

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
March 7, 2023**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:02 • The meeting was streamed online via ZOOM • The January 3, 2023 minutes were approved
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Education Activities Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMT Class (Chris) –down to 20 students. Program will be waiving math prerequisites for class. Working with Harper for associate degree requirements. • Paramedic Class (Mike)- 22 in class. All released to field to ride. Preceptor orientation completed, renewals for preceptors in progress. Rick and Pete have updated the website, so all paperwork is current. Fall testing has started. Connie stated CoA paperwork was submitted and accepted; site visit is pending (2-3 months from now). Harper will be getting supplies/equipment for simulation training through a grant. • CE Reports – (Kourtney): remainder of the CE year rolled out. CE questions from February will be coming out shortly. There will be more skills competencies added. Licensure/certifications: NREMT renewals are every 2 years. Illinois renews every 4 years. Reminder that agency training officers must link Dr Jordan as the medical director for NREMT. Memo 413 on how to challenge the NREMT exam is coming out. Connie is the point of contact for further information and registration. • System Entry testing and Peer Educator credentialing (Kourtney): Peer 1 & 2 educators in 2019 and earlier were grandfathered in. All Peer educators after 2020 must go through system process. Process being revised now for all levels of Peer educators (1-4). The new system entry SOP packets were updated and are ready for use. New skill added to the procedure manual: interpretation of TB test results. • ECRN class (Connie)- no new information • TNS class (Connie) – no new information • Peer Educator Project Group (Kourtney)- Kourtney is continuing to add additional educational resources for EMS agencies to use. • Education Chair Positions – The committee was advised of additional positions that will need to be filled. Vacancies are as follows: Alternate Chair (provider or hospital): still needed. • Charter (Connie)- Connie presented the draft of the Charter review. The draft included language changes only but the intent of the charter remains the same. Connie will be sending out the draft for the education committee to review prior to the March meeting.
Shared Governance Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaisons needed for Committees: Advisory Board, CARS, & PBPI. • Advisory Board – Met. Strategic plan 2022 reviewed and all objectives were met. Starting on 2023 strategic plan. All NWS policies are being updated. This process must be completed by August 2023. • Cardiac Arrest Committee (Zach Lane)– compliance data presented. Time to Epi: good results (within 5 minutes of arrival on scene). Group is starting on video to demonstrate the new cardiac arrest management. • Chief's meeting - no report • PBPI (no rep) – Kourtney has been doing manual review of screens after Jason pulls the electronic data. 2 areas of concern: IV starts and advanced airway. Is the area of concern the skill or the documentation? The final EMS report 2022 was completed and approved. • CARS (no rep) – reviewed and updated D4 policy. State went to NEMSIS 3.5. Regions 8 and 9 have not migrated yet (new validity rules are being tested prior to rollout) • R & D (Jeanine Liska) – New BVM approved (ambu spur 2).

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Education Charter Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language changes and the addition of the cardiac arrest committee to the charter. Charter approved with the proposed language changes.
System News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connie presented the updates from National, Regional, and Local in a PowerPoint format. NWS has new organizational chart. Procedure manual updated. MIH is being resurrected.
State News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral health emergencies are the latest hot topic. 2 cases have arisen in Illinois. There is proposed legislation from two downstate legislators about EMS and bodycams. CESSA planning still in progress. Illinois goal is 1 August 2023 implementation. One clarification to legislation was sent out to law enforcement that police must assist EMS with behavioral health patients.
National Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above
From the floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings in 2023. Connie discussed history behind why meetings are held at Northwest. Meeting will continue at Northwest. Hybrid meetings (with virtual component) will be held as necessary but the expectation is that meetings return to in person format.
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting May 2, 2023 at 0900 Meeting adjourned at 1050