state in the future.
 - Ms. Roberts noted the focus for the upcoming FLEX grant to be time critical diagnosis. With this, filling her open position with someone with a background in quality improvement will be essential. Ms. Roberts noted the possibility of staff time to dedicate to EMS and offered further discussions with Board staff and others on offering support through the FLEX grant.
 - Dr. Jacobsen noted discussion to be continued at the July meeting.
 - Parking Lot
 - State Medical Director – No additional information/discussion at today's meeting
 - Legislative Update – No additional information/discussion at today's meeting
 - Upcoming 2015 MAC Meeting Dates
 - July 14th; September 8th; November 10th
 - Board staff will send a meeting reminder with response requested to ensure a quorum at the July meeting.



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4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
RSI Position Statement	Dr. Dennis Allin	Tabled to July meeting	Pending

5. Next Meeting

<i>Date:</i>	July 14, 2015	<i>Time:</i>	5:30 pm	<i>Location:</i>	Teleconference
<i>Objectives:</i>	Old Business RSI Position Statement CARES system and interest in statewide participation New Business Parking Lot				