

**Northwest Community EMS System  
Education Committee Meeting  
MINUTES  
September 4, 2012**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to order at 09:07</li> <li>• June's minutes approved as written</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>CE Development Tutorial</b> – No tutorial this month</li> <li>• <b>Video CE</b> – still no volunteers to take over project from John Schneidwind. Discussion ensued about project and Connie stated there are many great videos on the market already that could be adapted to NWS. She will make that information available to whoever is going to take over this project</li> <li>• <b>EMT Transition Education Material</b> – module IV is completed. Roll out date was deferred to Connie. Connie advised the group that the approval of State legislation for the new educational standards was not passed. Consequently the EMTB update scheduled co</li> <li>• <b>Monthly CE Review</b> - Connie has contracted with an outside company to develop a program to review the CE Needs assessment. The current software program NWS owns is unable to interpret the data to the level that will produce meaningful information (which questions were missed most often, which SOPs need review, PBPI, etc). The integration of the new standards continues with monthly con ed. September is Eye and Ear, October is airway management, and November remains the Airway practical. Connie informed the group that the new standards for demonstrating competency/proficiency for airway management suggests that the current 4/year is inadequate and that level should be increased to 12/year. Eagles has identified a several systems with a stratified approach for their paramedics and not all of them intubate patients; instead there is a smaller subset with this scope of practice. The R&amp;D committee is looking at several additional supraglottic airways (beyond the King).</li> </ul>
<b>System and State Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region IX Emergency Preparedness Coordinators met and reviewed the proposed changes to the multiple patient/mass casualty section. Connie felt that the group had proposed some changes that were inconsistent with the expectations of the Chiefs from the Summit meeting that produced the original project. Because of the diversity of the six EMS regions, blending the expectations and coming up with one SOP that meets EMS and hospital needs remains a challenge. Pete and Annie will continue to work on this.</li> <li>• NREMT: going away from number of hours for competency and instead focusing more on demonstrated competency in skills. The Paramedic would keep a portfolio of experiences for competency that would be presented and reviewed at relicensure time. The new paramedic and EMT curriculum is following this approach. Students will need to demonstrate competency in certain skills prior to their hospital clinical rotation. Individual performance will become less of a focus and the emphasis will shift to team management of the patient.</li> <li>• Paramedic class: October start date. Based on Harper's guidelines (and student financial reimbursement requirements), the program will align with the college's time frames for semesters.</li> <li>• Springfield: the legislation was blocked for title changes and other adoption of new standards. Several areas Downstate are still using the 1990 curriculum. They identified it would be extremely difficult to them to meet the additional hours required in the new curriculum. Most of the opposition centered on the EMT-I role and a failure to understand the bill itself. Connie spent time talking with educators down state to clarify the legislation and intent. The bill will need to be re introduced next year.</li> <li>• EMT test: 60% of the questions have been reviewed for the new exam. The group will meet again 17 &amp; 18 Sep for the final peer review. The expectation is that the new State exam will be ready by December. After that, the paramedic exam will be undergoing revision. Continental Testing Service (CTS) contract is open for re bid. Unclear what implications this will have for EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, and TNS.</li> </ul>

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<b>Adjournment</b> <b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="443 99 1205 126">• With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:38</li><li data-bbox="443 147 846 175">• Next meeting October 2, 2012</li></ul>