

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
June 5, 2012**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:05 • May's minutes approved as written
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quest – Melissa Knesley
Education Committee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CE Development Tutorial – No tutorial this month (Connie is attending the Gov. Council meeting in Springfield) • Video CE – No volunteers to accept the position of coordinating video CE development. We will still seek someone, and also consider using available material. One consideration is having the new paramedic class, as part of their project, develop a video. • EMT Transition Education Material – Full PowerPoint presentations with speaker notes have been distributed by e-mail to the Provider EMS Coordinators for all completed modules. The slide presentations are available in an autadvance review format on the System website. They will also be available on the Des Plaines FD website. Module 4 is being developed. • Monthly CE Review - C. Mattera sent out an email that described the up-coming Needs Assessment in July. It will consist of 100 questions covering the SOPs. Agencies have the option of having individuals take the test anonymously, or they can find out their score by putting their name on the answer sheet. Individual agencies will know how their specific department scored. The goal is to use the information gathered to help direct future CE. The assessment is not looking at one individual or agency, but at the System as a whole. Educators have seen the draft blueprint of the assessment.
System and State Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Mattera prepared and sent an email covering the updates. • There have been additions and improvements to the System website based on member feedback. • The CE policy re: the number of required CE hours may need to be amended if changes occur at the State level and within the National Registry. • P. Drag reported that 38 applicants have been accepted for the fall paramedic class of which most are unaffiliated. Pooled preceptor matching has begun those students. • Some of the current paramedic students are still completing their field internship requirements. This class was tasked with more homework during the field internship. The lowest cumulative grade point average was a high "B". Seventy-five percent will graduate with Academic Honors. Preceptors are encouraged to attend graduation exercises on June 8th at 7 PM. It was asked if students can continue to do ride-time until graduation. Peg stated she would check into this and report back. (Answer was yes.) • The pooled preceptor reimbursement fees are being processed based on the agency's direction. Credits have been posted to an escrow account for those who wanted to offset other EMS billing. • Thanks to all that got their CE hours in to their hospital EMSCs on time. • No news yet regarding licensure and renewal fees. (Fee implementation announced at Gov. Council meeting to begin in Sept) • There was discussion on the up-coming paramedic class. Pre-class requirements were discussed regarding unaffiliated students riding with an agency. Suggestions from the education committee will be considered in light of Harper Policy and legal constraints.
Adjournment Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that we take the summer months off (July and August). Any urgent business could be handled electronically. If necessary we could meet in August. The group agreed to was in agreement for the summer hiatus. • With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:10. • Next meeting September 4, 2012