

Maine EMS Education Committee Minutes
 October 8, 2008

Present: Tiffany Stebbins, Brian Chamberlin, Steve Diaz, John Brady, Daryl Boucher, Eric Wellman, Jay Bradshaw, Carol Pillsbury, Mike Senecal, Leah Mitchell, Paul Salway, Butch Russell, Jan Brinkman

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
1. Meeting called to order at 0934	Introductions	n/a
2. Acceptance of Minutes	Motion to accept minutes from August meeting (no meeting in September). (Chamberlin, Wellman)- unanimous	n/a
3. Unfinished Business	<p>Training Center Approval Process:</p> <p>We still need to have final input from the OPS team on the implementation timeline and the cost concerns for this process. We need to reach a consensus on this so we can incorporate this information into the TCAP document before we take it back to the Board.</p> <p>The last “big” sections of the document that need to be completed/updated are the Clinical Behavioral Objectives (Appendix B) and the Equipment list (Appendix C) and the associated job descriptions. Volunteers requested to work on the subcommittee to update these sections. Those not able to attend “work day” are requested to review the Equipment list and send comments/suggestions to Jan so she can compile a master list to take to the subcommittee work day.</p>	<p>Discussion to go to November OPS team meeting.</p> <p>Subcommittee will meet on Oct. 29th to work on finalizing these two sections.</p>

	<p>Question brought up about whether or not Training Centers will be allowed to approve continuing education hours/classes.</p> <p>Reminder of need to look at stratifying Instructor levels for clarification.</p> <p>Last meeting it was suggested that we consider looking at using National Registry certification renewal for Maine EMS license renewal (not just initial license); and do we then look at going to a 2-year licensing cycle vs. the current 3-year cycle?</p> <p>Additionally, discussed whether we should use the National Standard Curriculum instead of the New England Council document for I/C initial training.</p>	<p>Jay suggested we continue this discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>This will be part of the subcommittee's work on the job descriptions of resources/personnel for Training Centers.</p> <p>Dan had offered to do literary research on this and report back to the committee – this will need to hold until next month upon Dan's return.</p> <p>Tabled until the next meeting, after committee members have had a chance to review the two documents.</p>
<p>4. New Business</p>	<p>There was a discussion about BLS and ALS Refresher courses and whether or not these classes should be added to the wording on Pg. 5 of the TCAP document (line 179) since Training Centers would, most likely, be teaching refresher courses as well as the initial licensure courses. Discussion also involved evaluation process used in refresher courses</p>	<p>Subcommittee will work on adding this wording into the TCAP document.</p>

<p>5. Additions to Agenda</p>	<p>(attendance vs. assessment). Motion: That there be an evaluation component in the TCAP document to include that BLS and ALS refresher courses have a component that evaluates the knowledge and skills assessment of a provider. (Boucher, Wellman) – motion approved.</p> <p>IV Maintenance for EMT-Basics: Question was brought up about the IV maintenance module for EMT-Basics and wanted clarification on what fluids an EMT-B could “run” with on a patient? Dr. Diaz stated that the EMT-B may run any clear fluids as covered in the policy and training module as long as there are no medications (including no additives like electrolytes) running in it.</p> <p>IPE Evaluators: There was a question about clarification on IPE evaluators and testers at a state IPE. Do IPE evaluators have to be licensed providers? Do the testers at the individual stations have to be licensed providers? Answer: the state IPE Evaluator does need to be a licensed EMS provider, but the individual station testers do not have to hold a Maine EMS license (they must, however, be subject matter expert on the skill knowledge of the station they are</p>	<p>Jan will send copy of current Maine EMS policy on IV Pumps for EMT-Basics along with IV Set-up Lesson Guide to Regional Offices for reference should they need it.</p> <p>n/a</p>
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	<p>testing – e.g. CPR Instructor could do CPR station).</p> <p>Research studies and Maine EMS approval: Question was raised if someone was working on a research project, would they be allowed access to data (e.g. MEMSRR, Maine EMS data) to review for their project?</p> <p>Jay stated that if the provider requests from Maine EMS what specific data they want, Maine EMS would have them sign a confidentiality agreement and then work with them to set up access to agreed upon data.</p> <p>Jay gave a brief overview of information learned/shared from the NASEMSO meeting in Tacoma, WA.</p> <p>CEH's for I/C's: There is a need to come up with some standardized CEH's for Maine EMS I/C's. There have been no real parameters for what may be used for I/C CEH credits and there needs to be continuity between the state office and the regional offices. Discussion resulted in agreement that Train-the-Trainer and Core Curriculum programs/initial courses would be approved for Category 7 credits, but not renewals of the same programs (e.g. ACLS, PALS, PHTLS Instructor</p>	<p>n/a</p> <p>Daryl will compile today's comments and distribute for approval at next meeting.</p>
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	<p>renewals). We also need to evaluate what programs might be considered as equivalent I/C training programs (esp. ME Fire Instructor and MCJA programs).</p> <p>College courses that deal with components of the I/C core curriculum will be considered for Cat. 7 credits (e.g. “edu” courses).</p> <p>Discussion brought up again about approving credits (e.g. Cat 7 credits for Exam or Ed. meetings, or Cat. 1 for OPS meetings) for I/C’s who attend Regional and/or state level committee meetings. This committee agrees with the benefit of doing that and agreed on allowing up to 6 credit hours of time over the 3-year I/C licensing period for attendance at said meetings.</p> <p>Because the next regularly scheduled meeting is the same week as the Mid-Coast EMS/Samoset conference it was suggested that we cancel the November Ed. Comm. meeting. Motion: To cancel the Nov.12, 2008 meeting. (Pillsbury, Boucher) – motion approved.</p>	<p>Jan will invite reps. from both programs to come to next meeting so we may compare programs and update whether or not they are approved as Maine EMS I/C equivalent initial courses.</p> <p>Jay would like this to get Board approval so they are aware of intent.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 1212 hrs.</p>
6. Next meeting	Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 0930 hrs.	

