

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

**May Meeting**

**February 13, 2013**

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board was convened on Wednesday February 13, 2013 at 1400 hours at the RI Dept. of Health, room 104, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. The meeting was held in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meeting Law.

**1. Establishment of a Quorum**

Sufficient members were in attendance and constituted a quorum.

**2. The meeting was called to order at 1400hrs by Chairman Michael DeMello with the following members present:**

Michael DeMello  
Raymond Medeiros  
John Potvin  
David Savastano  
Leo Kennedy

Jason Rhodes  
Shea Gregg  
John Pliakas  
Thomas Caito

Others in attendance were:

Jeffery Howe  
Albert Peterson

David Miller

**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 Ray Medeiros, the motion carried.

**5. Review of Minutes**

Minutes of the previous were not available at this time.

## **6. Correspondence**

There was no new correspondence.

## **7. Old Business**

### a. Inter-facility Transfer protocol

- Forwarded to Rules and Regulations subcommittee for further review

### b. National Education Guidelines

- The pilot program for the AEMT level did not materialize. However, CCRI has expressed interest in conducting an AEMT pilot program.
- To provide uniform testing procedures, the state office of EMS would like to use a third party testing process for all levels.
- Advanced-EMT underlying curriculum would be an improvement to student education, however finding balance to merge with existing levels remains the challenge.
- NREMT has offered transition options, however some would still require transition class room education and testing. Other options would include testing or downgrade should a candidate not wish to test or not pass.

### c. Instructor Certification- No action at this time

### d. State Practical Exams

Works continues on drafting a system that would be similar to NREMT and other states for educational programs hosting practical exams.

## **8. New Business**

### a. Distance Education/Computer Based Education

Computer based programs already recognized and accepted by NREMT. A recommendation to review such requests on a case by case basis was made. The state EMS office will review requests to utilize such a format in initial training programs.

### b. Other items of interest to committee members-None

## **9. Adjournment**

A Motion to adjourn made by Medeiros, and seconded by Caito. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Potvin  
Secretary Pro Tempore