

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman McGeachin, Vice Chairman Bilbao, Representative(s) Loertscher, Shepherd, Thayn, Wood(27), Guthrie, Roberts, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Dr. Christopher Ball, Wayne Denny, Bev Barr, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare; Dr. Murry Sturkie, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physician Committee; Brad Hunt, Office of Autism Research Coordination.

Chairman McGeachin called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 16-0101-1101: **Wayne Denny**, Bureau Chief, EMS Bureau, Division of Public Health, presented **Docket No. 16-0101-1101** explaining that this and other dockets are being moved from **IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 03** into individual chapters within **IDAPA 16, Title 01**. This legislation pertains to the EMS Advisory Committee (EMSAC) to change the seat formerly designated for the Board of Medicine to be held by the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) Office of Highway Operations and Safety.

Responding to questions from the committee, **Mr. Denny** stated that the Board of Medicine has not filled the seat since 2006 and have indicated they are not interested in filling it in the future, since there are physicians who attend the EMSAC meetings. The Board of Nursing is represented and is very active on the EMSAC.

Rep. Roberts noted the committee member descriptions and asked about rural services representation, expressing his concern that rural provider views be represented, and that the rules and regulations accommodate their unique situations. **Mr. Denny** stated that they are mindful that geographic statewide representation exists on the committee and that volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) be well represented. He detailed the outcome of the twelve rural town hall meetings and said that EMSAC is cautious to not write specific area rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Thayn** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0101-1101**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0107-1101: **Wayne Denny**, Bureau Chief, EMS Bureau of the Division of Public Health, presented **Docket No. 16-0107-1101**, legislation for personnel licensure, which updates the standards of professional conduct, initial EMS licensure, certification examination, personnel transition, terminology, continuing education, eligibility, lapse or loss of license, renewal requirements, and references to other rules.

In response to question, **Mr. Denny** said that they found online courses to take less time than comparable courses in a classroom and modified the continuing education hours to reflect that difference. He also referred to the 2011 legislative session ski slope personnel issue, stating that the ski patrol members are not reflected in the regulations. Feedback from rural areas about volunteer time and affordability led to the removal of the refresher course requirement.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0107-1101**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Roberts** and **Shepherd** asked to be recorded as voting NAY.

DOCKET NO. 16-0107-1102: **Wayne Denny**, Bureau Chief, EMS Bureau of the Division of Public Health, presented **Docket No. 16-0107-1102**, companion legislation to personnel licensure rules, with unchanged licensure fees for EMS personnel.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Guthrie** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0107-1102**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 16-0112-1101:** **Wayne Denny**, Bureau Chief, EMS Bureau of the Division of Public Health, presented **Docket No. 16-0112-1101**, which pertains to the increased need for direct management and investigations. Updates include the complaint intake process, when an investigation will be opened, the types of violations, subsequent licensure actions, administrative and confidentiality details, the peer review process, the procedure to levy fines, and the reinstatement of revoked licenses.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bilbao** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0112-1101**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 16-0203-1101:** **Wayne Denny**, Bureau Chief, EMS Bureau of the Division of Public Health, presented **Docket No. 16-0203-1101**, legislature that contains housekeeping updates, with no substantive changes.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0203-1101**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 16-0225-1101:** **Dr. Christopher Ball**, Chief, Bureau of Laboratories, presented **Docket No. 16-0225-1101**, which updates and simplifies the rules governing fees charged by the Bureau of Laboratories, rectifying problems from the 2009 rule rewrite. Changes simplify test menus, eliminate technical jargon, and make the content more durable and flexible. Additional changes consolidate test information into panels and delete the reference section. Fee changes that occurred with resultant increases and decreases are expected to have no net impact on receipts.
- In response to questions from the committee, **Dr. Ball** stated that needed tests from panels could be run and billed individually, under a "not otherwise specified" denotation to keep from overcharging the customer.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0225-1101**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 16-0202-1101:** **Dr. Murry Sturkie**, Emergency Physician at St. Luke's Medical Center, Chairman, EMS Physician Commission, presented **Docket No. 16-0202-1101**, legislation resulting from the Scope of Practice changes necessary for integration with the overall health care and nationwide licensure systems.
- Changes include the version number, medical supervision plan request, terminology that clarifies supervision plans, effective date, ultimate process models, eligibility for each licensure level, state-specific education, and any other skills restrictions. Extrication awareness is a knowledge requirement and was removed from the skills grid.
- Responding to committee questions, **Dr. Sturkie** stated that EMS Directors will only submit medical supervision plans upon request by the EMS Bureau since the annual review of one hundred and fifty agency plans is not feasible. He then discussed the curriculum license level changes, noting that they include national and idaho-specific requirements. Dr. Sturkie detailed the most controversial change, the deletion of the EMT airway management requirement. Optional modules for the curriculum levels are also noted. Practices outside of the skill scope could be investigated and subject to liability. There are new procedures which are often easier skills to maintain and on a par with deleted skill requirements.
- Rep. Wood(27)** commented that more time is needed to review the charts. **Rep. Roberts** stated that he would like time to review the changes and get input from his constituents.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(27)** made a motion to **HOLD Docket No. 16-0202-1101** for time certain February 1st, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Representative McGeachin
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary