

MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2006
Member Present: D. Batsie (Chairman), B. Chamberlin, D. Kinney, R. Chase, D. Palladino, S. Diaz, B. Zito

Absent: D. Russell, M. Barter, D. Cornelio, B. Davis, D. Robishaw, S. Stewart-Dore, J. Wellman

Timekeeper/Scribe: D. Kinney

Meeting Opened at: 1300

- 1) Introductions
 - a) Introductions all around
- 2) Review of 4/06 Minutes
 - a) **MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE APRIL MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
PALLADINO/CHAMBERLIN PASSED**
- 3) MEMA HAZ/MAT Training
 - a) MEMA Representatives present to speak on EMS HAZ/MAT training classes. Bob G. discussed the possibility of combining many existing and standardized CEH programs into the following programs:
 - i) HAZ/MAT Operations Level Training for Hospitals
 - ii) First Responder Awareness Training
 - iii) Emergency Response Operations Modules
 - b) Bob G. distributed an EMS HAZ/MAT Operations Training Outline and Objectives for review.
 - i) MEMA asked group, "does EMS need such a program?"
 - c) Batsie questioned where EMS sat with regard to MLS/OSHA HAZ/MAT training requirements
 - i) Operations vs Awareness?
 - ii) Discussion ensued, the answer remains unclear.
 - d) Diaz questioned the process a person/program must complete to be considered a HAZ/MAT instructor
 - i) Discussion ensued
 - ii) MEMA stated that SERC has a standard course and "qualifies/credentials" instructors.
 - e) Diaz concerned that this type of a decision should go before the board prior to the Education Committee.
 - f) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
 - g) **ACTION:** Dan B. will work with MEMA to transition this discussion to the EMS Board

- 4) Staff Update
 - a) MEMS interviewing 6 candidates for Training Coordinator position
 - i) Interviews to be completed by 7/14/06

- 5) Old Business
 - a) PIFT Update
 - i) Batsie noted 2 paramedic programs (NEEMS and KVEMS) will be used to complete a beta class for the updated PIFT program.
 - (1) Program scheduled from 0800-1800, multiple instructors will be utilized.
 - (2) Batsie will update Ed Com with results following completion of class.
 - (3) MDPB will review results of beta classes and adjust curriculum if necessary.
 - ii) Batsie noted they will be looking to schedule a second beta class in Southern Maine.
 - iii) Batsie will be reaching out to the SMCC paramedic program and update progress.
 - iv) Concern was raised from group regarding future implementation of PIFT.
 - (1) Questions and concerns should be directed to the Ops team.
 - v) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
 - vi) **ACTION:** Batsie will update progress again in August

 - b) Adult IO Training Update
 - i) Batsie updated that adult IO has been approved and has officially “gone live as of 7/1/06.
 - (1) Palladino noted Delta training is near complete
 - (2) Chamberlin noted Augusta Fire is proceeding forward with program as well
 - ii) Batsie updated that MDPB has approved humeral head insertion site.
 - (1) Training materials have been updated.
 - iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

 - c) Refreshers I
 - i) Batsie updated group on 5/06 meeting discussions (not all members were present for that meeting):
 - (1) ALS providers may use a refresher for 3 years (for CEH)
 - (2) Because refreshers are considered a licensure program, some form of an end evaluation must be used.
 - (3) Regions approve licensure courses (refreshers included)
 - ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

- d) Refreshers II
 - i) Batsie continued prior discussions regarding BLS providers using a refresher for CEH credit outside the final year of licensure (as an ALS provider is able to do).
 - (1) White noted this would require a Board waiver.
 - ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
 - iii) **ACTION:** Batsie and White will determine necessary action with regard to a Board waiver and report back.

 - e) FT-220 Equivalency
 - i) Batsie continued prior discussion regarding FT-220 Equivalency.
 - (1) Noted we have previously demonstrated concern that there is no guarantee of student teaching within the current FT-220 curriculum.
 - (2) Discussed need amend automatic MEMS IC reciprocity based on the student teaching issue.
 - ii) **MOTION: (Chamberlin/Palladino second) FT-220 didactic curriculum will be considered equivalent to MEMS instructor coordinator curriculum. However, candidates must document completion of student teaching to be awarded an MEMS instructor coordinator credential.**
 - (1) **Motion carries (unanimous)**

 - f) IPE changes
 - i) Batsie updated progress for those not in attendance at June meeting.
 - (1) Long term we will look to a law change to enable board to direct licensure testing.
 - (2) Short term we will adjust current skill sheets to include “critical criteria”
 - (a) Batsie noted these changes were endorsed by Board in July.
 - (3) See June Ed. Com. minutes for further details.
 - ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

 - g) Use of medical equipment on students (Can ALS classes practice IV’s on one another)
 - i) Discussion tabled for next month.
 - (1) Batsie requested review by State AG prior to making a state decision on the matter.
 - ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
- 6) New Business
- a) Continuing Education/Re-Licensure
 - i) White introduced idea regarding CEH and relicensure.
 - (1) Noted other agencies use an audit system rather than entering every specific training completed
 - (a) Providers sign a form stating that they have met CEH requirements

- (b) Licensing board then audits a percentage and thus requires documentation of training from anyone audited
- (c) Violations would be dealt with by a series of fines and potential investigations.
- (2) Concensus of the group was that it was an interesting idea.
- ii) White noted prior discussion on the potential of a new CEH program requiring “roll over” of unused/excess CEH credits.
- iii) Asked the group if this would be acceptable.
- iv) Much discussion ensued
 - (1) Group recommended CEH’s not be allowed to roll over citing extreme difficulty in tracking.
- v) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
- vi) **ACTION:** White will update if further action is likely

Meeting adjourned 1530 *No Meeting in August*