

**Northwest Community EMS System
Advisory Board
MINUTES – January 9, 2014**

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion
Call to order	Chairman Pete Dyer called the meeting to order. 0905 hrs.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made to approve the past minutes by Chief Clemmensen, and second by Ron Swidler.
Agenda	<p>Connie Mattera and Pete Dyer reminded the assembled that voting would begin during this meeting for seats on the board that were reaching the close of their terms. Connie Mattera reiterated that while voting seats are limited, all are welcome to attend the advisory board meetings. Introductions were made by J. Ryan Kelly and Eric Levernier as candidates for full member and alternate non-officer paramedic spots on the board.</p>
CARS Committee	<p>-Rick Nosek reported that the system was close to getting PCR data transferred to the state through our third party vendor, EDS. He recommended that we start with data from Jan 1, 2014 until the present, and then work backwards to Jan 1, 2012.</p> <p>-Difficulties continue in implementing and finalizing the process of bringing PCR data from the field, through agencies, to the third party vendor, and to the state. However, progress is being made and the first batches should transfer within the next few weeks.</p> <p>-The state is moving to NEMSIS 3.0 data guidelines around 3rd quarter of 2014, which will bring new validation requirements.</p> <p>-A tutorial is being created to instruct agencies in how to enter their data and upload to the state.</p> <p>-A significant setback was discovered when a new capnography question was added to the PCR. Due to the new addition, any already completed and otherwise 100% validated PCRs that were opened were retroactively attached with the new question. This caused previously validated PCRs, opened for QA/QI, to become less than 100% validated, until the new question was answered. Due to this problem, the capnography question was changed to not be required, so as not to affect validation scores. This will have no true effect once PCRs begin to be uploaded to the state in a timely matter.</p> <p>-Discussion proceeded about future deployment of the PCR software on tablets, rather than the usual Tough Books, with findings that currently, the PCR software is insufficient in ability on the tablets. New changes with NEMSIS 3.0 may bring about better offerings from Image Trend.</p>
PBPI	<p>Joe Albert reported that the hyperglycemia screen found 37% of our patients did not receive fluids as indicated. Also distressing, 20% of refusals that required OLMC contact for documentation of the refusal did not receive such contact. Year 2013 figures reported:</p> <p>~68,000 runs. 13% trauma, 10% other illness, 9% no apparent illness or injury. 44% of calls were ALS transports, 34% BLS transports, and 16% refusals.</p> <p>Joe Albert reiterated that agency data is available at any time through that agencies PBPI representative. Currently, a pediatric seizure screen is running, and glucometer calibration is still being reviewed.</p>
Research & Development	No meeting
Education	<p>Connie Mattera reported that the new EMT class was just convened. We are still waiting to hear about the most recent state test scores, after the recent change to computerized testing. Along with the switch away from paper tests, the test banks were increased in breadth and depth of knowledge, which resulted in a significant drop in average state scores for both EMTs and paramedics.</p> <p>Avg pass rate for EMTs statewide dropped from 68% to 30%.</p> <p>Avg pass rate for paramedics statewide dropped from 85% to 20%.</p> <p>Update: NWC EMSS EMT pass rate on the new test was 86%, while the PM pass rate held at 100%.</p>

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New Business	<p>Review of current charter. Voting will continue. There will be 5 blue shirt openings, including 1 full member and 4 alternates.</p> <p>There will be 1 officer opening. Members can only serve 2 consecutive terms.</p> <p>Moving into 2015, there will be additional evolution coming to the system, including mobile healthcare policies and an active shooter policy.</p>
Next meeting	Next meeting scheduled for March 13 th , 2014 at 9am.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 11:29 by Rick Nosek, 2nd by Kyle Marcussen.