

Northwest Community EMS System

ADVISORY BOARD

Date: May 11, 2023
Time: 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Place: LC 3 & 4 | Virtual via zoom

A G E N D A

- I. Call to order; introductions – Happy Nurses Week!
- II. **Reports of standing committees**
 - A. **Education Committee:** Charter approved 3/23
 - 1. **EMT class:** Current status S23 class; plan for fall
 - 2. **PM class:** Progressing through Capstone; prep for Seminar hours and final exams; **graduation June 14th**; NREMT practical 6-16-23; prep for onboarding fall cohort
 - 3. **CE: Annual competencies** delegated to EMS Agencies should be in process using current skills sheets; links to approved online offerings included in March System report slide deck posted to website; CE hours validation due June 30th; IDPH-required Alzheimer's education will be conducted in August; exploring Vector Solutions enterprise option for streamlining CE documentation.
 - 4. **System entry:** Plan to increase testing efficiencies
 - 5. **Peer educators:** Draft policy to review
 - B. **PBPI:** Jason Brizzell – Advanced airway action plan progress: Data scrubbing by EMS agencies; impact on results so far; Bradycardia w/ pulse screen results. Ongoing areas of opportunity: IV success rates, stroke assessment, identification, Rx (IVs), OLMC alerts, & documentation, decisional capacity and suicide risk assessment and documentation.
 - C. **CARS:** Jim Klein – Hyperlinked SOPs are live/instructions sent re: access; BEFAST and LVO validation hiccups; transition planning for NEMSIS 3.5 ongoing
 - D. **Cardiac Arrest:** Taylor McIntyre – Data collection and videos edits in process
 - E. **R&D:** Scott Renshaw: Products reviewed: AMBU SPUR II BVM for children; 7-Sigma Airway Mannequins; TCI Articulating Bougie; SACETT Suction Above the Cuff ET Tube
- III. **System updates**
 - A. Shout outs to LRW for going above and beyond during SNF staff shortage | Itasca for great emergency preparedness drill (multiple scenarios)
 - B. Position realignment reduced EMS admins from 2 FTE to 1.3; will need to reframe work units
 - C. Updated directory & Org chart; BLFPD assigned to GOMC
 - D. System memos since March meeting:
 - 1. 415: 3-27-23: Policy Updates A5, C2, D4 | Albuterol shortage contingency
 - 2. 416 3-28-23: NCH returns to Comprehensive Stroke Center effective immediately
 - 3. 417 4-10-23: Controlled Substance Log data – reminder re: audit findings
 - 4. 418 4-26-23: Impending end of Covid-19 Emergency Declaration | Return to Conventional Capacity | Change in masking guidelines
 - E. If glucagon shortage worsens, will add contingency SOP to next System memo
 - F. Plans to implement MIH; program w/ Wauconda
- IV. **Region IX update:** All Region policies undergoing updates;
 - A. **State updates:** **CESSA** planning continues | Council meeting: May 11
 - B. See State Education Committee slide deck report sent 4-27-23
- V. **New Business:** Continuing the process of policy updates
 - A. P7: Peer Educator I-IV
 - B. L2 Safe Ambulance Operation/Lights and Sirens
 - C. C7 Confidentiality of Patient Records (HIPAA)
- VI. **Next meeting – July?**