

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
May 1, 2012**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:02 • February Minutes approved with no corrections
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Education Committee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CE Development Tutorial – Discussion began with the handout C. Mattera provided at April’s meeting. A brief overview of what the document consisted of was provided. All were encouraged to read the material since it reinforces the discussions the Committee has been having regarding education. C. Mattera’s presentation this month began with <i>We know what we are interested in knowing</i>. The reference being that people have distinctive interests whether it may be in sports, fire or EMS, and they will be able to “recite” the things about their interests that they are interested in. Her presentation continued with the Instruction and Anticipatory Set. Using something as a “grabber” to get your audience interested; get their attention. She played several video clips that and explained how they are applied to the audience as a lead into a topic. Many other ideas can also be used (i.e. dispatch tapes, testimonials, news articles, photos, etc.). She then distributed an article about a training scandal where falsified records were used to attain continuing education to maintain certification. June’s presentation will be on <i>Teaching Input</i>. • Video CE - J. Schneidwind has stepped down as the coordinator for System Video CE Training and asked for someone else to take over. It was discussed that looking at already developed video trainings that could be applicable to the System skills may be an alternative to developing new productions. One consideration was using the new Paramedic class, as their project, to help develop these educational videos. Continued discussion next month to see if someone would be interested in coordinating this. • EMT Transition Education Material – C. Dunn anticipates that module three will be ready at the end of the week. C. Dunn was asked to provide feedback regarding his day in Springfield. He stated that there was a significant amount of knowledge differences regionally. There were questions regarding how information should be presented on the exams. • Monthly CE Review – Discussion continued on developing a Needs Assessment. The Northwest Association of Provider Coordinators at their April meeting endorsed the idea of the Needs Assessment. Demographics should be included, meaning number of years in the System, where the medic attended school, and number of years as a medic. Discussion also included that we should not rely on only one source of input for our needs assessment. It was questioned why we need to do this assessment. Is this the best way to gather the data we’re looking for? How would this fit into the System’s academic calendar? There was significant open discussion why and why not to have an assessment. There was concern that there may be resistance to a “testing” session when testing was eliminated from the CE Policy. Would there be people who would not want to participate in taking a 150 question exam? It was reinforced that this would not be a punitive “exam” but an assessment exam of current knowledge. The goal would be to insure that all knew the idea behind this “exam” so they would be willing to participate and provide valuable data that the System could use. This, plus other sources would be used to develop future System CE. C. Mattera then distributed an article about a training scandal where falsified records were used to attain continuing education to maintain certification. C. Mattera then provided a document that was titled <i>Introduction</i> which provided guidance to academic, clinical and competency training as it applied to an athletic training education program. She indicated how this intensity for athletics is the same that should be applied to the EMS field. C. Mattera stated that a blue print would be developed for the needs assessment and would like to have committee members review it. The goal would be to have this needs assessment done in time so that the data collected could be utilized for the 2013 CE and SOP development.
System and State Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Mattera provided a written report due to the amount of information. • She did review the process for re-licensure. The fee process would be preceded by a 60 day notification before it would be implemented. July 1, 2012 was to be the implementation date. • The last page of the report included a 2013 SOP Change Recommendation form for anyone who had input. • The drug shortage was discussed. A major “win” at the State level that amended the bill and added EMS. It may not be a “fix”,

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	<p>but it may help remedy the problem by extending expirations dates, adding new drugs and requiring notification when companies will be discontinuing production (with more than a one day notice).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="443 159 1444 188">• The SOPs could have more options for more drugs available or drug alternatives.
Adjournment Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="443 191 1209 220">• With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30<li data-bbox="443 224 810 253">• Next meeting June 5, 2012