

Northwest Association of Provider EMS Coordinators
MINUTES
August 27, 2015

Topic	Discussion/Conclusions
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	Call to order at 09:05 by Luke Walker Minutes from previous meeting were not available.
Introductions	Eric Levenier, LRFPD
Treasurer's Report	Ed McGarry reported a balance of \$8375.15. Invoices for dues will be sent out shortly.
Committee Reports	<p><u>CARS Committee</u> Marcus Rill provided report. 1/1/2016 is the target NWCEMSS go live date for the Elite platform. A super-committee is forming with representatives from systems participating in the Good Samaritan Imagetrend service. Representatives will meet with Patrick Sennett with the goal of developing a system-wide template. Joe Albert and Markus Rill attended the Imagetrend <i>Emergency Data Systems User's Conference</i> in July. The focus of the event was the Elite platform. Elite is hardware independent, whereas Field Bridge is not. Users making upcoming computer purchases are cautioned to be aware of the requirements for their particular deployment timeframe. The move to Elite will necessitate a reconstruction of agency repeat patient databases/files. Credentials and vehicle information will migrate over to Elite, PCR's will not. Elite is believed to work with Chrome, Firefox and Internet Explorer browsers. Rill will hold train the trainer sessions on Elite and the new template. Agency trainers will then do training in-house.</p> <p><u>Research and Development</u> Diana Neubecker provided the report. Committee is investigating a child restraint system, costing ~\$850. A video laryngoscopy trial is being considered. Guidelines for sanitizing/sterilizing reusable laryngoscope equipment will issued shortly. The NCH purchasing manager met with Nova Biomedical on 8/25 regarding the pricing structure for glucometers and related supplies. Several agencies related the opinion that they were assuming responsibility for replacing disposable laryngoscope blades, in order to avoid any possibility of restocking with an incompatible blade. Dr. Ortinau reminded all providers that it is their responsibility to assure that a fully functional set of equipment is available at all times.</p> <p><u>Advisory Board</u> No meeting. The revised NWCEMSS C-2 policy was approved during the summer. Substantial changes to quarterly intubation education/proficiency measurement section.</p> <p><u>Education</u> Mattera provided the report. Review of C-2 policy changes: quarterly intubation skill sheets are to be scanned and submitted at the end of each quarter (include a brief explanation for non-compliant individuals). Agencies are to submit a plan for quarterly intubation education by 8/31 (extended of 2015). Next meeting 9/1/15.</p>

	<p>PBPI</p> <p>Joe Albert attended the Image Trend symposium/conference in Minnesota. A brief overview of the new QA/QI module was presented to the committee in August; expanded information will be provided at the September Advisory, Chiefs and Coordinators meetings. Albert will host a training session in October on implementing the features showcased during the September sessions. Cardiac screens are continuing – collecting and analyzing data on CPR time in the field and during transport. Refusals requiring OLMC are still an issue. The system had 1167 refusals requiring OLMC in July and August, 112 had no documented contact with OLMC.</p>
Emergency Preparedness	None
System and State Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDPH is considering granting provider agencies access to detailed license information • EMS Data Systems (EDS) should be capable of accepting NEMSIS 3 data beginning 10/1/15 • 2014-15 paramedic class update: students have been testing – to date one student has failed the state written, one student has failed the national written, and one student has failed to complete the national practical successfully. • For 2016 paramedic class: two NREMT practical testing sessions will be scheduled – one at the completion of the class, and another at the completion of the class extension. Program provides practical testing at no charge to students, may explore opening the testing to non-program candidates for a fee. • Keith Buhs is reworking all EMS vehicle inspection forms. • New DNS/POLST form will take effect 1/1/2016. If significant changes from the current version exist, additional educational materials will be created by the system. • New drug security legislation may introduce extensive changes/elimination to the drug exchange service that NWCEMSS currently provides to agencies. • The NWCEMSS MIHC pilot program target start date is 11/1/2015. Specific SOPs are being developed. Pilot is scheduled for a one year period, after which results will be used to assess efficacy in meeting program goals. • CoAEMSP status: operating under a letter of review (obtained 6/8/2015); a comprehensive application will be submitted using data from the current class. • Harper College has provided a grant to purchase a simulator manikin. • A pathophysiology written treatment explanation/rationale will no longer be required for all runs during paramedic field internships. Targeted oral questions from hospital coordinators will this past requirement. • New SOP development is slated to begin after the 2015 AHA guidelines are issued. Input from provider agencies is encouraged.
Correspondence	None
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Neubecker is assembling a committee to identify (formalize) responsibilities for training system entry persons on specific topics (e.g., “multiple patient incidents”)
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – September 24, 2015 @ 09:00 • Adjourned at 11:15 AM.