

Ambulance Service Advisory Board
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Educational Standards Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2014

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board convened on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 1000 at the RI Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908. This meeting was 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 1314. The following members were present:

Michael DeMello

Thomas Caito

Todd Manni

John Potvin

David Savastano

Sean Thompson (Proxy for John Pliakas)

3.) Announcements- Introduction of Membership

4.) Review/Consent Agenda

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

5.) Review of Minutes

None available

6.) Correspondence

No Correspondence

7.) Old Business

a.) Cardiac/AEMT

Discussion ensued over the department of health's intention to utilize the AEMT educational guidelines as the foundation for the Cardiac program. Since the current EMT Curricula and Standards 2007 provided by Health are no longer valid for EMT or Paramedic (they already use the national education guidelines). This will help eliminate issues with test security and creating exams, as well as provide a curriculum foundation that has been vetted nationally, and the AEMT national exam would be utilized as the initial credentialing exam. It was recommended that the module 3 (Electrocardiology) from the existing EMT Curricula and guidelines manual be used as a minimum for EKG instruction, with 12 lead interpretation & ACLS included in the curriculum. Regarding out-of-state AEMT's that may seek licensure in RI, Health will provide a curriculum minimum template for accredited learning institutions to follow to bring those providers up to RI practice standards. This will be handled on a case by case basis. This will increase portability for providers and new Cardiac providers would be required to maintain AEMT registration.

b.) RN to EMT

Discussed the State of Wisconsin program for RN's to become EMT's. Length of the program is a concern. Recommended to contact NREMT to acquire current requirements for licensed RN's to become EMT's. Currently, RN's that are licensed EMT's can become

paramedics through a series of steps, including approval from a CoAEMSP accredited institution that the provider meets minimums.

8.) New Business

a.) Instructor Nomenclature

Brief discussion on whether instructor license names should be changed to match accreditation nomenclature. Held for further discussion and review.

b.) State Program Accreditation Update

Health expects to have at least 6 accreditation applications submitted prior to the January 1st, 2015 deadline. Will process similar to the letter of review method used by CoAEMSP.

b.) Other items of interest to committee members

None

9.) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Caito; the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1420.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Potvin
Secretary Pro Tempore