

**Ambulance Service Advisory Board**  
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**Educational Standards Committee**

**May Meeting**

**May 20, 2011**

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board was convened on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. at the South Kingstown Public Safety Complex, 1790 Kingstown Rd., Wakefield, RI 02879. The meeting was held in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meeting Law.

**1. Establishment of a Quorum**

Six voting members in attendance.

**2. The meeting was called to order at 0930hrs by Chairman Michael Demello with the following members present:**

Michael Demello  
Raymond Medeiros  
John Potvin proxy for David Savastano

Sam Adams  
Stephen Stokes  
Thomas Caito

Others in attendance were:

Jeffery Howe

Marisa Saccoccio

**3. Introductions of the membership were made.**

**4. Review / Consent Agenda**

John Potvin made a motion to accept the agenda as read; the motion was seconded by Sam Adams, the motion carried.

## 5. Review of Minutes

Sam Adams made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting; the motion was seconded by John Potvin, the motion carried.

## 6. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence; Sam Adams was asked by the Chairmen if he had received any comments regarding recent changes made to licensing of emergency medical technicians as they pertain to the requirement of maintaining National Registry certification. Sam stated that he had not heard any disparaging remarks and that there only seemed to be slight confusion. Sam also stated that there will not be a change made to the dates of RI recertification; NREMT certification will be required to be current much like a CPR card.

## 7. New Business

### a. National Educational Standards

Discussion regarding the National Educational Standards ensued:

- EMT – Cardiac is a level that we need
- It would be a disservice to remove the cardiac level
- It also would not be prudent to have all paramedic's as there would not be sufficient opportunity to practice skills and maintain proficiency
- Advanced-EMT plus extra course would equal almost the I-99 program, it would be permissible to add cardiology and pharmacology to the AEMT would bring us close to the current Rhode Island Cardiac Level EMT (with a greater education)
- If someone moved to Rhode Island with an AEMT license, they could take the RI "add-on" cardiology and pharmacology to bring them in line with a RI – Cardiac
- The question was asked if there had been any issues with Cardiac's delivering ALS care, which did not appear to be the case
- **CONCEPT:** Leave the Cardiac level alone, stop adding to the scope. Implement a cut-off date in which to discontinue licensing new Cardiac's. The replacement would be the AEMT- with the RI ACLS (not the AHA course) which includes pharmacology and cardiology.
  - Issue was raised with regards to testing, in which was stated that we could use the National Registry Standard, but not the registry, potentially a Rhode Island Training Council.
- **MOTION:** Sam Adams made a motion that the Educational Standards Subcommittee recommend to the full board that as of January 1, 2013 we no longer offer the Cardiac program and by that point we have an AEMT program with an add on component to approximate the current Rhode Island Cardiac program and that on or before June 1, 2012 instructors can

begin offering the AEMT course. The motion was seconded by Stephen Stokes, the motion carried.

b. Instructor Certification/Level

Chairmen Demello asked the committee to research Instructor/Coordinator levels prior to next meeting. A brief discussion ensued regarding what the committee would like to see and what other states are doing

**8. Old Business**

a. EMT Field Time Proposed Regulation

b. Other items of interest to committee members

**9. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Adams; the motion was seconded by John Potvin, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Potvin  
Secretary Pro Tempore