

**Northwest Community EMS System  
Education Committee Meeting  
MINUTES  
May 3, 2022**

Agenda item	Discussion
<b>Call to Order</b> <b>Previous Minutes</b> <b>Review of Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to order at 09:01</li> <li>• The meeting was streamed online via ZOOM</li> <li>• The March 1, 2022 minutes were approved</li> </ul>
<b>Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Education Activities Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EMT Class (Chris)</b> –Started with 31 students. There are 23 remaining. Numbers are consistent with last semester.</li> <li>• <b>Paramedic Class (Kourtney/Connie)</b>– Students are doing well. Phase 2 meetings projected to start after 20 May. Preceptors should be identifying any students who need additional calls.</li> <li>• Connie discussed that there were difficulties meeting full time hours at Harper for veterans using the GI bills, so program hours were increased to 39 hours. The increase in hours should help with veteran reimbursement. Connie noted the yearly report and resubmission of CoA accreditation were due in May. Pretesting for the fall paramedic class has started. A new student competency matrix will be implemented with the fall class. Finally, there are guest seats approved for licensed paramedics who wish to challenge the NREMT exam and practicals.</li> <li>• <b>CE Reports</b> – (Kourtney): Spring was psych quarter. The quarter went ok, and questions were answered about decision making capacity and the management of behavioral health calls in the new petition-less time. Moving forward, CE topics will change, and topics will be moved more frequently. The concept of building on previous CE and checks for understanding will continue.</li> <li>• <b>System Entry testing and Peer Educator credentialing (Connie):</b> Going well. Bill is reviewing packets prior to SE. The groups are smaller</li> <li>• ECRN class report (Connie): Will be running a hybrid course. Dates TBD</li> <li>• <b>TNS class report (Connie):</b> TNS will also use a hybrid course. Lutheran General, McHenry, and NCH are host the Fall course. The IDPH rules have identified that hospitals may have Trauma Certified Registered Nurse (TCRN), Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC), and Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) certifications to fill the TNS requirements from the Trauma Center Rules for Level 1 and 2 hospitals.</li> <li>• <b>Peer Educator Project Group (Kourtney):</b> Some departments have shared materials used at their department. Kourtney is looking for help with committees and peer educators.</li> <li>• <b>Education Chair Positions</b> – The committee was advised of additional positions that will need to be filled. Vacancies are as follows: Alternate Chair (provider or hospital): still needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Shared Governance Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Liaisons needed for Committees:</b> Advisory Board, CARS, &amp; PBPI.</li> <li>• <b>Advisory Board:</b> The committee met in March and approved policies. Leadership positions were reelected. Looking for blue shirt alternates. Meeting again next week</li> <li>• <b>Cardiac Arrest Committee (Zach Lane)</b>– NWS dispatch has a new QI person. This individual review calls and provides feedback to dispatchers. NWS dispatch is looking for real time feedback if a crew was dispatched to a call and discovered the patient was found to be in cardiac arrest (professional improvement project)</li> <li>• <b>Chief's meeting:</b> no report</li> <li>• <b>PBPI</b> – Stroke screen is coming in July. Focus will be what community the patient was located and which stroke center the patient was brought to by EMS. This project will align with the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines Stroke recommendations. Cardiac arrest data drove the changes in the upcoming SOP changes. Concerns about how the system is doing with cardiac arrest management. At the highest point, NWS had the best outcome data in nation but there has been a</li> </ul>

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	<p>steady decline since that time. Concern areas: LUCAS Device use. AHA does not recommend use of the mechanical CPR devices but NWS will continue to use. Apox will decrease to 3 minutes in select patient populations. Early defibrillation if the patient is found in a shockable rhythm regardless of EtCO2. The new cardiac SOPs will follow the AHA guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CARS – (no rep):</b> Went live with PCR into EPIC last Monday with Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect and Prospect Heights. The key is accuracy with patient names, addresses, dates of birth, etc. Still looking for 100% reconciliation between PCR and hospital EMR. Validity rules: pursuing local validity rules rather than Region 8, 9, &amp; 10 consortium). If approved, Jim Klein will be able to set validity rules.</li> <li>• <b>R &amp; D (Jeanine Liska) –</b> Connie reported that the committee is looking at what projects are still pending. Ultrasound project from Hoffman is pending (issues with the time off the chest during CPR). Meeting again tomorrow.</li> </ul>
<b>System News</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New SOPs: Still work in progress getting consensus within the Region. SOP changes and rationale document available now. Once approved, the SOPS, Policy Manual, and Procedure Manual will all be available electronically. Policy updates also continuing in response to the changes in the IL Rules.</li> <li>• Karolina Lyp is the new EMS coordinator at Good Shepherd. Beth moved to the McHenry system as the EMS administrator (replacing Cindy Amore who retired)</li> <li>• John Schneidwind retired from Schaumburg and will be taking over as the Chief of Itasca on Monday.</li> </ul>
<b>State News</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor's council is meeting next month</li> <li>• Education Committee: Connie shared slide deck that she created for the State that outlines the EMS education and EMS educators requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>National Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EMS national information:</b> housed on the NHTSA website</li> </ul>
<b>From the floor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing from the floor</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting September 6, 2022 at 0900</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 1030</li> </ul>