

Ambulance Service Advisory Board
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Educational Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2013

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 1000 at the Rhode Island Inter-Local Trust, 501 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence, RI 02914. This meeting will be held in accordance with Rhode Island open meetings law.

1. Establishment of Quorum
 - A quorum was established with 7 members present
2. Call to Order
 - Chairman DeMello called the meeting to order at 10:00am
3. Announcements- Introduction of Membership
4. Review/Consent Agenda
 - John Potvin made a motion to accept the agenda as presented,
Thomas Caito seconded the motion, the motion passed
5. Review of Minutes
 - The minutes of the previous meeting were not available
6. Correspondence
 - None

7. Old Business

- Inter-Facility Transfer
 - This document is with Dr. Williams, whom Chairman DeMello will follow-up with.
- Instructor Certification/Levels
 - Will tie into the proposed accreditation
- EMT-C Practical Skill Sheet Revisions
 - Will tie into the proposed accreditation and exists in draft form

8. New Business

- RN to EMT
 - Intent of today's discussion is to disseminate information for review. As proposed nurses would still need to test. The intent of the program is to ensure all the skills and educational components that a nurse would not have received in nursing school. The course length would be approximately 50 hours.
- State EMS Program Accreditation
 - A document was distributed for review and input, Chairman DeMello stated that much of the information was "boiler-plate" and borrowed from other states.
 - There may be issue between private entities who run courses for profit full and recertification courses versus public entities who only run internal programs. Much discussion revolved around the fact that there may or may not need to be different standards.

- This proposal would eliminate the need for accredited agencies submitting to HEALTH to run courses.
- The thought is to get the accreditation process in place then move forward with other aspects of educational standards.
- Chairman DeMello asked members to mark up the documents and resubmit suggested changes and edits to him.
- In addition it was suggested to come with a guidance document for instructors and lab instructors.
- Other items of interest to committee members
 - None

9. Adjournment

- Ray Medeiros made a motion to adjourn at 1100, seconded by John Potvin, the motion carried.