

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
May 2, 2023**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:03 • The meeting was held in person and streamed online via ZOOM • The March 7, 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 18 students. The math prerequisite was dropped for the fall class. There is a new textbook and a new approach called the Bravo Zone which is a gaming program that allows for more interaction with students. Bravo allows for questions to be posed to students to check for understanding. Chris is also going to colleges and high schools to recruit students for the EMT program. There are 8 students registered now for the fall class. • Paramedic Class (Mike)- seminar starts shortly. There are open spots for paramedics who wish to attend to prepare for the national registry exam. Currently 21 students are going to be taking the NREMT exam and practical. The grant monies from Harper were received and new equipment is coming in. The Fall program will include fewer labs and will also incorporate the Bravo Zone. CoA (the higher learning commission) is coming out at some point in the future • CE Reports – (Kourtney): Kourtney is exploring learning management solutions to automate some of the manual processes the system is using. The current program used by almost all agencies is Vector Solutions. Hours are due in June. The data collection forms were sent out earlier for paramedics and ECRNs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ March and April classes were well received ◦ Fall: IDPH site codes were submitted. The plan is to incorporate more skills into the classes • System Entry testing and Peer Educator credentialing (Kourtney): going well. One process being reviewed is the embedded EKG strips in the exam rather than the separate EKG strip test. The Peer Educator list is being updated. Those grandfathered in must renew. • ECRN class (Connie)- in progress • TNS class (Connie) – hybrid course being offered in McHenry • Peer Educator Project Group (Kourtney)- Videos are completed and are being edited. Have some shared training available. • 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.
Shared Governance Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaisons needed for Committees: Advisory Board, CARS, & PBPI. • Advisory Board – meeting next week. Policy updates to align with new IDPH language is ongoing. • Cardiac Arrest Committee (Zach Lane)– met in June. Videos are completed. Goal of administration of epinephrine within 5 minutes is being met; advanced airway will be reviewed next • Chief's meeting - no report • PBPI (no rep) – meeting tomorrow. April screens: Bradycardia and quarterly intubations. May screen is pediatrics. Evidence from prior screens indicate that behavioral health screening, first attempt IV starts and intubations, and stroke assessments are issues. • CARS (no rep) – glitch in validation rules with BEFAST. Being fixed now. Acid remap SOP with hyperlinks should be ready in the next few weeks. • R & D (Jeanine Liska) – IV nitro was reviewed and not approved.
Education Charter Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed. Needs to be posted to the website

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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"> See above
National Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above
From the floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connie identified several areas of concern with the system performance. Discussion ensued and several themes emerged. There are multiple gaps in the problem areas identified and it was determined that all the committees and stakeholders would need to be involved to develop probable solutions. Key themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Root cause analysis needed to define the problem Peer education: who is providing this and is the process working? Should there be a skills rodeo for peer educators to validate skills and share teaching strategies? Documentation of patient care: elements consistently missing Training: both in CE and at the departments adequate or is revision necessary? What training is being provided and assessed? Example: first pass intubation success rates are declined over the years Tina proposed that separate task forces would be the most efficient way to focus in on the themes and perform a more in-depth analysis of the symptoms identified. Education committee would consolidate the findings and propose courses of action for NWS to use to resolve the concerns raised by Connie and education committee members. The September meeting will be dedicated to selection of task force objectives and recruiting members to participate in task forces. The goal would be to match members with objectives. For example, Tina would lead the task force on peer education and department education, PBPI and CARS may choose documentation. The final goal is the development of SMART objectives to guide the recovery process of skills, documentation, and adherence to following key elements of the SOPs.
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting September 5, 2023 at 0900 Meeting adjourned at 1100