

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Education and Compliance Committee
Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Raleigh, North Carolina

May 10, 2016
10:00 am

Members Present

Mr. Terry Barber
Dr. Thomas Brant
Ms. Carolyn Creech
Dr. Elizabeth Kanof
Mr. Donnie Loftis
Mr. Robert Poe
Dr. Douglas Swanson

Members Absent

Mr. Todd Baker
Ms. Traci Little
Ms. Lynn Norwood
Dr. Edward St. Bernard

Others Present

Mr. Bryan Beaver
Mr. Michael Cobb
Mr. Joel Faircloth
Mr. Henry Helton
Ms. Tonya Mikell-Pool
Mr. Kevin Ryan
Mr. Danny West

Staff Members Present

Ms. Mallory Bass
Ms. Alesia Hester
Mr. Todd Messer
Mr. Tom Mitchell
Ms. Debra Nicholas
Ms. Kimberly Sides
Dr. Tripp Winslow

- 1) **Purpose of the Meeting:** The Committee met to receive updates on OEMS activities of the Education and Compliance Sections.
- 2) **Actions of the Committee:** Mr. Poe called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
 - (a) A motion was made and seconded that the November 10, 2015 and February 9, 2016 meetings minutes be accepted as presented. All approved.
- 3) **OEMS Compliance Update:** Ms. Sides gave the OEMS Credentialing and Compliance Update. She provided an overview of tasks completed from February 1, 2016 thru April 30, 2016 as follows:

National Criminal History Reviews:

- ❖ 309 Applicants completed National Criminal Background Reviews for the Agency.

OEMS Complaints

- ❖ The Agency received 19 formal complaints.
 - 7 complaints were forwarded to the Eastern Regional EMS Office
 - 9 complaints were forwarded to the Central Regional EMS Office
 - 3 complaints were forwarded to the Western Regional EMS Office

These complaints were within the following counties:

Beaufort, Brunswick (two complaints), Buncombe, Caswell, Cherokee, Durham, Greene, Guilford, Johnston, Martin, Mecklenburg, Onslow (two complaints), Robeson, Sampson and Wake Counties (three complaints)

Case Review Panel & NC EMS Disciplinary Committee

❖ The Agency’s Case Review Panel reviewed 20 cases.

Issue EMS Credential:	7
Letter of Reprimand:	2
Tabled	1
Forward for Interview by Disciplinary Committee:	10

❖ The North Carolina EMS Disciplinary Committee reviewed 15 cases.

❖ Enforcement Actions:

Issue EMS Credential:	5
Take No Action:	2
Deny EMS Credential:	1
Suspend EMS Credential:	1
Letter of Reprimand:	1
Applicant did not attend interview:	5

- Failure to respond within a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner to inquiries during a complaint investigation
- Any criminal arrests that involve charges which have been determined by the Department to indicate a necessity to seek action in order to further protect the public pending adjudication by a court

❖ Current EMS Disciplinary Committee Members.

- Dr. Roy Alson*
- Mr. Joel Faircloth*
- Ms. Carrie Gillilan*
- Dr. Elizabeth Kanof*
- Dr. Igna Kish*
- Mr. Danny West*

❖ On March 23, 2016, the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) conducted an audit of the Agency’s national criminal history review process. The National Identity Services Audit assesses compliance with National Fingerprint File participation standards, as well as federal laws and regulations associated with the use and dissemination of national criminal history record information. This audit analyzed methods used by state criminal history record repositories, federal agencies, and other authorized entities to administer policies and procedural requirements.

Legal Recognition Process

- The Agency issued 249 credentials through the legal recognition process.

OEMS Credentials

- The Agency issued 1,237 EMS credentials through initial courses (state written examination).
- The Agency issued 2,271 EMS credentials via renewal through continuing education.
- The Agency issues 119 EMS Instructor Credentials (included both initial and renewal).

4) **OEMS Education Update:** Mr. Messer gave an update on OEMS Education.

- Registration for the 26th Annual North Carolina Paramedic Competition is now open. The Preliminary Competition will be held on July 15, 2016 and the Final Competition will be held on October 2, 2016 at Emergency Medicine Today.
- The Agenda has been set for the 43rd Annual Emergency Medicine Today Conference. Pre-Conference offerings will begin on September 30 and the Conference will conclude on October 5, 2016.
- Dr. Kanof the DPI presentation and panel discussion has been slated for Tuesday afternoon at EM Today.

5) **OEMS Medical Director Update:** Dr. Tripp Winslow gave an update on OEMS Protocols, etc.

- 119 Protocol updates/modifications
- 2 New Medical Directors
- 1 Non-Traditional Practice Setting
- 2 abstracts accepted for the National Conference for the Medical Director Update
- Rules research done on the Airway data being collected
- Presentation to the Hospital Association for how EMS can help with Sepsis recognition
- Some agencies are now giving antibiotics for open fractures

6) **OEMS Chief, Tom Mitchell Update:** Sex Offender Registry Update

- Mr. Mitchell made everyone aware that individuals who are required to register on the Sex Offender Registry are not allowed by North Carolina General Statute to hold an EMS credential. The Agency will address individuals that petition the court to be removed from the registry listing on a case by case basis.

7) **Other Business**

- Dr. Kanof expressed concern with the lack of participation in the EMS Credentialed Personnel Chemical Dependency Recovery and Rehabilitation Program. While the program has been moved in-house to cut cost, the participation has not increased. The Committee discussed the need to educate our colleagues and providers that the program exists, as well as the financial burden the program presents to an individual who may be unemployed while participating in the program. Dr. Kanof suggested looking at some foundations that may be able to assist with funding needs. It was decided that Ms. Sides would assist Dr. Kanof in compiling a listing of potential foundations.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Minutes submitted by Debra Nichols