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| **Date**  | August 27, 2015 |
| **Time** | 10 am |
| **Location** | Poplar Room First Floor, 665 Mainstream Drive  |
| **Participants** | Members Present: Jimmie Edwards, Roy Griggs, Randall Kirby, Allen Lovett, Joyce Noles, Joseph Rike, Rick Valentine, Ken Wilkerson, Donna Tidwell, Brandon Ward, Steven Hamby, Teddy Myracle, and Keith Hodges.Members Not Present: Paul Feaster, Brian Jennings, Brad Phillips, Anthony Roberts,  |

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| **Overall Lead** | **Topic** | **Summary/Decisions** | **Assignments/Next Steps** | **Responsible Person** | **Time Frame** |
| **Jimmie Edwards** |  **Approval of the minutes** | Mr. Lovett motioned to accept the minutes and Mr. Griggs seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.  |  |  |  |
| **Donna Tidwell** | **Triple K Standard** | Mrs. Tidwell informed Committee the KKK standards where scheduled to expire October 1, 2016. The CAAS standard is still on track for release on October 1, 2015. Mrs. Tidwell stated the Task Force on the Ambulance Service Survey has requested the Ambulance Committee review 1200-12-01-.14 as it pertains to determining ALS and BLS services.  |  |  |  |
|  | **Ambulance Specifications** | Mr. Edwards asked if the Committee had any other discussion on the mobile stroke unit. Mrs. Tidwell asked if they need a specification on the construction of the unit and the category. There was discussion as to how you can make specification for every specialty vehicle that might be produced. Mr. Lovett motioned to add language to the rule that specialty vehicles have standards and then bring the specific standards to the Board. There was a second. Motion passed. The Committee reviewed the specialty vehicle specifications and made changes as needed. Mrs. Tidwell read the recommendation of the Committee about the construction of an ambulance. Mrs. Tidwell explained the process for a rule making hearing and the steps necessary before Board action can be taken..  |  |  |  |
|  | **Review of rule 1200-12-01.10: Age of a driver** | Mr. Edwards stated there was a request to change the age of a driver from age 19 to the age 18. Nathan Sweet came before the Committee and stated Anderson County has a program called the “Next Step Program”. They hire students directly out of high school and put them in the program to prepare them for EMT school. They would like to give them the opportunity to properly drive an ambulance before they go to EMT school. They can get an EMT license at the age of 18 but cannot drive an ambulance until they turn 19. There was a question about what age the insurance company requires. The committee had a concern about those who get their driver’s license when they are 17 and how much experience they have driving. Lynn Thompson asked why they stopped at the age of 19. The committee reviewed the rules regarding driver’s license and it states the driver must have an unrestricted license for 3 years. Mrs. Tidwell stated counsel suggested taking the age off and state how many years’ experience they must have. Mrs. Tidwell read the requirements of the F endorsement in the rule. A motion was made to leave the age as it currently stands and there was a second. Motion passed.  |  |  |  |
|  | **Stretcher Mounting requirement** | Mr. Edwards stated there has been quite a bit of concern regarding the finical impact of KKK change 8. The committee had a discussion about concerning alternative for the current restraint on the market. Mr. Edwards informed the committee of the companies that have an alternative. They talked about the alternatives and what they have been offered and the cost of this change. There was a comment on tabling this and sending it to the Board to see if there is something they can do about getting it waived until July 1, 2016. Mrs. Tidwell stated the only option for the board was to request an emergency rule, but in order for an emergency rule to go through there would need to be documentation that it will be harmful to the public not to have the emergency rule. There is a concern that services will have to buy remounted trucks to continue operating within their budgets. Mrs. Tidwell informed the committee this topic was on the Board agenda and there is an opportunity for public comment. The question was asked if the Office of EMS or the EMS board could write a letter exempting the current Change 8. Mrs. Tidwell informed the committee the Office nor the Board could write a letter exempting the current KKK standards because it is in rule and neither have the authority to waive rules. Mrs. Tidwell discussed KKK was intended to be used to ensure Federal funded trucks met a standard. The committee discussed standards for the purchase of new ambulances.  |  |  |  |
|  | **Special Vehicle Requirements**  | Mrs. Tidwell asked Mr. Hodges if they can use the wording “such as but not limited to” so if they want to make other changes it will not be a rule change. Mrs. Tidwell read the definition of a specialty care transport. Mr. Edwards stated would that not work for what they need. Mrs. Tidwell stated that they may need to make one for a specialty vehicle. The Committee discussed how to define what a specialty vehicle should be and the design. The Committee reviewed wording when special equipment is need to equip the vehicle. The Committee also reviewed the backup electrical system for the vehicle in the event that the main power source failed. Mr. Edwards stated they should stop and continue with the rest of the document for the next meeting.  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Mr. Edwards asked Mrs. Tidwell to send out some dates for the next meeting. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded.  |  |  |  |