

Training Committee Minutes
19 June 2008

Members Present: Dr. Karen Konarski Hart, Robert Chastain, Dr. Danny Bercher, Norajean Harrell, Jamin Snarr, Jerry Hutchison, Capt. Mike Davidson, Joe Chappell, Dr. Monte Gagliardi, Mack Hutchison, KC Jones, and Wesley Gay.
New Member: Amanda Warren

Members Absent: Judy Taylor, Janie Kennedy, and Garry Odom

Guests: Bob Pettus, Scottie Nettles, and Detrich Smith

Meeting called to order at 1005 by Rob Chastain.

2 membership vacancies:

Intermediate Hospital-Based and AEMTA president appointee

#1 Amanda Warren Hospital based Intermediate service representative was presented.

#2 AEMTA president appointee: Brian Casey EMT Instructor from Searcy area.

KC Jones motion: accept both candidates, second by D. Bercher.

Motion passed unanimously

Computer Based Testing (Norajean Harrell)

Overall favorable report on satisfaction survey from National Registry.

NREMT video: 91% reported that they had not seen the DVD. Many on the committee suggested that students did not remember the instructors playing the video for them.

Hot Springs was too far from a Pearson Vu site with the closest site at 60-70 miles.

There was also a complaint that those testing centers that were available had very few seats available which were competing with other disciplines such as nursing.

There was discussion of inconsistency in procedures at various Pearson Vu testing centers and improper notification of pass and fail directly from the testing centers to the students. Most were pleased with the quick response of final results.

Medical First Responder (Rob Chastain)

Recommended that we leave the issue tabled due to the legislative cycle and the new EMS Scope of Practice.

Paramedic Survey

The paramedic survey was distributed to the training committee. The committee requested to discuss the survey in detail until the AEMTA state conference meeting. Jamin Snarr commented that we requested the survey to determine why the EMS population is decreasing. It is clear that pay to the providers is a significant issue. Amanda Warren said that the new trauma system if implemented would increase the demand on EMS staffing and resources.

Norajean asked each of the committee members to comment on the survey for the AEMTA summer conference.

Education Standards Draft #3

Norajean: this draft is currently available for comment. Draft #4 will be out in September and will probably be the last draft. Implementation will be the next step. In Arkansas, the names of the new National EMS Scope of Practice providers (i.e. Paramedic instead of EMT-P, EMT instead of EMT-B, and Advanced EMT instead of EMT-Intermediate) will go to the state legislature for 2009.

NREMT Waiver request for EZ IO and King Airway (Norajean Harrell)

There was discussion of editing a letter from Rob Chastain and David Taylor addressed to National Registry supporting use of the EZ IO and King Airway for advanced life support practical testing. Norajean will edit the letter and send it out to the committee for further revisions.

AHA PEARS class certification (Bob Pettus)

Bob Pettus made a presentation supporting Pediatric Emergency Assessment Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS) course for continuing education for basic and intermediate EMTs. The students test as a team member during a pediatric resuscitation rather than a team leader.

Motion by Capt. Davidson: To accept the PEARS card at the basic or intermediate level. Paramedics can take the course for additional CEU hours. Seconded by KC. The motion passed unanimously.

Paramedic Clinical Concerns (Scottie Nettles)

St. Bernard's Medical Center Director of Nursing has banned their nurses from precepting paramedic students in the clinical area because they are unlicensed personnel. They are requiring that the paramedic faculty have direct supervision of the paramedic students at all times while in the clinical area.

Dr. Gagliardi suggested that the director of the section of EMS and the local EMS service representatives should contact the Director of Nursing and remind them that developing and providing allied health professionals is a community problem that should be shared. Jamin Snarr suggested that the Section of EMS has a record of the Ark. Attorney General who made a determination of the status of EMS personnel working in the emergency department. Danny Bercher will draft a letter of support requesting that nurses in the clinical area should be allowed to serve as preceptors for the paramedic students at St. Bernard's Medical Center in Jonesboro.

Motion to adjourn.

Next meeting:

Thursday August 7 at 1000 in Hot Springs
Room 201???

Respectfully submitted,

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