

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
January 4, 2022**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:01 • The meeting was streamed online via ZOOM • The November 2, 2021 minutes were approved
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Education Activities Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMT Class (Chris) –There are 24 students in the Spring class. Can accommodate up to 50 students. Orientation is 11 January and the course begins 18 January. The fall 2021 class had 23 individuals successfully complete the class. 14 of the 23 passed the NREMT exam at this time. • Paramedic Class (Kourtney/Connie)– Halfway through the didactic. There are 23 students remaining in the class. Cardiology section is proving challenging for some. The class restarts again in two weeks. The squad configuration for class is going well. Expect department assignments to be finalized shortly with the various EMS agencies. The nurse educators will be notified of their students once the assignments are complete. 5 March is the first day that students can begin their ride time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preceptor classes are scheduled for 16 and 21 February and 3 March. ✓ There is a 100% pass rate (test and retest) for the last 3 classes paramedic classes. CoA wants materials for the paramedic class submitted by 1 May. The expectation is that 2023 will be an in-person review of programs. • CE Reports (Susan) – Shock CE received good feedback. The return to in person class was welcomed. The process for the waiver option for January worked well. January will also have at least one class taped and available. • IV catheter inservices were completed in December by Paige from BD. Hopefully this will increase the comfort level of EMS using the new catheters • System Entry testing and Peer Educator credentialing (Susan): 2 classes in December went well. January had no classes scheduled so the class was shifted to peer educator training. All those trained need to complete the appropriate paperwork and get to Northwest. Kourtney will share spread sheet when it's complete. • ECRN class report (Connie): All 5 students completed the class and will start testing in two weeks (time frame individualized to Good Shepherd and St. Alexius to accommodate students and educator schedules given the staffing challenges with this wave of COVID and acute staffing shortages in the ED. Connie is looking at a hybrid model as well for future classes. • TNS class report (Connie): The emergency rules are pending implementation. The proposal that a TCRN or TNCC RN may fill the role of a TNS at a Level 1 or Level 2 trauma center. Future class offerings will be based on need. • Peer Educator Project Group (Kourtney): Have individuals who are interested in joining. The goal will be to share information about best practices, policies, to supplement skills training, and have quick just in time training and videos available to EMS agencies. • Education Chair Positions – The committee was advised of additional positions that will need to be filled. Vacancies are as follows: Alternate Chair (provider or hospital): still needed.
Shared Governance Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaisons needed for Committees: Advisory Board, CARS, & PBPI. • Advisory Board: the meeting is next week. Connie is putting together a spread sheet for the policies to track which policies need updating or amending to allow for scheduled policy reviews rather than an ad hoc schedule. The board members can now have two terms. Bypass policy will require revision again to incorporate the latest regulatory language. • Cardiac Arrest Committee (Zach Lane)– No report. Group hasn't met yet. • Chief's meeting: no report

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBPI – Updating 2022 screen schedule. Year-end data was compiled and presented. It should be ready to present in February/March. • CARS – Working on incorporating decisional capacity worksheet into Image Trend so EMS can include all the elements that are required (in lieu of petitions) in their documentation. • R & D (Jeanine Liska) – meeting this week. Goal is to clean up pending projects and begin work on new projects. Old business items still pending: vascular doppler problem, water gel burn sheets, and pelvic binder lift kits. The Nexiva project was completed.
System News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image Trend/Epic project: on hold until COVID numbers decrease • Fermi Lab: Fermi lab will be leaving NWS and joining Southern Fox Valley EMS system. The organizational chart will be updated to reflect this change.
State News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CESSO: there are still no details available yet about how mental health workers will be dispatched to the scene or how they will work with EMS. Connie will provide more details as they become available. • National Education Standards: Ashley Thoele from IDPH stated that all programs in Illinois need to start teaching the new standards by 1 July 2022. There will be no grandfather clauses for programs. This will not impact NWS who already adopted and are teaching to the new education standards.
National Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National EMS supply list: NAEMSO and NAEMS physicians met and published new supply requirements for EMS. IDPH will adopt and distribute the new drug and supply lists. • NREMT testing: will begin testing using the new guidelines questions. There will be opportunities for individuals who want to learn item writing. In 2023, the exam will no longer include practical testing. Individual programs may continue with practical testing.
From the floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing from the floor
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting March 1, 2022 at 1000 • Meeting adjourned at 1000