

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **Friday, January 22, 2010**

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: **Columbus Regional Hospital
Kroot Auditorium
2400 E. 17th Street
Columbus, IN 47201**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Miller	(Private Ambulance)
Charles Valentine	(Municipal Fire)
Myron Mackey	(EMTs)
Terri Hamilton	(Volunteer EMS)
G. Lee Turpen II	(Paramedic)
Michael Olinger	(Trauma Physicians)
Sue Dunham	(Emergency Nurses)
Ed Gordon	(Volunteer Fire EMS)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

William Rutherford	(Emergency Physicians)
Jane Craigin	(Hospital EMS)
Rick Archer	(State EMS Director)

OTHERS PRESENT: **Bruce Bare, EMS Training and Compliance Section Chief**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. Chairman Miller thanked Darrell Polley, EMS Education coordinator, Columbus Regional Hospital for the use of their facility.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2009, Commission meeting as written and was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed unanimously.

State EMS Director Report

Mr. Archer introduced Bruce Bare as the new EMS Compliance, Training and Certifications Section Chief. He also introduced Mike Callahan, Wales, United Kingdom, stating that he is in Indiana to learn our EMS system.

Mr. Archer stated that there will be 2 new programs being implemented; one being online recertification which he's hoping to have it ready for testing mid year, and the second one is a new vehicle inspections program.

Mr. Archer stated that the Governor's office hasn't appointed members of the TAC Committee, but is getting closer to being completed. Mr. Archer stated that a draft of how the committee will operate will be sent to the Commissioners before the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Archer introduced Gurinder Hohl and Elizabeth Weinstein, MD with EMS for Children to give an update on the EMS provider surveys for EMS for Children that were sent out for response. Ms. Weinstein stated that 80% of the responses have been received. Dr. Weinstein did a short presentation about EMS for Children.

Mr. Archer presented an honorary lifetime paramedic certificate to Jeffrey Hooper. Mr. Hooper unexpectedly passed away while taking a paramedic course and being a long-time contributor to EMS in his locality for many years.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the honorary paramedic certificate. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

Personnel Certification Report

Renewed certifications as of January 2010

Basic EMT	1659
Advanced EMT	124
EVOC Drivers	46
EVOC Instructors	00
First Responders	428
Paramedics	217
Primary Instructors	23
Intermediate EMT	17
Total	2,514

Expired certifications as of January 01, 2010	
Basic EMT	312
Advanced EMT	21
EVOC Drivers	58
EVOC Instructors	00
First Responders	142
Paramedics	39
Primary Instructors	00
Intermediate EMT	03
Total	575

STAFF REPORT:
EMS Personnel Waiver Request

The following requested a waiver for their certifications to be reinstated due to submitting in-service late. All training was completed prior to expiration. All expired 01-01-2010. Staff recommended approval of the reinstatements.

Benjamin L. Graybill
 Nancy Austin
 Andrew Slone
 Dennis Henderson
 Thomas Bollman Sr.
 Carl McCarthy III
 Clarence E. Rathbun
 Jimmy West
 Paul Wines
 Michael Polk
 Willie Oliver
 Dale Bloomer
 Christine Watson
 Scott Arnett
 Natalie Koon
 Nancy Apollos
 Shawn Miller
 William B. Moistner

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the waivers. The motion was seconded by Terri Hamilton, with one opposed. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of their certifications to be reinstated due to submitting their in-service late. All training was completed prior to expiration. All expired 10-01-09. Staff recommended approval of the reinstatements.

Scott Hepler
Kevin Clark
Jeffrey D. Roberts
Sandy Roberts
Jeremy Warren
Danielle M. Johnson

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the waivers. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

Mr. Miller stated that, by reinstating certifications, the date will go back to the original date of expiration with no lapse in their certifications.

The following requested a waiver due to submitting their in-service late. All training was completed prior to expiration. All expired 07-01-09. Staff recommended approval of the reinstatements.

Ray Bryant
Caroline Alger
James Redd
Lisa DeBoer-expired 04-01-09

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the waivers effective 01-22-10. The motion was seconded by Lee Turpen. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver extension of the 836 IAC 4-4-1 deadline for purpose of testing certification. Staff recommended approval.

Sarah E. Hopfer
Jackson Beatty

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the waiver of extension. The motion was seconded by Chuck Valentine. The motion passed.

Brenda Kester requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-1 & 836 IAC 4-4-2 for reinstatement of certification. All hours were not completed prior to expiration. Expired 04-01-09. Staff recommended denial.

Terri Hamilton offered a motion to deny the waiver. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

Regina Sparks requested a waiver of the 836 IAC 4-4-1 deadline for purposes of testing for certification. All hours were not completed prior to expiration. Staff recommended denial.

Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept staff recommendation to deny the waiver. The motion was seconded by Chuck Valentine. The motion passed with 4 opposed.

De'Shawna Shea requested a waiver of the 836 IAC 4-4-2 (d) deadline for acquiring in-service. All hours were not completed prior to expiration. Expired 01-01-10. Staff recommended denial.

Chuck Valentine offered a motion to accept staff recommendation to deny request. The motion was seconded by Lee Turpen. The motion passed.

Tomisue Sizemore requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-1 (Sec. 1 (a) 1) minimum age requirement for an EMT-B candidate, with a class completion 12-19-09. Staff recommended denial.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Lee Turpen. The motion passed with 1 opposed vote.

Chairman Miller entertained a motion to waive 836 IAC 4-9-1 student qualifications for Ms. Sizemore to enter paramedic training. Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Lee Turpen. The motion passed.

Jared Wolski requested a waiver due to submitting in-service late. All training was not completed prior to expiration. This waiver is in addition to a waiver to get in-service completed. Expired 10-01-09.

Mr. Archer offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

Probationary Orders

It was reported that the agency has issued the following Probationary Certifications

- Order No. 47-2009 Norman Herzog
- Order No. 48-2009 Kyle Epler
- Order No. 50-2009 Eric Cook
- Order No. 51-2009 Raymond Debord
- Order No. 52-2009 John Emmett Jr.
- Order No. 55-2009 Justin Cook
- Order No. 56-2009 Thomas Harp
- Order No. 57-2009 Jason Forms
- Order No. 61-2009 Lynn Goodner III
- Order No. 62-2009 Tina Adams
- Order No. 70-2009 Casey Brina Czekala

Order No. 74-2009 Casey Wilson
 Order No. 75-2009 Scott Bailey
 Order No. 78-2009 Daniel Maple

No action was needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:

Provider Waiver Requests

Karrie Dillon presented the following request:

Pelham Training Institution- IAC 836 4-2-1(g) Certified advanced life support training institutions conducting paramedic programs on or after July 1, 2008, shall show written proof of national accreditation of the program.

Pelham is asking for a 3 month extension of the previous 18 month waiver that expired January 1, 2010 to complete the paramedic course that will end 04-10.

Staff recommended the Waiver be extended until the result of Pelham's accreditation process is completed.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve extension per staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

Bruce Bare presented the following request:

Harrison Fire Department- Ohio- 836 IAC 1-1-1(35) "Medical Director" means a physician with an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana and who has an active role in the delivery of emergency care

Harrison Fire Department-Ohio- 836 IAC 1-4-2 (c) Emergency medical services vehicle radio equipment

Harrison Fire Department-Ohio- 836 IAC 2-7.2-1(d) General requirements for emergency medical technician-intermediate Provider organizations

Harrison Fire Department- Ohio- 836 IAC 2-2-1(d) General requirements for paramedic organizations.

Harrison Fire Department-Ohio- 836 IAC 1-3-4 (2) (a) (b) Land ambulance rescue equipment

Harrison Fire Department-Ohio- 836 IAC 1-3-5 (4) (b) (d) Emergency care equipment

Harrison Fire Department- Ohio- 836 IAC 4-4-1 General certification provisions

Harrison Fire Department- Ohio- 836 IAC 4-4-3 Certification based on reciprocity

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve 3 month waiver to allow the fire department to continue operations and for staff to get more information on number of runs and transports. The motion was seconded by Rick Archer. The motion passed.

Harrison Fire Department-Ohio- 836 IAC 2-14-5 Advanced life support nontransport vehicle emergency care equipment

Lee Turpen offered a motion to accept all waivers except endotracheal intubations. The motion was seconded by Rick Archer. The motion passed.

Complaints:

No report was submitted.

EMS Education Report

Rick Archer stated that there is not EMS Education Committee. The report will be dropped from the agenda.

Technical Advisory Committee

Mr. Miller stated that the commission had submitted names of persons to the Technical Advisory Committee and submitted them to the Governor's office for approval; there has been no action taken by the governors' office at this time.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson submitted a report for informational purposes only. Mr. Nelson stated that the State data base is ready to be tested but is in need of provider's data in order to test the data base. Mr. Nelson stated that he is waiting on vendors to contact him for testing.

No action was needed by the Commission. None was taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Mrs. Snyder stated the following cases were timely filed. Chairman Miller stated that since the appeals were filed timely then they need to be granted in order to move forward.

Katie Cross
Justin Cook
Kyle Epler
Belinda Merrill

Ed Gordon offered a motion to approve appeals. The motion was seconded by

Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

Caroline Sitar- not timely filed

Mara Snyder stated that this appeal was not timely filed, therefore if denied then Ms. Sitar has the right to appeal the decision of the appeal.

Ms. Sitar stated that she had never gotten a letter stating any process that an appeal was needed. Ms. Snyder stated that she could appeal the denial from the commission. Ms. Snyder stated that if Ms. Sitar had never received the decision then timeliness can not be an issue at this time.

Myron Mackey offered a motion to approve the appeal. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

Administrative Law Judge Decisions

Kenneth Lock II

Bernie Mickler

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm judge's decisions. The motion was seconded by Lee Turpen. The motion passed.

New Business

Rule Change to address initial certification time periods and waivers for late re-certification.

(c) Initial certification as an EMT shall be valid for a period of two (2) years plus the number of calendar days from the date the application is approved by the commission staff to the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter, i.e. January 1, April 1, July 1, December 1

FYI- calendar quarters should reflect January, April, July and October, and not December.

(e) if a properly completed renewal application is submitted within sixty (60) calendar days after the expiration of the certification, together with the required documentation to show that the applicant has completed all required continuing education within the two (2) years prior to the expiration of the certification, and a (\$50) re-application fee, the certification will be re-instated to the date that the commission staff determines that the required application, documentation and re-

application fee have been properly submitted. The expiration date will be two (2) years from the expiration of the previous, expired certification.

General discussion, no action was needed by the commission. No action was taken.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:

2009 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Potential dates for EMS Commission Meeting for 2010

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| March 19, 2010- | Plainfield Aquatic Center
651 Vestal Road
Plainfield, IN 46168 |
| May 14, 2010- | Buck Creek Township VFD
5809 W. Airport Blvd
Greenfield, IN 46140 |
| July 23, 2010- | Brownsburg Fire Territory
470 E. Northfield Drive
Brownsburg, IN 46112 |
| September 17, 2010- | Decatur County EMS
820 Lincoln Street
Greensburg, IN 47240 |
| November 19, 2010- | TBD |

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Approved _____
Gary Miller, Chairman