

Northwest Association of Provider EMS Coordinators
MINUTES
June 27, 2013

Topic	Discussion/Conclusions
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	Call to order at 09:03 by Pete Dyer Minutes approved (motion Nosek, second Kingsmill)
Introductions	Capt. Mickey Wenzel introduced himself to the group as the acting PEMSC for Lake Zurich. Division Chief Lance Harris introduced himself as the new, full-time, PEMSC for Elk Grove Village.
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer McGarry absent; Dyer reports that the current balance is presumably \$7404.15. No activity on the account since the 3/28/13 meeting.
Meeting Topics	<p><u>CARS Committee</u> Nosek Provided the report. The NWC 413 template has been rolled out and all personnel should have completed their training runs at this point. Drug supply lists will be updated in advance of new drugs becoming available. The system is working with IDPH to validate the new template. Preliminary discussions are taking place on the subject of alternative hardware platforms (tablets) for Field Bridge. Nosek reminded the group that Field Bridge Express does not replace Field Bridge, it is not a full feature product. Mattera commented that Epic brand software is quickly gaining acceptance among many hospitals for patient charting, and a bridge to that product would be very desirable. She also commented that IDPH is also interested in a bridge to the state trauma registry. Chicago will, by fall, have the Physio Control Lifenet product running at all hospitals. Chicago claims that Zoll and Phillips will be able to interface to Lifenet (unconfirmed). The drive to move field data to higher level practitioners is being driven by the Affordable Healthcare Act; decision times to definitive care must be reduced in order to avoid provider payment penalties.</p> <p>Web Site Development: The web site continues to improve its quality of service. Users are encouraged to contact Nosek to notify him of any outdated documents or other irregularities noticed on the website.</p> <p><u>Advisory Board</u> Pete Dyer provided the report. The new DNR policy was approved. All pre-2010 policies are being reviewed by the committee. IDPH is working on creation of guidance for EMS systems regarding concealed carry. Mattera provided the Wisconsin policy to the Governor's Council for consideration (a very good policy).</p> <p><u>Research and Development</u> The committee is looking for a new chairperson. Agencies were asked to approach appropriate persons within their organizations with this opportunity.</p> <p><u>Education</u> Policy C-2 language is being reworked to reflect recent changes to testing. The CE testing schedule has been changed to an every other month format in order to recapture training time. The national registry has gone to a competency based vs. hours based model. IDPH has proposed a tiered hours based model (100-80-60 for P-I-B levels). The system does not support this approach since it falls below the current national standards. The development of curricula for the various EMT levels is on</p>

	<p>hold pending the state EMS directors, and IDPH, defining the scope of practice for each level. Neubecker updated the group on plans to migrate the system entry didactic training online so that system entry testing would only require approximately four hours at the hospital for practical testing.</p> <p>PBPI DR. Ortinau informed the committee that the group has been focusing on airway adjuncts.</p>
Emergency Preparedness	<p>The ad hoc committee formed earlier this year is concluding its work. A train the trainer session is scheduled for 6/28/13. The development process is expected to conclude on that date and training materials will be posted on the system website shortly thereafter. The purpose of the group's work is to facilitate education of command personnel in a way that creates continuity across providers in terms of management of the hazard zone and resources for incidents involving many patients.</p>
System and State Updates	<p>Only one student failed the EMT-B state exam. Ten paramedic students officially graduated on 6/7/13. Call volume was a problem for some students. For the fall 2013 class, phase one of the internship must be completed by the first day of class. The fall class has 39 students admitted; students with barely passing admission scores will be assigned a remediation packet to complete. The upcoming version of the SOPs will include a standing alternative drug list; weight based dosing will be used whenever possible. A mandatory SOP rollout class will take place in March, 2014. The class is mandatory for license holders at all levels. A resource list of specialized system equipment (e.g., bariatric ambulances) is being developed and should be available shortly.</p>
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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – ??????? •