

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CONFERENCE ROOM C5-8  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**In Attendance:**

Pam Bradshaw  
Kevin Edmond  
Jim Holcomb  
John Kubincanek  
Mark Mankins

EMS Staff  
Linda Mirarchi  
Ellen Owens  
Millie Pontious  
John Sands  
Katie Toole

Meeting called to order by Jim Holcomb at 9:40 AM.

Approved February 2, 2009 Education Committee meeting minutes.

Chair Jim Holcomb stated that Larry Bennett would like to be a guest speaker at a future committee meeting. L. Bennett wants to make a presentation about a program from Southwest Ohio dealing with preemptive treatment for EMT's and Firefighters who may admit that they have a drug or alcohol addiction problem. J. Holcomb would like to invite Mr. Bennett to speak and then have the committee make a recommendation to the Board. John Sands suggested posting something about the program on the Recruitment and Retention webpage. L. Bennett will have 30 minutes dedicated for his presentation, at the next Education Committee meeting. Melissa Vermillion will contact Mr. Bennett and invite him to speak at 10:00 AM on June 4, 2009.

**Curriculum Sub-Committee Reports**

- First Responder – John Kubincanek
  - Talked previously about approving it as written.
  - Having trouble getting 4 people together to look at the driving component only. Sure will take an hour to look at after finding the people needed.
- Basic – Pam Bradshaw
  - Broke up into smaller groups, each taking a section of the Basic level.
  - Next meeting is April 24, 2009, at Holzer-Jackson Hospital.
  - Start at 10 AM and compile as the big group and maybe bring in more instructors.
  - Little more pathophysiology and anatomy components in new guidelines.
  - More of an outline form than an objective form and less autonomy of interpretation for instructors to teach what they think it should be.
  - L. Mirarchi will be staffing Basic sub-committee.

- Intermediate – Mark Mankins
  - Need to get people for sub-committee, only 1 person has volunteered.
  - L. Mirarchi and J. Holcomb may have 1 or 2 people they will ask.
  - M. Mankins has already made a comparison between where Ohio is at and I-99. Almost essentially the same just a few differences.
- Paramedic – Kevin Edmond
  - First meeting in March, next on April 20, 2009.
  - To include more people, from around the state, the sub-committee decided to put up a google site, up and running. Includes minutes of meetings, no guest access yet.
  - Looked at all the skills; what should be core curriculum and what should be CE. Looks like the knowledge base has been expanded.
  - Want to work with NREMT to get more information back as to student's performance and requesting info on which states are high performers and look at what their curriculum.
  - Looking at sending out surveys to everybody to see where the hours need to be.
  - Went away from objectives which could be a future problem because current educators training based on objectives.
  - Discussion about the NREMT education communiqué which was put out recently with the areas that people aren't performing well in.
  - K. Edmond suggested that maybe Division can contact NREMT about getting a clearer understanding of categories
  - General suggestion to have Greg Margolis, or someone else from NREMT, come in to a committee meeting to help clarify the situation.
- Stroke Protocol
  - Sub-committees should review the stroke protocol and make sure that it is within the core curriculum.

### **National Accreditation Update**

- L. Mirarchi handed out a copy of the final report to the Board on the Paramedic survey, results were discussed.
- Also handed out was a copy of the Ohio Accredited Institution Survey. Suggestion that something be added regarding pre-requisite hours to question 7. Another suggestion regarding question 19, change the question to "Is your accredited institution considering national accreditation?" and adding an answer which states "In Process."
- Director would like more than one alternative to NREMT investigated.
  - PSI was the first company to come in and give the Board a presentation.
  - Concerns arose regarding the amount and type of questions in PSI's test bank.

## **New Business**

Board chair asked Education Committee to respond to question re: paramedic student receiving credit for EMT-I course work. O.A.C. 4765-6-02 states that you can award credit for previous experience and that it has to be done with written and practical testing and documentation has to be kept on all of the above. Also states that it has to meet the approval of both the program coordinator and the medical director. Most people assume this means Nurse to Paramedic but no where is that spelled out in the rule. Therefore, Intermediates would be eligible but since it has to be with the approval of program coordinator and medical director there have not been a lot of programs which allow this.

J. Sands brought up O.A.C. 4765-7-09 the rule regarding CE from an accredited or approved institution. Rule needs to be amended to state that an office can be operated out of a residence. J. Holcomb suggests that this is expedited by e-mail since the committee is not meeting again until June. J. Sands will get the drafting done and send it to everyone on the committee.

O.A.C. 4765-18 needs to have some language cleaned up. L. Mirarchi will draft the language and get it back to the committee.

## **Future Meetings**

The next committee meeting will be held June 4, 2009 at 9:30 am. Larry Bennett will speak at 10:00 AM.

J. Holcomb called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mark Mankins and second by Pam Bradshaw.

Adjourn at 11:45 AM.