

Maine EMS Education Committee Minutes
 May 13, 2009

Present: Kevin Gurney, Brian Chamberlin, Brian Langerman, Bob Hawkes, Carol Pillsbury, Jeff Regis, Dan Batsie – Chair, Bill Zito, Toby Martin, Liz Delano, Jay Bradshaw, Jan Brinkman.
 Guests: Marie Mason (KVEMS student).

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
1. Meeting called to order at 0930 hrs.	Introductions	n/a
2. Acceptance of Minutes	Motion to accept April 2009 minutes. (Pillsbury, Chamberlin) – unanimous.	n/a
3. Unfinished Business: Training Center Approval Process	<p>Site Visitors for Program Review Team: We are looking for 8 to 10 people to have on file as approved site visitors. Jay advises that interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and 3 letters of reference.</p> <p>Reminders brought from past discussions: (1) that we consider looking at educational entity personnel as non-biased/objective site visitors, and (2) that the EMS representative site visitor be engaged/knowledgeable of both BLS and ALS program needs.</p> <p>Question came up of who will approve site visitors – Jay stated that Maine EMS, through the authority of the Board, will select approved site visitors.</p> <p>An entity/agency wishing to start a program leading to licensure after Jan. 01, 2010 must be a Maine EMS approved Training Center (TC).</p> <p>Site visits will be a 2-day process. Initially all applicants (except CAAHEP approved entities) will have a site review team visit.</p>	<p>Jay requests the Ed. Comm. members seek/inform individuals who might be interested in becoming members of the Program Review Team (site visitors).</p> <p>n/a</p>

<p>AVOC Courses update</p>	<p>Discussion regarding entities applying for Training Center approval that have no teaching background. The intent of the document is that they would need to partner with an approved TC for at least the first year (this would fall under the conditional/provisional authorization category) until proven that they can perform all necessary functions to become a TC. CAAHEP approved TC's will be accepted by Maine EMS.</p> <p>The AVOC Instructor Update courses have been scheduled – one is set for May 15th in Bangor and another on June 26th in Lewiston. At the conclusion of each course will be a roundtable discussion on various AVOC questions/concerns. One question to be addressed is whether or not Maine EMS should look to adopt the Nationally approved/accepted EVOC course. Would this alleviate any strain on Maine EMS to do curriculum updates, ppt. presentations, handouts, etc.?</p> <p>Discussion regarding Instructor liability concerns. Jay recommended a conversation with Risk Management for clarification.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Committee attendance concerns</p>	<p>Dan drafted a proposal for committee composition (“a hybrid between current composition and the composition of the MEMS Board”) and sent to sub-committee members prior to this meeting. Today’s discussion brought up several key points to be considered: 1) suggestion that before we decide on Committee membership we need to have a mission statement; 2) if membership remains with a Regional representative and an alternate, does the alternate vote for the</p>	<p>The revised AVOC powerpoint presentation will be uploaded onto the Maine EMS website following the June update course. Sub-committee will take notes from both roundtable discussions and compile results</p>

<p>I/C curriculum review</p>	<p>Regional rep. or how they personally feel on an issue?; 3) concern if we do away with alternates or at-large reps. that if these individuals have been active participants on the committee and/or sub-committees, how can we still involve them?; 4) if we have a hospital rep. like the Board, should it be a hospital-based EMS rep. or a hospital rep. (i.e. an RN?); and, 5) if the committee number drops, will the number for the quorum also drop, and if so, to what number?</p> <p>Jay stated that lack of quorum has been an ongoing concern and it hinders progress on projects. He suggests that we structure ourselves like the Board with no alternates and, thus, there would be less potential for projects to take a “back-slide” since the rep. that comes would be up to speed on current issues/topics.</p> <p>The New England Council’s I/C curriculum is outdated – suggestion was made that we should be using the most updated curriculum and thus, should we look to change over to the NHTSA curriculum? If we did change, would this involve a Rules change?</p> <p>This would not affect current Maine EMS I/C’s. It will only affect those taking an I/C course after effective date to be set by the Board.</p> <p>Motion: The Education Committee recommends to the Board that Maine EMS adopts the NHTSA I/C curriculum to replace the New England Council I/C curriculum. (Chamberlin, Regis) – motion passed, 1 abstained.</p> <p>Discussion on separating the current I/C into two levels –</p>	<p>Dan will send out a new proposal based on today’s discussion and suggestions to members to review and comment on for next meeting so that we can send recommendation to the Board.</p> <p>Jan will check on whether or not this will require a Rules change.</p> <p>This recommendation will be taken to the Board.</p>
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	<p>Instructor and Coordinator would be separate training levels (a shorter program for Instructors to cover principles of adult education, etc. and then the Coordinator program would follow up with more of the topics of the technical/facility issues such as, course design, classroom and clinical logistics, etc.). The idea is that Instructors would be lecturers only (of a specific topic or class) and not deal with the program logistics. Instructors could still teach specialty courses currently taught by I/C's (i.e. CPAP, EZ-IO, etc.). The intent here is not to limit instruction, but to improve instruction quality.</p>	<p>Dan will draft a proposal to this intent.</p>
<p>4. New Business: I/C CEH's</p>	<p>In October 2008 we had a discussion concerning the use of Instructor certification programs like ACLS, PALS, PEPP, PHTLS, etc. being used for Cat. 7 CEH's for I/C license renewals. The concern is that most of these Instructor recert. programs have little, or no, instructor content but simply verify course content mastery.</p> <p>The discussion resulted in the agreement that Train-the-Trainer and Core Curriculum programs/initial courses would be approved for some Category 7 credits, but not renewals of the same program.</p> <p>However, two things have since come to light: 1) the KVEMS office reminded us of the most recent document from 05/10/07 on I/C certification/recertification/decertification process guidelines that states that "at least 18 hours of continuing education must be earned through professional development courses or other instructor certification programs"; and 2) the PHTLS Instructor renewal certificate clearly states it is CECBEMS approved for "8 CE Hours Educator".</p> <p>Motion: Until we clarify which Instructor recert. courses</p>	<p>Since we are currently reviewing the I/C core curriculum, we should also review (in depth) what is approved as Cat. 7 credit and confirm recert. programs have educational content.</p>

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	have Cat. 7 content, we need to honor the document wording from May 2007. (Chamberlin, Pillsbury) – unanimous.	
5. Additions to Agenda:	No additions to the agenda this month.	Adjourned at 1134 hours.
6. Next meeting:	Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 0930 hours.	