

**Ambulance Service Advisory Board**  
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**Educational Standards Committee**  
**Meeting Notice**  
**May 28, 2013**

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 1000 at the East Providence Fire Department 175 Amaral St., East Providence, RI 02914. This meeting will be held in accordance with Rhode Island open meetings law.

**Agenda**

**1.) Establishment of Quorum**

Sufficient members were in attendance and a quorum was established.

**2.) Call to Order**

Chairman DeMello called the meeting to order at 10:15hrs. The following members were present:

Michael DeMello	John Potvin
Thomas Caito	Jason Rhodes
John Pliakas	Leo Kennedy

Others in attendance were:

Marisa Saccoccio	Al Peterson
Bill Howe	Jeff Howe
Sean Thompson	

**3.) Announcements- Introduction of Membership**

#### **4.) Review/Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thomas Caito; John Potvin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **5.) Review of Minutes**

John Potvin made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; Thomas Caito seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **6.) Correspondence**

No Correspondence

#### **7.) Old Business**

##### **a.) Inter-Facility Transfer**

Dr. Williams is working on a draft for Rules and Regulations subcommittee – Progress.

##### **b.) National Education Standards**

##### **i) AEMT/Cardiac Program Curriculum- Final Edits**

The committee reviewed a draft document titled *Supplemental ALS Content Rhode Island Advanced EMT (AEMT) Education Programs*. This document represents the additional educational components a Nationally Registered Advanced EMT would need in order to maintain the current level of service within Rhode Island. Long discussion ensued regarding the repercussions of adding to the national standard as opposed to not adding to the national standard. It was felt that if the level of service diminished that the progression towards A-EMT would fail. Some members were dead set against adopting the A-EMT and adding to it others were more inclined to accept the change because it would put better educated providers on the street.

Thomas Caito made a motion to bring the document to the full board; Leo Kennedy seconded the motion.

The motion carried, with John Pliakas casting a nay vote.

c.) Instructor Certification/Levels

Looking to have instructors/coordinators develop a skills examiner course for their individual lab instructors. Instructor/Coordinator would then submit a roster to the Health Department individual lab instructors that completed the training. Not looking at a separate license for instructor levels at this time.

d.) State Practical Exam Guidelines/Requirements

Progress – looking at national or state level accreditation.

8.) New Business

a.) NR-Paramedic challenge program

Opted not to pursue at this time

b.) Out-of-state AEMT additional education requirements

Covered under Old Business

c.) Revision of I/C program guide

HEALTH will revise and send to the committee to review.

d.) Other items of interest to committee members

None

9.) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Caito; the motion was seconded by Leo Kennedy, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Potvin