

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
September 6, 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 May 3, 2022 minutes were approved
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Education Activities Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMT Class (Chris) –Started with 40 students. There are 34 remaining. Changed to a new textbook. • Paramedic Class (Mike) – orientation started with 24 students. From last class, 19/21 passed NREMT exam and 2 need to complete exam. Textbooks, handbook, competency matrix are all updated and new for the Fall class. Connie noted both CoA and higher learning centers accreditations are happening this year. • CE Reports – (Kourtney): doing SOP updates and checking for understanding. This format is well received and helpful. September and October classes went well. From the gold sheets, 12 lead review and 15 lead EKG procedure requested. • System Entry testing and Peer Educator credentialing (Connie): labs full of preceptors. Trend continues with need for challengers to review 12 lead and EKG strips prior to coming to test. • ECRN class (Connie)- Will be running a hybrid course. Dates TBD • TNS class (Connie) - 45 students starting in class 7 September. First half of the course will be on line and the second half will be in person for skills. • Peer Educator Project Group (Kourtney)- group target. Getting volunteers from different committees to help with education and documentation. • 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 - Connie reported that next meeting will have many policies and documents to review and approve. Changes were made based on emergency rules becoming permanent. SOP and drug & supply lists were also updated with IDPH required changes. • Cardiac Arrest Committee (Zach Lane)– no updates. Putting together review sheets. • Chief's meeting - no report • PBPI (no rep) – Connie reported that there is great data to report and reports will become available. Connie is communicating with the data statistician at ESO for setting threshold for skills like intubation and IV starts to compare NWS versus national statistics. Looking at screens to ensure all departments are meeting guidelines. If not, individual departments will need action plans. • CARS (no rep) - pilot project with direct upload of Image Trend PCRs into EPIC EHRs is going well. Arlington Heights is joining with Kno2 so the plan is that they will be able to use this approach. Connie indicated that Aurora Advocate has a work around for uploading Image Trend PCRs directly rather than through Kno2 that also includes bidirectional communication for feedback. More to follow on this. Northshore hospital system will be going live with the Image Trend uploading into EPIC. • R & D (Jeanine Liska) – Car seat and ACR out. ECR in. EMS had requested to attend upcoming EMS conferences in Florida to see products and meet with vendors. Chiefs approved funding this. New business: Sapphire pumps approved. NWS library will be loaded into pumps.

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System News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connie reported that RIX and NWS SOP/SMOs were approved by IDPH and NWS SOPs have gone to the printer. The app designer will receive the SOPs today so hopefully the app will be ready by next week. Changes and rationale documents for the new SOP/SMOs is on the NWS website. Region IX is moving to aligning CE objectives within the 6 systems. Regional policies will need to be updated (bus policy, MPI/MCI, etc.).
State News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
National Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoA met in July and approved new interpretation of the guidelines. CoA will also reframe to have improved feedback with its constituents. NREMT will continue requirements for CoA approval. Changes across all practice levels is coming. There is also a mentoring program being piloted to match the highest performing systems with the lowest performing systems in the country to help improve EMS programs. Mentors are being identified to help with programs and challenges. Chris Dunn was identified as a national mentor.
From the floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brooks Nicewarner announced this is his last meeting. He is being promoted. The Committee thanked him for his years of service and wished him well in his future endeavors.
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting November 1, 2022 at 0900 Meeting adjourned at 0954