

**Northwest Community EMS System  
Advisory Board  
MINUTES – November 13, 2014**

Topic	Discussion/conclusions
<b>Call to order</b>	Chairman Peter Dyer called the meeting to order at 0905. New members introduced.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion was made by Joe Albert, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Anthony Minarcik to approve the past minutes as written. Passed unanimously.
<b>Paramedic Course Advisory Committee</b> <b>Connie Mattera</b>	<p>For more detail, please reference the Paramedic Class Advisory Committee Report (November 13, 2014.) The 2014-2015 class accepted 33 students. Nineteen are employed by a sponsoring agency, while 14 are unaffiliated. The first morning of the program included a simulated full cardiac arrest scenario in the St. Simon's parking lot conducted by members of the Palatine Fire Department. DC Pete Dyer and AC Drew Smith provided presentations during the first week emphasizing professionalism, wellness, safety, roles and responsibilities. Kyle Marcussen provided medical math education; Markus Rill introduced them to Image Trend documentation. THANKS to all who have assisted the program in launching this class so successfully! We are currently accredited through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (NCA) and the program has an approved site code from the Illinois Department of Public Health. We are currently seeking accreditation through the Committee on Accreditation of EMS Programs (CoA). The accreditation application is ongoing and requires thorough review of policies, practices and documentation and input from our Advisory Committee. At current pace, the students will be eligible to take the National Registry Exams upon graduation. Also at issue is the newly created Federal EMS Compact to allow paramedics to work in states where they are not licensed when a national emergency is declared. Currently, any paramedics credentialed prior to January 2013 are grandfathered in and allowed to practice out of state in emergencies. After January 2013, only graduates from accredited programs who licensed by taking the National Registry exams will be allowed to function out of state in these emergencies. To be specific, the requirement is just that the student received NREMT certification initially, but does not need to maintain that certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee affirmed the student policies and standards set forth for this class including classroom, hospital clinical, and field internship requirements.</li> <li>• Connie was charged with following up with the chiefs at their next meeting to decide which test (State or National Registry) that their sponsored students shall take.</li> <li>• The NCH attorney and HEFD (attorneys) have almost completed the updated field internship hold harmless agreement and review of all exhibits assassinated with the class. We will receive a follow up report on this when it is closer to completion. It has to be completed by March 2015.</li> <li>• Discussion was held relative to the EMT class having a less than desirable attrition rate, despite having a 90%+ pass rate on the first attempt on the state exam. A recommendation was made to require a reading assessment prerequisite at Harper College, as this appears to be one of the root causes of students being accepted into the class and not being able to complete the coursework successfully.</li> </ul>
<b>CARS Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report.</li> </ul>
<b>PBPI</b> Joe Albert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The refusal screen has found it questionable whether the recent re-education of the refusal SOP was effective.</li> <li>• The full arrest screen has just started, with October providing the first look at 23 cases. This screen raises questions of improper treatment versus improper documentation. More information will be provided by subsequent monthly screens.</li> </ul>
<b>Research &amp; Development</b> Kyle Marcussen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More information provided in the Research and Development Committee Notes, dated November 5, 2014.</li> <li>• R&amp;D had discussed three main issues, the general approval of all patient lifting devices that meet the Drug and Supply lists broad definition, concerns with BGL tester changes, and intubation blade concerns.</li> </ul>

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<b>Education Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report given by Connie Mattera, with in-depth coverage in the EMS Education Committee Report dated October 27, 2014.</li> <li>• Much discussion occurred about the current level of paramedic education at the state level.</li> </ul>
<b>System Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General update on previously addressed statewide issues, as well as Ebola concerns. IDPH will continue to provide information about the current and evolving concerns of Ebola.</li> <li>• December 11<sup>th</sup> is the date of the EMS holiday breakfast in Schaumburg at Chandler's restaurant / golf course.</li> <li>• NCH is preparing to unveil a new photo wall in the hospital honoring each of our EMS Provider Agencies.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Dyer reported on the recent bylaws change to allow for Law Enforcement representatives. Notices have been sent out and we have already received some interested applicants.</li> <li>• Chief Wax reported that Chief Dyer has recently been promoted to the position of Deputy Chief with the Des Plaines Fire Department. As such, following the transition period, he will vacate his seat on the advisory board. We wish him the best of luck and thanks for his years of service to the board!!</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	Chief Dyer convened a nominating committee for the next board election cycle.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Set for January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn by Luke Walker, and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Marcussen. Adjourned at 1120.