

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
January 4, 2011**

| Topic | Discussion/Conclusions |
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| Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:04 • Minutes accepted with spelling corrections • Exam exemption discussion added to agenda |
| Introduction of New Members & Guests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None |
| Education Committee Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Entry – Skills classes were scheduled in December 2010 • Peer Educator – Still awaiting training classes • ConEd Material – Video CE sub-committee meeting January 24, 2011 at Station 55 at 09:00 • Education Policy Updates – G. Fabsits presented ideas discussed at the Nurse Educators meeting regarding revisions to the C-2 policy regarding exam exemption. Open discussion - Considerations on trying to work on phasing out the annual exam. Increase CE offerings by one (from 9 to 10) and make May a CE month instead of a testing month. Increase from 1 to 2 classes that can be missed. Possibly allowing 1 entire CE that could be missed (no packet or post-test). Utilize the agency to present extra month of CE. Schedule testing at the Resource/Associate Hospitals only for those who cannot meet the exemption requirement. Draw back could be additional cost to agencies to cover additional presentation by nurse educator. All ideas presented for committee members to consider. Additional discussion at future meetings. • Documentation Sub-Committee – First class was at AHFD and went well. It did go a few minutes longer. Reminder that it's not necessary to have a computer at the CE. This CE presented an opportunity for others to participate in training. |
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| System and State Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capnography - Dr. Ortinau asked that we follow, over the next few months, for any trends regarding equipment issues, benefits, hospital use and feedback. It was noted that not all hospitals are utilizing capnography to its full extent. • EMT - J. Tobiasz asked about what needs were there regarding bridging the EMTs to the new standards. C. Dunn stated that they are currently teaching the 2012 standards. The hands on skills are currently available. New EMTs will be required to do field-time by 2012. It was asked if the skill sheets could be re-issued to all coordinators. • Image Trend Field Bridge - G. Fabsits commented about the use of Field Bridge as the dominate program and how would QA/QI feedback get back to the paramedics. It was asked if the feedback sent through Service Bridge could be linked to department emails. • Sign-in Sheet – Follow-up to discussion from the October 2010 meeting regarding documentation of pass or no-pass of the post-test. The ½ sheets and sign-in sheets would need a box added to reflect that change. D. Neubecker to address the changes. • Education Committee Nurse Educator Chair - G. Fabsits stated that after holding the position for ten years this would be her last meeting as the Nurse Educator Chair. She stated that the position would be discussed at the Nurse Educator Meeting, seeking volunteers for the position, at the end of January. G. Fabsits stated that she would not be leaving the Committee, just changing her status. Much appreciation was voiced for her contributions as a Chairperson. |
| Next Meeting Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – February 1, 2011 • With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 09:54 |

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