

# Northwest Community EMS System EMS Coordinator/Educator Meeting

**Date:** January 22, 2016  
**Time:** 1:30-4:00  
**Place:** Kirchoff Center Conference Room

## A G E N D A

| Topics   | Key Takeaways   | My Notes |
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| <b>In-station education</b><br>Feedback on January<br>Overview of February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>  |          |
| <b>Paramedic class</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preceptor classes originally announced in System memo 352 on Oct 16, 2015. 5 sessions in February: 9th: 0900 – 1200; 19th: 0900 – 1200; 1300 – 1600; and 24th: 0900 – 1200; 1300 – 1600. Preceptors need only attend class every other year unless major program changes occur, must apply and sign updated contracts annually. Applications coming out soon.</li> <li>National Registry practical exams scheduled for June 27, with a follow up for those not finishing the field internship on time or those needing to retest on July 18th. Students who fully complete graduation requirements are eligible to take the NREMT written exam right away, so they can be licensed immediately after passing the practical.</li> <li>The fall class will begin in September (rather than the usual October start date) to align our program with the Harper College semesters and bring us into compliance with college regulations.</li> <li>Employer surveys being distributed now to agencies employing June 2015 graduates.</li> </ul> |          |
| <b>ECRN</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need your student names and numbers for March/April course</li> <li>Volunteers???</li> </ul>   |          |
| <b>CARS Committee</b>  | <p>Committee leadership for 2016: Chair: Markus Rill (PHTs &amp; LGFPD); Vice Chair: Jim Klein (AHFD); Secretary: Ron Redlin (MPFD)</p> <p>Todd Novak (MPFD) is working with Patrick Sennett (GoodSam) on the new template to be used when we switch to the Elite Platform and NAEMSIS 3 database. Must be live by October 1st as IDPH can accept NAEMSIS 3 data and have issued a letter to all Systems relative to mandatory cut-over dates.</p> <p>Adobe Flash has not been working/not compatible with all operating systems. Adobe problem, not Image Trend. Adobe is working on the problem.</p>  |          |
| <b>Education Committee:</b>  | <p>Peer Educator policy proposal refining prerequisites and roles for Peers III and IV sent to Dr. Ortinau and Connie for comment. Anticipated timeline: final draft to Ed Sub in March. If approved, to Advisory Board and Chiefs in March.</p> <p>Committee voted to meet every other month during 2016. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the odd numbered months: January, March, May, (July), September, November) at 9</p>  |          |

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| <b>PBPI Committee</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yearend report listing aggregate System data for 2015. See written report for details. System members can use the Image Trend canned reports to run their own agency-specific numbers if desired. Many thanks to Joe and the Committee for their fine work on this project!</li> <li>• Restructured leadership to better distribute workload. Jason Brizzell (SFD) new Chair; Adam Rothenberg (PFD) is Vice-Chair, Nichole Junge (RMFD) remains the Secretary. Joe Albert (EGFD) is the Data Coordinator, and the position of Screen Coordinator is yet to be filled. Updated their charter and created objectives to put into this year's QI plan.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>R&amp;D Committee</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee leadership for 2016: Chair: Ed Rogers (DPFD); Vice-chair: Greg Fuchs (LZFR). Seeking a secretary.</li> <li>• Glucometers. Purchasing has asked Connie for a contract to verify that NCH is a Resource Hospital to facilitate a pricing agreement.</li> <li>• Ongoing: advanced airway equipment: video laryngoscopes, alternate extraglottic airways</li> <li>• Drug &amp; Supply List will be updated to eliminate vasopressin and therapeutic hypothermia</li> <li>• The Cardiac Arrest Team Leader checklist reflecting the new AHA CPR guidelines has been updated and provided to PM students. These will be incorporated into the new SOPs.</li> <li>• Following passage of the D3 policy, R&amp;D is also tasked with researching acceptable ways to document temperature of the IV fluids</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Advisory Board</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>V2 Violence: Child Abuse</b> – All language changes bring us into compliance with current IDPH statutory definitions, Rules, and forms. Changes approved unanimously. Thanks to Susan for discovering the changes to reporting form</li> <li>• <b>C7 Confidentiality/HIPAA</b> – Changes were previously sent out to System hospitals based on their request for a HIPAA interpretation relative to including a personal physician's name in the OLMC report. Changes approved unanimously.</li> <li>• <b>D3 Approving/exchanging Drugs &amp; Supplies</b> – Extensive amendments based on national laws, guidelines, and standards that were previously unknown to the System. Changes include, but are not limited to meeting regulations for drug accountability and safety, random unannounced inspections, thermal control of drugs, stocking/re-stocking and inventory control; acting within scope of practice for medication administration, responsibility for removing re-called drugs, and competency of staff administering drugs. Changes approved.</li> <li>• System Review Board listing for 2016 was updated.</li> <li>• <b>Updated policies, Table of Contents, and newly elected/appointed Board members posted to website</b></li> <li>• <b>Will be addressed controlled substance policies next based on DEA interpretations and proposed Federal legislation</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>Chiefs/administrators</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met last Friday; approved amended In-station budget</li> <li>• Agreed to fund 2 persons to 2016 Image Trend Conference</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Mobile Integrated Healthcare</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIH pilot business plan needs further review to achieve physician support and bring us into compliance with National Curriculum and testing requirements</li> </ul>   |
| <b>New SOPs</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan for mandatory Review in July; comments welcome!</li> </ul>   |
| <b>IDPH</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still do not have new scopes of practice for EMS personnel soon; bridge curricula volunteer writers being solicited; EMS Rule amends not yet filed; stroke rules done with 1<sup>st</sup> reading</li> <li>• Work on EMT-I exam bank continues</li> </ul>   |