

Maine EMS Education Committee Minutes
 June 10, 2009

Present: Carol Pillsbury, Mike Senecal, Jeff Regis, Brian Chamberlin, Daryl Boucher, Butch Russell, Kevin Gurney, Eric Wellman, Tiffany Stebbins, Jay Bradshaw, Dan Batsie – Chair.

Guests: Elizabeth Mackie, Phillip MacCallum, Chris Bente (students).

Scribe: D. Batsie

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
1. Meeting called to order at 0930 hrs.	Introductions	n/a
2. Acceptance of Minutes	Motion to accept May 2009 minutes. (Chamberlin, Boucher) – unanimous.	n/a
3. Unfinished Business: Training Center Approval Process	<p>Daryl noted that site visit documents are complete. See appendix “D” of TCAP document (on MEMS website).</p> <p>The question was raised over an actual TCAP application form. Daryl noted that the self study document would serve as the application. Jay noted MEMS was working on a simple application page to accompany self study.</p> <p>Site visit schedule: Jay re-emphasized the need to identify site visitors. Ed Comm. members asked to nominate interested, qualified persons. MEMS requests cover letter, CV, and 2-3 letters of support.</p> <p>TCAP invoices, billing, and letter flow to be developed by MEMS. Jan and Drexell putting finishing touches on online document. Maine EMS will continue to develop process but potential training centers should note that information exists to begin the process as other documents are finalized. Jan will be staff contact for submissions and questions.</p>	<p>No action taken. MEMS will continue the TCAP development process.</p>

<p>Practical Skills Exam</p>	<p>Jay submitted draft document outlining updated licensure testing process. State evaluators will be required for both practical and written (Intermediate) exams.</p> <p>Evaluators will mirror NREMT process. Independent contractors selected and authorized by MEMS. Training Centers will contact evaluators directly to arrange testing. State evaluators must be at, or above, the license level of the test. Concern was raised that this will eliminate at least two existing state evaluators. Concern was raised over small pool of evaluators. Jeff noted losing exam proctors would be a serious concern for those TC's that give many tests each year.</p> <p>Fees will be negotiated between TC and evaluator. Concern was raised over "outrageous" evaluator fees pricing TC's out of the market.</p> <p>Concern was raised over fee structure. Who would oversee this? Jay noted fees would be determined by the market. Dan noted this is the practice of the NREMT.</p> <p>Questions raised over extending "state evaluator status" to current Intermediate "exam administrators" and "written exam proctors". Concern was raised over state evaluators not being able to proctor written exams. IC's may not have access to written exams and many evaluators are active IC's. Dan suggested extending current "exam proctors".</p> <p>Concern raised over training and oversight. Dan suggested creating initial training program similar to the one used by NREMT.</p>	<p>Jay noted the office would consider these issues as the process is reviewed.</p> <p>Jay noted MEMS will consider all these issues.</p> <p>No action taken. MEMS will continue to discuss this process with various stakeholders.</p>
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<p>AVOC Courses update</p>	<p>Brian and Scott have started AVOC updates. The first update has led to curriculum revisions. Instructors requesting standardization between programs. Concern over lack of end testing (what construes a failure?). Brian suggested that a national curriculum would help with this. Much positive feedback for moving toward national curriculum such as VFIS. Tri-County update next. Revisions will continue. Refresher program being considered. Final report to MEMS Board targeted for September-October. 110 instructors notified – 84 respondents – all regions represented.</p>	<p>No action taken. Updates continue.</p>
<p>Committee attendance concerns</p>	<p>Dan reviewed proposed committee composition from May meeting. Concern raised over including EMD rep.. EMD rep. removed. Concern raised by Brian over not excluding current active members. Add additional educator slot to include all active Ed.Comm. members. Motion: To adopt revised structure. (Chamberlin, Pillsbury) – unanimous, no abstentions. See attached document.</p>	<p>Dan will report to the MEMS Board, make formal recommendation on committee structure.</p>
<p>I/C Curriculum Review</p>	<p>Tabled for July to include Jan and Liz.</p>	<p>Review at July meeting.</p>
<p>Entrance requirements/ admission process</p>	<p>Research for Board. Dan reported 50 states contacted by Jan, no standard in any state. Subcommittee will meet and review a recommendation to the Board</p>	<p>Subcommittee will report at July meeting.</p>

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4. New Business: QuickClot to First Responder curriculum	Question of adding Quickclot to First Responder curriculum. Dan noted bleeding control should be bleeding control. Tiffany noted educational impact would be minimal. Consensus reached to recommend inclusion in First Responder curriculum.	Batsie report recommendation to MDPB.
5. Additions to Agenda:	No additions to the agenda this month.	Adjourned at hours.
6. Next meeting:	Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 0930 hours.	