

**Northwest Community EMS System  
EMS Coordinator/Educator Meeting  
MINUTES – February 22, 2019**

Topic	Discussion/conclusions
	The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Connie Mattera.
<b>February 2019 CE feedback - Burns</b> <b>In-station orientation for March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback on February (Burns) – Module was long and some objected to graphic photos of burns. The System will take the feedback under advisement. Multiple factors are considered when planning an education module based on the preferences of all learners and the need to illustrate major teaching points. All feedback is welcome.</li> <li>Orientation to March – <b>Stroke</b>. Jen Dyer. <b>Key points:</b> Field providers fail to call stroke alerts the majority of the time as they are fearful of being wrong and/or do not recognize S&amp;S to be a stroke; on-scene times usually good and close to benchmark of 10 minutes; continue to stop stroke assessment as soon as one element is abnormal – need to complete full screen to not only identify possible stroke but also identify possible severity; continue to miss posterior strokes as they are not assessing cerebellar exam elements in current SOPs; introducing BEFAST model (nothing new- just reorganized) with step by step hands-on approach as to how the assessment is to be completed. Dr. Jordan emphasized the he would rather have them overcall stroke alerts than not call. It's fine if their impression of stroke is incorrect and we will use each case as a learning opportunity. Assessment checklist has been created that mirrors the steps in the new SOPs. It is designed to be used as a tool to help providers remember all the elements to obtain/assess and call in during a stroke alert.</li> </ul>
<b>Spring tutorials for EMSC's at educator meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February: <b>King Vision</b> – Drew Hansen gave an informative demonstration of the operational points of using the King Vision device. Some of the nurses had attended the presentation at the stations during the System roll-out, others had not and this gave everyone the opportunity to hear the same message, the same way at the same time in case questions are asked. Key points: do not lift head into sniffing position; insert blade only until epiglottis is seen; no lift and look; Suction. Suction. Suction;</li> <li>March: <b>Lucas Device</b>. Given that April will cover updates to cardiac arrest management, the last tutorial will be on the use and application of a CPR device as we currently have some variation in practice that must be aligned to System procedure.</li> </ul>
<b>Paramedic class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preceptor applications should be approved and in to Mike</li> <li>Report given: Preceptor class; handouts/internship paperwork/expectations. Internships due to begin March 1 or 2. If there are issues, report them right away to Connie or Mike so they can be addressed in a timely manner.</li> <li>Testing for the Fall class has begun</li> </ul>
<b>ECRN Class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please check the class calendar. We have need for guest faculty to cover portions of some days.</li> </ul>
<b>TNS Class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fall class is full</li> <li>Please check the class calendar. We need preceptors to assist with labs and the final practical exam.</li> </ul>
<b>DICO class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the 2 day class held here by Katherine West</li> <li>DICO class has its own site code; if anyone needs the number, contact Connie</li> </ul>
<b>i-Gel roll-out</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agency-competency validation to be completed by the end of February. Verify completion with PEMSCs. Short-term waiver will be granted based on delay in getting product to use for teaching; please let Connie know the deployment status at each hospital.</li> </ul>
<b>Advisory Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board openings will be filled at the March meeting; 2019 Strategic plan under consideration</li> <li>Board approved the Invalid Assist Policy; deferred the Waiver policy to the next meeting</li> </ul>
<b>PBPI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End of year data report complete and posted to website; stroke screen results</li> </ul>
<b>CARS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOP phone app done for android devices; pending for Apple products; stroke documentation being revised</li> </ul>

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<b>Education Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instructor ED to be offered at committee meetings for LI certificate holders</li></ul>
<b>R &amp; D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drug &amp; Supply list, Procedure manual updated; posted to website</li></ul>
<b>Mobil Integrated Healthcare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contracts are still in process</li></ul>
<b>Region IX</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SOP's still in development; intra-region collaboration initiative (McHenry)</li></ul>
<b>State news</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scope of practice draft; System plan updates – reminder of March 20 deadline</li></ul>
<b>National news</b>	ET3 – Great news for future reimbursements
<b>Adjournment</b>	NOTE: Until further notice, the EMS Coordinator/Educator Meetings will be held from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM Meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM. The <b>next meeting will be March 22<sup>nd</sup></b> in the 901 Conference room. 9:30 to <b>1:30 PM</b>