

Training Committee Minutes
02/14/2007

Members Present: Norajean Miles; KC Jones; Mike Davidson; Rob Chastain; Sedley Tomlinson; Jamin Snarr; Monte Gagliardi; Lisa Robles; Wesley Gay; Rod Barrett; David Taylor; Garry Odom; Danny Bercher; Mack Hutchison

Guests:

Renee Mallory; Jeremy Bright; James Johnson; Detrich Smith; David Stoppel; Eileen Kelly; Dr. Tim Calicott

Members Absent: Charles Mabry, MD; Tim Porter; Janie Kennedy; Jerry Hutchison
Meeting minutes Discussion

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Rob Chastain.

Two changes to minutes of training committee minutes from previous meeting were suggested and made.

Eileen Kelly presented a draft questionnaire for active paramedics and with particular attention to those who are leaving EMS. The committee reviewed the forms and provided suggested changes for Ms. Kelly.

CBT Report

Norajean Miles commented that 35 training sites have registered with National Registry. She said that it is a learning process for instructors and candidates. Wesley Gay had some concerns with questionable procedures that occurred at one Pearson Vue testing site.

Norajean stated that the National Registry does not send results to the Office of EMS anymore. Results are mailed directly to the student and the training site. The Section of EMS receives downloads from National Registry and then the state certification cards are generated and printed. Candidates will receive two envelopes including one from National Registry and one from the Office of EMS.

Training Site Visits

Jamin Snarr commented on the U of A Hope paramedic site visit. The site visit team approved UA-Hope for a provisional two year state accreditation. He said the equipment and facilities were in order. This will give U of A Hope time to become nationally accredited.

Jamin said that the Rich Mountain Community College Intermediate site visit went well. All facilities and equipment were in order.

Norajean commented that both new training sites already had classes that began in January.

Epi Pen

Norajean sent surveys to all intermediate and basic ambulance services about epinephrine pens. Thirty-seven services responded. Thirty-five supported Epi Pens while two did not support the effort. Five services indicated that expense would be a burden while 32 indicated general acceptance of the idea. The training committee voted to recommend that the required equipment list for intermediate and basic ambulance licenses include adult and pediatric epinephrine pens.

Emergency Medical Responder

KC Jones made motion to move the emergency medical responder issue from table to discussion. The motion was seconded by Wesley Gay and passed.

Rob Chastain stated that he was recently made aware that a bill must go before legislature to amend Act 435 before a rules and regulations change for the Emergency Medical Responder can go into effect. Johnny Key, Ark. Representative would be willing to sponsor the bill. Renee Mallory commented that an appropriation bill would be necessary to fund the Medical First Responder state certification process. The training committee discussed the difficulty of putting together a bill to amend Act 435 and an appropriations bill this late in the current legislative session. The committee agreed that the next legislative session would be the best time to resolve the Emergency Medical Responder issue with an amendment to Act 435, to compose an appropriations bill, to secure legislative sponsors, and communicate the benefits of the bill to all stakeholders.

Tim Porter resigned from the training committee. Quachita County Hospital may recommend a person to replace Mr. Porter.

Garry Odom will be deployed from April 29 through September 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.