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**NEVADA DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH)  
BUREAU OF HEALTH PROTECTION AND PREPAREDNESS  
Emergency Medical Services  
Notice of Public Workshop**

**MINUTES**

**July 27, 2022  
1:30 P.M.**

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Room 303  
Carson City, Nevada 89706**

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
2080 E Flamingo Rd Ste 319  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH STAFF PRESENT)**

Bobbie Sullivan, Program Manager of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Cody Phinney, DPBH Deputy Administrator, Pierron Tackes, Deputy Attorney General, Michael Bologlu, EMS Representative II, Isabelle Eckert, Administrative Assistant, Health Protection and Preparedness, Nicole Anabel, Program Officer, Medical Marijuana Registry.

**1. Workshop called to order**

Bobbie Sullivan opened the meeting on July 27, 2022, at 1:36 pm.

**2. Introduction of workshop process**

Bobbie Sullivan introduced the purpose of the public workshop regarding the proposed additions and revisions the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 450B.

**3. Presentation on the 2022 proposed regulations for NAC 450B – Emergency Medical Services and the Small Business Impact Statement**

Bobbie Sullivan: Emergency Medical Services program distributed 7,582 Small Business Impact Questionnaires and proposed regulations were posted on the Division's website on June 1, 2022. A return of the questionnaire was requested by June 30, 2022, and seven (7) questionnaires were returned. Out of the returned questionnaires none indicated any direct adverse impact, any direct beneficial impact, nor any indirect adverse impact. Out of the seven responses, only one indicated an indirect beneficial impact. The other six (6) indicated no indirect beneficial impact. The Board of Health will meet on September 2, 2022, and the proposed changes will be presented.

**4. Change to the Proposed regulation after sending out the Small Business Impact Questionnaire Public Comment**



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The NAC 450B additions and revision changes cover the removal of the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) certification requirement prior to enrollment in a Paramedic course, to obtain a paramedic certification the applicant must complete the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification prior to enrolling in a paramedic program and mitigate the impact of waiting for an inspection before putting an ambulance into service.

## 5. Public comment regarding proposed changes to NAC Code 450B

April Hall, Nevada National Guard, expressed concern regarding experience and asked for the history of the Advanced EMT including regulation to which Bobbi Sullivan gave the answer.

Bobbie Sullivan, Manager of Emergency Medical Services responded with the history of the AEMT requirement.

Jim Morgan, Storey County Fire Department, expressed concern over the amount of field experience students have going from an EMT program directly into a Paramedic Program. Mr. Morgan also asked for clarification on the purpose of an agency, under certain circumstances, to attest to a vehicle meeting requirement be placed into service until an inspection.

Cody Phinney, Deputy Administrator, Planning and Regulatory Services explained the change and its intention as a balance of risk versus providing services the residents of Nevada need in a timely fashion.

Denis Nolan, Truckee Meadows Community College – In support – Evidence from three (3) Northern Nevada training centers testify to the fact that the quality of service provided by EMTs and Paramedics does not improve with the inclusion of AEMT certification. It is up to the individual program to determine the minimum hours of field and clinical training.

Bobbie Sullivan submitted three letters of support for both measures from three different educational programs.

Carl Bottorf, EMS Advisory Committee Vice Chair – In support – stated that the Emergency Medical Service Advisory committee is in favor of these regulation changes.

Jamie Wilkerson, Great Basin College – In support – Concurred with Denis Nolan that the education program needs to determine the amount of field and clinical training hours required to complete a program.

Kurt Mittelman, Great Basin College – In support – The Advanced EMT certification is recommended but not required. There is no measurable difference in the academic performance of AEMT and EMTs.



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6. **Adjournment** – 2:06 p.m.

