

**Northwest Community EMS System
Chiefs/Administrator's Meeting
MINUTES – November 21, 2014**

Topic	Discussion/conclusions
Call to order	Dr. John Ortinau, EMS Medical Director, called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. There were no additions to the agenda. The minutes from March, 2014 were approved as written.
CARS Committee Connie Mattera	Markus Rill is the Committee's new chair. Image Trend: Ebola questioning has been added to the screening questions. Three departments have requested mechanical reserve rigs for Ebola use only. The Image Trend Elite platform will not be ready for adoption within the Region 8 & 9 consortium until April 1, 2015 at the earliest. Changes are being made to the NW template to enable the NAEMIS 3 database to be coded in the background. There should not be much change obvious to our users in template design. REMINDER: Please remind those responsible for the IDPH data downloads to stay current. Several agencies have not downloaded any data in a significant amount of time. Website: Remains a current an excellent source of information. If documents are found that are outdated or something is not easily found, please let Connie know.
Education Committee Connie Mattera	See written report (meeting handout). The Paramedic class started with 33 students. Highlights: Thanks to PFD for conducting a simulated cardiac arrest staged in the parking lot on the first day of class. Thanks to Pete Dyer and Drew Smith for modeling and teaching the importance of professionalism, safety and wellness. Academic achievement EMS 210: Class average GPA 92%. Student status: One is quite ill and will most likely need to drop from class; one is struggling academically and will be asked to work with mentors. All students need to complete the Harper Health Services requirements and criminal background checks so they can begin the Hospital Clinical Rotations. On Oct. 1 st , the CoA request for a letter of review was submitted. CoA sent back a request that we clarify the course sponsorship and resubmit the application. New Lead Instructor replacement: We had 4 applicants and interviews; one withdrew; and a decision will be made as we consider our best options. National Registry testing: For many reasons including eligibility to respond under the National EMS Compact, the chiefs voted unanimously that all future paramedic students are to take the National Registry Exam leading to state licensure. This will not impact currently licensed paramedics in any way. January 2015 CE: MANDATORY – Airway testing and introduction of the Bougie
PBPI	Dr. Ortinau reported that the screens that the Committee has been working on are Shock and Cardiac Arrest.
R & D Diana Neubecker	Disposable laryngoscopy blades will become the primary devices used due to inability to effectively provide high level disinfection that meets national standards and unsatisfactory storage techniques. Price quote:~ \$2.89 per blade. Joint decision was made that the agencies will purchase their initial inventory and the hospitals will provide replacement blades as they are used.

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	<p>The accuracy of capillary glucose readings using the current Precision Xtra meters has been reviewed for over a year. The problems and possible options have been discussed extensively at R&D and with the Chiefs and EMS Coordinators. The functional life expectancy of test meters is about 5 years and many of ours are older than that. The Chiefs voted that the agencies will purchase the initial inventory of new meters and the hospitals will replace the test strips as in the past for front line vehicles included in the agency's system plan. The charge per meter: estimated at \$175.00.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the AHA will recommend that ECG monitors be equipped with real-time CPR feedback devices when the new guidelines are issued in October of 2015. All agencies are asked to put this into their budgets for implementation by the end of 2015 if not already in use.</p>
<p>Advisory Board Pete Dyer</p>	<p>The Board continues to review policies that have not been updated in over three years. Other topics discussed have been Active shooter events and Ebola preparedness.</p> <p>Notices for open positions will be sent to System members to solicit applications. All Committees need to appoint their member and alternate representatives for 2015.</p>
<p>System Reports</p>	<p><u>Mobile Integrated Healthcare</u> – IDPH has not yet approved the proposal submitted in June by the Gov. Council. Roll-out process on hold at the moment.</p> <p><u>Upcoming Celebrations:</u></p> <p>December 11th: 8:30 am: Holiday breakfast for System leaders, committee members and preceptors. Hold the date announcement was issued in early October. Invitation with RSVP will be sent shortly. We hope you can join us!</p> <p>December 15th at 1:00 pm: NCH EMS Recognition Wall dedication to honor all of our agencies. A small reception will follow.</p> <p>Congratulations to Pete Dyer of Des Plaines, who has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Des Plaines.</p>
<p>IDPH/State Happenings Connie Mattera</p>	<p>See written report.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM. The next meeting will be Friday, January 16, 2015 at 8:30 AM in rooms LC 3 & 4.</p>