

Northwest Community EMS System Chiefs-Administrators Meeting

Date: March 17, 2023
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM
Place: Virtual via zoom & live LC 1 & 2

A G E N D A

- I. Call to order; attendance | Introductions to new members
- II. **Reports of standing committees**
 - A. **R&D:** Scott Renshaw: AMBU SPUR II BVM with integrated peripherals approved and added to D&S list; IV NTG and metered flow devices declined at present time; EMS World Expo attendee identified; benchmarking trip to St. Charles (Missouri).
 - B. **Education Committee:**
 1. **EMT class:** Current status S23 class; changing pre-reqs with Harper
 2. **PM class:** Preceptor education completed; launch to Field internships successful; Peer Educator renewal instructions coming soon; planning for seminar hours and final exams; NREMT testing option for licensed members sent out; testing for fall class in progress; pooled preceptor letter & query coming soon; CoAEMSP annual report completed; full reaccreditation reviewer report received with no citations that would impact re-accreditation; site visit F24; higher learning commission reaccreditation application due for Harper College in April; new equipment/supplies requested through Harper College. Undergoing a competitive bid process.
 3. **CE: Annual competencies** defined in detail in updated C2 policy; annual CE reconciliation forms updated - due June 30th; seeking input on topics for next year. After 1-1-23, all healthcare workers must have at least 1 hour of CE on Alzheimer's disease for relicensure; adding this fall
 4. **System entry:** Remind candidates that there is currently no policy manual self-assessment and all SOP self-assessments must use updated documents written to 2022 SOP – no previous self-assessment tools will be accepted. Throw away old forms. New have been up on website since last fall.
 - C. **PBPI:** Jason Brizzell – PBPI End of year data report approved; Controlled substance log compliance report; glucometer testing policy change coming; advanced airway data and action plan; Behavioral health checklist and stroke screens.
 - D. **CARS:** Jim Klein – Created hyperlinked SOP for app; MPR work plan in process; LVO documentation added; transition to NEMSIS 3.5 planning
 - E. **Cardiac Arrest:** Taylor McIntyre – Data collection and video templates in process
 - F. **Advisory Board:** Scott Motisi
 1. **Kudos and congratulations to Scott Motisi** who will be the new chief at BCFPD starting May 15th. He stepped down as Advisory Board chair and we thank him for his leadership and tireless advocacy! See updated Member roster for 3/23
 2. **Officers elected:** Kyle Marcussen (SFD) Chair | Benny Yee (LZFD) Vice-chair | Tom Krueger (LRW) Secretary
 3. **New policies approved:**
 - a. A5: Abandoned (Relinquished) Newborn Protection
 - b. C2 Continuing Education
 - c. D4: Data Collection & Submission | ePCR software| Short form
 4. Policy manual cross-walk in progress to meet IDPH 8-1-23 deadline for compliance w/ new rules
- III. **System update**
 - A. Huge thanks to Kathy Fitzpatrick, EMS admin who semi-retired 2/28/23 after 16 years.
 - B. System memos 414 and 415: Reinforce SOPs; drug shortage contingencies; communicate policy updates, reinforce CE and competency requirements due by June 30th, more news...
 - C. ImageTrend license audit almost done; invoices will be issued when all data is in
 - D. DICO list being updated
 - E. Plans to reinvigorate MIH; partner with peds emerg centers for disaster surge capacity

- IV. **Region IX update:** Meeting held 3-14-23; albuterol shortage contingency: nebulized epinephrine (specific instructions coming); region opposition to additional resource hospital application; report from NAEMSP meeting; all Region policies undergoing updates; educational report on Sexual Assault cases and SANE examiners
- V. **State updates:**
 - A. **CESSA** planning continues – Risk stratification table; Target go-live 7-1-23
 - B. **Pending legislation to watch**
 - 1. **HB 2238:** Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Defines "Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Center", "Thrombectomy Ready Stroke Center", and "Primary Stroke Center Plus". Provides for the certification and designation of Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers, Thrombectomy Ready Stroke Centers, and Primary Stroke Centers Plus and makes conforming changes throughout the Act. [IL HB2238 | 2023-2024 | 103rd General Assembly | LegiScan](#)
 - 2. **SB1306:** Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Requires the Department of Public Health, within one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act, to adopt rules requiring all EMS personnel to be equipped by their employers with body cameras that record the interactions of those personnel with patients, emergency responders, and members of the public during service calls and to adopt rules requiring all ambulances, SEMSVs, and medical carriers to be equipped by their owners with dashboard cameras that record the operation of those vehicles by EMS personnel during service calls. <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?GA=103&DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=1306&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=145590>
 - 3. **HB1595:** Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that specified Advisory Committees shall include one representative from the labor organization recognized as the exclusive representative of specified entities' employees. Provides that an EMS Medical Director may only suspend any EMS personnel, EMS Lead Instructor, individual, individual provider, or other participant considered not to be meeting the requirements of the Program Plan if the EMS Medical Director obtains agreement from the Department of Public Health. Allows arbitration meeting specified requirements as alternative dispute resolution procedures for EMS System licensing and makes conforming changes throughout the Act. Provides that a member of a fire department's or fire protection district's collective bargaining unit shall be eligible to work under a silver spanner program for another fire department EMS System that is not the full time employer of that member, for a period not to exceed 12 months, without being required to test into the EMS System of the fire department or fire protection district. Makes other changes. <https://legiscan.com/IL/text/HB1595/2023>
 - C. Preparing to sunset pandemic emergency provisions May 11, 2023
 - D. Siren Alert on Group A strep
- VI. **Next meeting – May 19, 2023**