

**Northwest Community EMS System  
Education Committee Meeting  
MINUTES  
November 7, 2017**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to order at 09:5</li> <li>• September 5, 2017 minutes accepted</li> </ul>
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Education Committee Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monthly CE</b> – there was discussion on the October's CE on Medical Legal that continued from the earlier discussion in September. It is difficult to cover all situations agencies may encounter. November's CE had just started, but had good reviews regarding the PowerPoint Presentation</li> <li>• There was discussion regarding the paper versions of CE handouts verses going to an electronic based. A few questions were asked regarding the use of the paper CE packets. <i>Do participants hold on to the information after the CE?</i> Many indicated that they continue to use and review the information, however it was noted that some don't. <i>Do they take notes during the CE?</i> Again, it was noted both ways. There was discussion if the packets could consistently be shortened to 4 to 9 pages compared to some of the longer ones that reach over 20 pages. The use of electronic messaging may be the direction to go for disseminating the message. Could the CE information be sent out prior to the class, similar to when Independent Study Material was made available? The idea being that the CE could be made available before classes started, helping promote and maintain consistent and not fragmented information. The availability of the information could be forwarded to the agency's EMS Coordinator and then sent to individuals or an electronic link could be sent on where it could be found.</li> <li>• <b>Aiding PBPI</b> - there was discussion on what and how can the Education Committee help the PBPI Committee with getting out the message to help improve the quality of care. Currently, the time allotted for monthly CE is quite full and adding more can be tough. The "Tip-of-the-Month" was and still could be a way to help disseminate the information. Adding the information early in the CE, instead of at the end. Agency's' training schedules are quite full with fire, specialty team and EMS training, but there is a need for a dedicate time to be allotted for EMS. Many already have this in place, but the need is to get the majority to be willing and consistently participate. Other avenues of delivering the message will include alternate electronic beyond just emails.</li> </ul>
<b>System and State Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COA</b> – There are visits scheduled for Thursday and Friday. The feedback so far has been positive.</li> <li>• <b>Regional</b> – Stroke is being visited, however, there are no immediate changes taking place.</li> <li>• <b>New SOPs</b> – Dr. Jordan is asking for feedback for the upcoming SOP updates.</li> <li>• <b>Hospital</b> - during the winter months it's expected that there will be a greater peak census of patients again. New policies and guidelines will be instituted for trauma and trauma diversions, including transports to Level 1 centers. Dr. Jordan would like feedback on any issue that may arise.</li> <li>• <b>Video Laryngoscopy</b> – of the current departments' active in the study, there has been a high rate of success. Looking forward, the decision will be made to make this skill mandatory and develop a timeline that works with agency's budgets. More departments have already moved forward on the devices. The device can and has been utilized during cardiac arrests, but it was noted that it must not effect high-quality CPR.</li> <li>• <b>CPR Assist Devices</b> - The Lukas CPR device trial had been completed. The System has approved 3 piston-type devices as optional pieces of equipment. The System will work with those agencies that are purchasing devices.</li> <li>• <b>EMT Class</b> - the class initially started with 62 students and currently now has 38. The class has be updated to the new IDPH EMT scope of practices.</li> <li>• <b>Paramedic Class</b> - no significant updates, no changes to the number of students</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With no further business the meeting was adjourned 10:46</li> </ul>

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Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting November 7, 2017.</li> </ul>