

Ambulance Service Advisory Board
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Educational Standards Committee

May Meeting

February 17, 2012

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board was convened on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the RI Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Room 103 Providence, RI 02908. The meeting was held in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meeting Law.

1. Establishment of a Quorum

2. The meeting was called to order at 1004 hours by Chairman Michael DeMello with the following members present:

Michael DeMello
Stephen Stokes
John Potvin
David Savastano

Shea Gregg, MD
Leo Kennedy

Others in attendance were:

Jeffery Howe
William Howe

Marisa Saccoccio
Jason Rhodes

3. Introductions of the membership were made.

4. Review / Consent Agenda

John Potvin made a motion to add 3 items (AEMT transition, EMT Course documentation, online training) to the agenda; though those items could be discussed and not acted on; the motion was seconded by Leo Kennedy, the motion carried.

5. Review of Minutes

Printed minutes were not available at this time.

6. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence

7. Old Business

a. National Educational Standards

RI OEMS Chief Jason Rhodes discussed that his office will be distributing information regarding bridging the gap between AEMT and EMT-C programs to facilitate an eventual transition to improve education but keep skill set. Stephen Stokes discussed the possible use of the EMR program to help outlying services improve response, but with lesser training. Mr. Stokes was asked to look into the impact further and provide more complete data to the committee. Members discussed whether an accreditation program administered by the EMS office would help with some of these future concerns.

b. Instructor Certification/Level

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the NAEMSE instructor training programs as a method to begin to separate instructors, and instructor coordinators. Further information is required as to the financial and delivery impacts and availability of the course.

8. New Business

a. Burn Protocol Update

Dr. Gregg introduced some revisions and recommendations to the current Burn protocol relative to data supported changes. Minor changes were discussed and Dr. Gregg will refine and provide a revised version.

b. Skill Sheets

Updates to EMT and EMT-C skill sheets are being made and will be emailed to the committee for review

c. Online training

It was discussed that online training is acceptable with approval on a case by case basis by the EMS office.

d. Course Documents

RI EMS Chief Jason Rhodes discussed the intent of the DOH to develop secure methods of uploading required course documents to the office instead of submitting paper forms. Remains a work in progress, but likely in the future.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Stephen Stokes; the motion was seconded by John Potvin, the motion carried at 1120.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Potvin
Secretary Pro Tempore