

MEMO

January 19, 2017

To: Sub-committee for future position of BEMS as a freestanding board Members

From: Donna Newchurch / Nancy Bourgeois

Re: Summary of 1/17/17 Meeting

Attendees: George Alamond (Shreveport Fire); Nancy Bourgeois (LA ACEP); Rob Daughdrill (LANREMT); Kirk LaCour (EMS Task Force); Curry Landry (LAA); Mark Majors (Med Express); Donna Newchurch (LAA); Gary Peters (Advanced EMS); Chad Roberson (LA Fire Chiefs Assn); Evon Smith (LANREMT); Jeff Watson (Bossier City Fire Dept); and Tracy Wold (Pafford EMS)

Invited but not in attendance: Susan Bailey (BEMS); Butch Browning (OSFM); Jeff Elder, MD (EMS Certification Commission); Chad Guillot (BR EMS); John Lane (Shreveport Fire); Arthur Lewis (BR EMS); Chad Major (Professional Firefighters Assn); Skip Pinkston (Shreveport Fire); Collin Summerfeld (BR EMS); Traci Travis for Butch Browning (OSFM);

Requested to receive copies of meeting invites and summary notes: Senator Fred Mills; Christine Peck (Sen H + W); Amanda Trapp (Legislative Staff)

Documents distributed via e-mail: Statute detailing composition of EMS Certification Commission

Discussion regarding crosswalk of positions from EMS Certification Commission to EMS Board-

The group discussed the Certification Commission composition and criteria as specified in RS 40:1133.3. There was discussion about the ratio of physician's specialties to overall composition. One-third of Commission are physicians. The nurse/paramedic position was also discussed.

Tracy Wold also suggested the following positions for the Board:

Public provider

Private provider

Fire service provider

Educator

Industrial provider

EMS Medical Director

Paramedic

EMT

EMR

Air service provider

- Military not singled out at this time due to concerns about deployment during term.
- Air provider does not eliminate military personnel.

After much discussion and vetting, it was determined that the list suggested by Wold is representative of all stakeholders and should be the composition of the Free-Standing Board of EMS.

There was some concern that the EMS positions represent paramedics as well as EMT's and EMR. Criteria must specify who is qualified to serve.

The criteria as set out in RS 30: 1133.3 specifies criteria for positions for Commission but is good starting place for group to use for discussions for Board at next conference call.

We will also discuss the pros and cons of suggesting nominating entities to help decrease the numbers of applicants to be screened. This would ensure the applicants nominated would be qualified, then reviewed by the Task Force before submission to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions.

The future relevance of the Task Force once a Board is established will need to be addressed. Will it remain as an advisory body or be replaced by a function of the Board?

Send any comments and suggestions to Donna who will compile them for our review and discussion.

Next steps:

Discuss and recommend criteria for each position on the Board.

Discuss what agencies/organizations should be included in the nominating process.

Will there be an opportunity to self-nominate? If so, who would vett?

Donna will send out a template for the comments so it will be easier to compile and review.

The group will meet again via conference call at 1pm on Wednesday, January 24. Donna will send reminder and call in information.

Gary suggested that we continue our calls even in the absence of state representation so we can expedite our work. He gave the example of office closure for state government.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54pm.