

**Northwest Community EMS System  
Education Committee Meeting  
MINUTES  
March 1, 2022**

Agenda item	Discussion
<b>Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to order at 09:01</li> <li>• The meeting was streamed online via ZOOM</li> <li>• The January 4, 2022 minutes were approved</li> </ul>
<b>Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Education Activities Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EMT Class (Chris)</b> –Fall class: almost all students successfully passed the exam. Chris is unable to get in contact with one student. Current Spring class doing well with the same quiz/exam averages as in years past. There are 28 remaining students in class.</li> <li>• <b>Paramedic Class (Kourtney/Connie)</b>– Field internship to begin 4 March. Connie will send email notifying EMS coordinators of individual students' eligibility to begin their ride times. NCH peds ED will be closing to students' mid-March (physician group changes)</li> <li>• <b>CE Reports</b> – Updated based on Illinois Emergency Rules. CE format this quarter has been building on previous month's content. January's content was extensive and, based on discussions, not all finished the entire content. Jen sent out additional materials on Human Trafficking. February was infectious disease and looked back at decisional capacity. March is behavioral emergencies with an emphasis on the mandatory skills training for restraints.</li> <li>• <b>System Entry testing and Peer Educator credentialing (Connie):</b> Large number of candidates and process is going well. Bill will transition to running the system entry labs. One concern is the failure rates on basic EKG strips. Departments can assist by having peer educators review EKG strip interpretation prior to testing day. There were 3 Preceptor classes in February. Currently there is 3 preceptors to 1 student ratio at the departments. Students are expected to finish Phase 1 NLT 31 March. Phase 2: Cannot finish before 20 May.</li> <li>• <b>ECRN class report (Connie):</b> Will be running a hybrid course. Dates TBD</li> <li>• <b>TNS class report (Connie):</b> LGH canceled the Spring TNS due to staffing constraints. NCH may host in the fall depending on needs/requests</li> <li>• <b>Peer Educator Project Group (Kourtney):</b> Still recruiting.</li> <li>• <b>Education Chair Positions</b> – The committee was advised of additional positions that will need to be filled. Vacancies are as follows: Alternate Chair (provider or hospital): still needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Shared Governance Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Liaisons needed for Committees:</b> Advisory Board, CARS, &amp; PBPI.</li> <li>• <b>Advisory Board:</b> Permanent rules changes were sent to Governor's Council. If approved, multiple policies will need to be updated along with the system strategic plan.</li> <li>• <b>Cardiac Arrest Committee (Zach Lane)</b>– Met in February. The Elgard trial has ceased at Palatine. Zoll data subscription will no longer be free. Departments are looking at the benefit of data collection versus the cost.</li> <li>• <b>Chief's meeting:</b> no report</li> <li>• <b>PBPI</b> – Will share results at March CE for Narcan usage and Behavioral Health documentation. Ketamine use results should be available.</li> <li>• <b>CARS</b> – working on direct download of KNO2 into Epic. Trial was on hold. Moving forward, looking at concurrent charting in real time.</li> <li>• <b>R &amp; D (Jeanine Liska)</b> – Meeting on Wednesday. Hydrogel for burns will be discussed. Earlier decision made by committee to remain with EZ IO. Competitor was too expensive</li> </ul>

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<b>System News</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New SOPs will have more graphics and a more user-friendly profile</li> <li>• Apps available (rather than only option of hard copies)</li> <li>• Expect May to be SOP updates</li> </ul>
<b>State News</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New EMS education standards are being rolled out. Illinois will adopt by July. Concern about the lack of consistency throughout the state programs and the impact of requiring all programs to comply—will that result in increased failure rates until all programs are in alignment with new EMS standards?</li> <li>• Working on updating education statewide</li> <li>• Head Injury/Burns/Respiratory/Peds/Cardiac all have new literature and recommendations published. Will roll into new SOPs.</li> </ul>
<b>National Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NREMT/COA:</b> redefined EMS competency.</li> <li>• National trauma guidelines should be released soon.</li> <li>• NREMT exam changes: no more practical exams after 2023. Local EMS systems may still offer testing</li> </ul>
<b>From the floor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing from the floor</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting May 3, 2022 at 0900</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 0951</li> </ul>