

Training Committee Minutes: March 10, 2010

Members present:

Joe Chappell
Jimmie Bryan
Dr. Karen Konarski-Hart
Dr. Danny Bercher
Wesley Gay
Jerry Hutchison
Judy Taylor
Jamin Snarr
Norajean Miles Harrell
Larry New

Guests:

Detrich Smith

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wesley Gay. Judy Taylor made motion to accept the previous meeting minutes and was seconded by Joe Chappell. The motion passed.

Norajean Miles Harrell presented the certification report. Currently there are 4,551 EMTs, 143 advanced EMTs, and 1707 paramedics which totals to 6,401 EMS professionals at all levels. Ms. Miles indicated that the EMS population is up over this time last year.

Jamin Snarr reported to the committee that the Governor's Advisory Council on EMS accepted the Training Committee's recommendation to approve Texarkana College as a paramedic training site.

Dr. Bercher stated that the gap analysis was proceeding well. There was discussion of the possibility of allowing passage of the National Registry written examination as one option for Arkansas relicensure at all levels. Dr. Bercher stated that he would bring that discussion to the certification and training subcommittee for the EMS Rules and Regulations subcommittee. There was also discussion of how the transitional refresher courses would be implemented including the instructor rollouts. Ms. Miles suggested that the instructor rollout should take place beginning around May of 2010 and that the provider rollouts should begin in March of 2011.

Ms. Miles discussed the Rural Hospital Subgrant for EMS training sites for 2010. She said that there were nine submissions accepted with purchase orders cut with \$1330 for equipment and \$2800 for scholarships. She indicated that it would be highly unlikely that the subgrant would be repeated next year. She did say that Arkansas Lottery scholarships should be available to paramedic students in Associate Degree programs. She also reported that the Trauma System scholarships were due by June 30. Jerry Hutchison registered concern that there had been a problem buying books and paying for testing fees. There was also a concern over providing scholarships for EMT students that often drop out of classes.

The next meeting will be held May 12. Ms. Miles indicated that there were several CoAEMSP site visits occurring with Arkansas paramedic training sites.

Larry New announced that the annual EMT Instructor Society retreat will be held April 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1150.

Respectfully submitted by Danny Bercher, PhD, NREMT-P