

Training Committee Meeting 11/15/2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by Dr. Monte Gagliardi

Members present: Danny Bercher, Sedley Tomlinson, Wesley Gay, Jamin Snarr, Jerry Hutchison, Mike Davidson, Norajean Miles, Monte Gagliardi, Robert Chastain, David Taylor, Sedley Tomlinson, Lisa Robles (late)

Members absent: Charles Mabrey, Mack Hutchison, Tim Porter, Janie Kennedy, Rod Barrett, Garry Odom

Guests present: Scottie Nettles (AEMTA), Jeremy Bright (HSU), Joe Corcoran (RMCC), Dave Stoppel (Eureka Springs FD/EMS), Laura Massey (UACC-Hope), Mark Wilcox, (UACCH), James Thompson (UACCH) Jennifer Methrin (UACCH), Charles Welch (UACCH) , Dr. Stacie Jones (ACH, UAMS)

The minutes and the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted by motion from Jerry Kennedy.

Dr. Stacie Jones presented an epinephrine initiative. She asked for the committee to consider recommendation to make epinephrine available for all levels of EMTs working on ambulances.

David Taylor expressed a concern over the issue of changing the mindset of EMTs from assisting patients in taking their medications at basic level to delivering epinephrine that is supplied on ambulances. Medical director involvement on basic services is an issue as well.

Danny Bercher made a motion to support the epinephrine training initiative. The training committee would support a mandate to provide epinephrine autoinjector delivery for all certified EMT-B and Intermediates. The motion also included a provision for the training committee to establish an adhoc committee to establish the educational content and criteria for all certified EMT-Bs and EMT-Is as well as all basic and intermediate ambulance services. The adhoc committee would provide all guidelines by Feb. 1. The motion passed. Volunteers for the adhoc committee were Danny Bercher, Jerry Hutchinson (correction njm), and Sedley Tomlinson.

Norajean Miles submitted a Computer Adaptive Testing Report. The Section of EMS sponsored a Computer Based Testing workshop on Nov. 7 for the training site representatives hosted by Ms. Miles. Norajean reported that 16 of 38 have been approved to participate in National Registry Computer Based Testing. All National Registry Testing will be computer based beginning January 1, 2007. A DVD was distributed to educate the future candidates and training sites. Pearson Vu will be accepting reservations as early as Dec. 10.

Eileen Kelley was not present for the EMT-Paramedic Survey. Norajean said that she would send an Email about the latest draft of the survey to the committee members. She said that there were about 15 questions on the survey.

Joe Corcoran with Rich Mountain Community College (RMCC) in Mena presented a proposal for the establishment of a new Intermediate site. Mr. Corcoran distributed a copy of the RMCC EMT-Intermediate Self Study. A motion was made for a site visit to occur as soon as possible. The motion passed. Jamin Snarr, Rod Barrett, & Lisa Robles volunteered to serve on the site visit team.

Laura Massey made a presentation for a Hope Paramedic Training Site Proposal. Ms. Massey explained the conflicting regulatory problems that her institution had with the Arkansas Rules and Regulations and the Committee on Accreditation of EMS Professionals (CoEMSP).

The Arkansas EMS Rules and Regulations Section X. A. 2. states that programs requesting state accreditation after July 1, 2003 must be awarded national accreditation. However, Dr. Adolph Giesecke, interim director of CoAEMSP, told Ms. Massey that a paramedic program that has not accepted any students can not be nationally accredited. Dr. Giesecke, provided two possible solutions in a letter:

- (1) provide a letter to CoAEMSP that the program has applied for accreditation.
- (2) Request the board of CoAEMSP to provide a self study and a vision for the program.

Jerry Hutchison expressed reservation about adding another paramedic program in the Texarkana area that would put pressure on the clinical and field internship sites that his students use.

David Taylor said that he would seek out a DHHS legal advisement.

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Election of Officers

Chair

Rob Chastain

Vice Chair

Wesley Gay

Secretary

Danny Bercher

A rapid sequence intubation position paper from the National Association of EMS Physicians was distributed by Danny Bercher.

Rob Chastain asked about the status on the First Responder issue. Lisa Robles stated that she had had no further comments on the document she had been working on.

Rob Chastain made a motion to support that 1st responder certification should be for a four year period. The motion passed.

Lisa Robles stated that she would move the proposal forward to the rules and regulations committee.

To be tabled for next meeting. Dr. Gagliardi asked the members of the training committee to present candidates for a medical director for the committee to be discussed at the next meeting.

The next Training Committee meeting will be Feb. 14 at 1000 at Freeway Medical.

Minutes submitted by Danny Bercher