

Training Committee Minutes November 4, 2009

Members Present

Wesley Gay
Jerry Hutchison
Joe Chappell
Gary Odom
Larry New
Judy Taylor
Karen Konarski-Hart
Jamin Snarr
Danny Bercher (arrived late)

Guests

James Smith (Texarkana College)
Detrich Smith (ADH)
Amy Anthony (ADH)
Stella Nelson (ADH)

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Wesley Gay

Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Joe Chappell was accepted.

Certification Report was presented by Norajeane Harrell.

Ms. Harrell commented on the ASLS (Advanced Stroke Life Support). Dr. Karen Hart commented that she enjoyed the course.

Jamin Snarr presented a report about the State site visit at Texarkana Community College. He said that the visit went very well and was complimentary to the paramedic program. A motion was made by Wesley Gay to recommend that Texarkana Community College status to be become a permanent Arkansas Paramedic and Advanced Training site. The motion was seconded by Larry New and approved by the committee.

There was discussion of CAAHEP and CoAEMSP accreditation.

There was also discussion of the Gap Analysis. Ms. Harrell appreciated everyone's input. She noted that epinephrine pens and albuterol will be added to the EMT curriculum which will exceed the National EMS Scope of Practice. She commented that this would need to be reflected in the transitional curriculum for instructors.

There was also discussion of the need for a mandatory medical director for the new epinephrine and albuterol requirements. There was also a question of whether or not a medical director would be needed for a BLS service with AEDs on board. The expense for adding epi pens on ambulances was estimated at \$100 per year per ambulance by Mr. Larry New.

Judy Taylor made a motion that medical directors be required for all EMT level ambulance services. The motion was seconded by Jamin Snarr and passed by the committee.

Joe Chappell made a motion that albuterol should be mandatory training for EMTs and provided on all EMT service units. The motion was seconded and passed by the committee.

Dr. Danny Bercher reported on the Trauma System Scholarships. He said that there would be around \$4800 per BLS training site and emphasized that the scholarships are intended for EMT students only.

Ms. Harrell also commented that the Rural Hospital Grants would be implemented for paramedic training sites with a total of \$60,000 shared by the paramedic training sites for scholarships and equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Danny Bercher