

Ambulance Service Advisory Board
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Educational Standards Committee

September Meeting

September 9, 2011

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board was convened on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill Rd. The meeting was held in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meeting Law.

1. Establishment of a Quorum

Five voting members in attendance.

2. The meeting was called to order at 1002 hrs by Chairman Michael Demello with the following members present:

Michael Demello	Sam Adams
Stephen Stokes	
John Potvin proxy for David Savastano	Thomas Caito

Others in attendance were:

Jeffery Howe	Marisa Saccoccio
Raymond Medeiros	Kenneth Williams, MD

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

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

6. Correspondence

Albert Peterson has sent the Department a letter stating that he is willing to volunteer in any way that the Educational Standards Sub-committee may need.

7. Old Business

a. National Educational Standards

Westerly Ambulance has been given one-time permission to conduct an Advanced EMT training course which will be used as a beta test for the State. Upon completion of the course the students will be able to sit for the Rhode Island Cardiac test. At the current time this is a trial and the students will also sit for the National Registry AEMT test. The course will include 400 didactic hours and 100 hours of clinical time. The refresher program has not been developed as of this time. More information will follow as to the suitability of using the AEMT as a program option for RI EMS.

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. - Continued

8. New Business

a. Supplemental Content EMT Level

Supplemental information for EMT Level (Basic), looking at a shift to have individual services make sure that their employees are up to speed, if you are running a RI course you must include the supplemental information. Also agencies have a responsibility to be sure that their people are trained and competent. This mostly affects only out of state basics looking for reciprocity.

b. National Registry Practical Testing

The National Registry requires one of their representatives for practical testing of ALS providers; at the basic level they allow the State to establish the guidelines.

The Health Department will not get back into the business of running practical tests. It is felt that an RFP needs to go out to find a third party which could be an association or a private vendor. More research and information is needed to make an appropriate decision.

c. Other Items of Interest to Committee Members

Stephen Stokes began discussion the prehospital use of Verapamil and the possibility of removing it from the required equipment list. Dr. Williams stated that there were many clinical reasons to keep the medication on the list. It was also decided that maintaining the medication did not place an undue burden on an agency.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Adams; the motion was seconded by Thomas Caito, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Potvin
Secretary Pro Tempore