

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
January 2, 2024**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:05 • The meeting was held in person and streamed online via ZOOM • The November 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) –31 students completed the Fall class. 22/24 have taken exam and passed. & need to take the exam. Chris is trying to locate these students. Spring class: 29 registered. • Paramedic Class (Mike/Bill)- 32 students remain in class. This year there will be more performance reviews with students so NWS and Hospital educators will be aware of issues early. CoA reaccreditation visit scheduled for October 24 & 25, 2024 • CE Reports – (Kourtney): November was NEMSIS 3.5 training done by the departments. In addition, December included the mandatory airway videos from Dr Jordan. Upcoming CE: January is abdominal emergencies/sepsis. February will be the practical for cardiac arrest. Upcoming classes will include EKG strip reviews. • System Entry testing and Peer Educator credentialing (Kourtney): steady flow of new medics into system. Kourtney is completing the updates to the Peer 2 and Preceptor list from the departments to ensure they match. • ECRN class (Connie)- hybrid model will continue. Next class is projected for March • TNS class (Connie) – hybrid course hosted in McHenry had 100% pass rate for state exam. Class had fewer students than usual. Spring class will be held at LGH. • Peer Educator Project Group (Kourtney)- Committees are putting together videos as well as individuals from departments. Call reviews are welcomed. Ablade education: new blades and handles not available. Kourtney will follow up this week. Alternate Chair (provider or hospital): still needed.
Shared Governance Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaisons needed for Committees: all committees now have education committee reps • Advisory Board (Ginny/John)- Board meets this month. New members are being recruited to replace reps with expired terms of office for the committee as well as to replace members who have dropped off the committee. G policies being reviewed. New language includes the addition of collective bargaining reps for system members with possible suspension of license or system privileges. RFC form was updated. • Cardiac Arrest Committee (Zach Lane)– Dr Jordan gave report. Committee is getting data from multiple sources. CT is working on the completion of the videos • Chief's meeting - no report • PBPI (Nicole) – Adam Seilig is looking at committee charter and plans. He is also working on the end of year data report. The committee is working to align NWS with national PI standards. Committee will also be putting together the end of year report for the 2023 airway PI project. • CARS (Adam Seilig—Tina Hayes new rep) – There are issues with the servers at Image Trend which caused an outage. New servers were needed to host the increasing number of agencies using the system. Expect completion in next two weeks. Compliant with NEMSIS 3.5. • R & D (Jeanine Liska) – Meeting tomorrow. Products being discussed: new defib tech arm. The new product is less expensive than the LUCAS device. Ablade is being discussed. New video laryngoscopes are being reviewed to replace King Vision in the future. Committee is reviewing 10-12 alternatives. Final product is a ETT balloon cuff manometer.
C-2 Policy review and Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled until further notice. Discussion at the state level about NREMT and acceptable CE options. • Education committee Charter for 2024 approved.

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System News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure manual updates: airway and central line access procedures • Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) education begins next week. Jen Dyer will help with roll out plan and monitoring the program. Vehicles are ready with appropriate branding. Grant monies paid help offset the cost
State News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stroke data collection: need regional data collection. Illinois added thrombectomy capable centers to law. • Trauma: inconsistencies with the new ACS trauma triage categorization and adoption by regions throughout state. State is looking to standardize trauma triage statewide for consistency. Current NWS SOPs are in compliance with ACS recommendations.
National Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates
Task Force project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills rodeo initial project: airway competency. Peer 2 educators are being competencied to ensure the trainers are providing the appropriate education. Next project is vascular access competency and determining if the IV catheters or the technique used to start the IV is the issue.
From the floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Ghawaly from Mt Prospect announced he is transitioning to another career after his upcoming retirement from the Fire Department. All thanked him for his many years of service to NWS and to the fire department.
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting March 5, 2024 • Meeting adjourned at 1027