

The Scott County Physician's Advisory Board (PAB) was developed in early 1990 as a recommendation from an EMS study conducted by Fitch and Associates from Kansas City Missouri. They recommended a nine member EMS Physicians advisory board to oversee medical direction, provide oversight and retain control of the developing EMS system within Scott County.

The Scott County Board of Health approved such an advisory board in March of 1990 with representation of all ambulance providers, the three (at the time) hospitals in Scott County and a representative of the Scott County Board of Health. The meetings were set for early mornings to best facilitate the busy schedules of the physicians who served on the committee.

The first meeting of the Scott County PAB was held in May of 1990 with the main focus of developing the Role of the Physician's Advisory Board. During this first meeting, a letter was recommended to the City of Davenport recommending training their First Responders to defibrillate.

What is ironic is that during these early meetings the same issues regarding creating the future of EMS within Scott County still exist today. They include:

- The quickest ambulance should be dispatched to the scene of emergencies. (in today's terminology the closest ambulance)
- The County should develop and provide a strong mechanism for system oversight and control. (in today's terminology, EMS System Standards)
- A strong first responder program is essential to achieving optimum results for patient survival and recovery.
- Stabilize the financial base of the EMS System (find a sustainable funding source)

Since it's inception in 1990, the PAB has meet twice a year, April and October, on the first Wednesday at 0700. To this day, the main focus of the PAB has been providing high quality EMS to the citizens and visitors of Scott County Iowa.

Recently, recommendations are being made that the PAB to meet on a quarterly basis. This recommendation is do to a variety of current issues surrounding Emergency Medical Services including:

- EMS Provider Transition
- EMS System Development

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