

Ambulance Service Advisory Board
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Educational Standards Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board convened on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 1000 at the Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Ave. Johnston, RI 02919. 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 1012. The following members were present:

Michael DeMello

Jason Umbenhauer

Ray Medeiros

John Potvin

David Savastano

Tom Caito

Joseph Lauro

Leo Kennedy

Guests:

Sean Thompson

Jason Rhodes

Steven Brennick

3.) Announcements- Introduction of Membership

4.) Review/Consent Agenda

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

5.) Review of Minutes

Motion to accept previous minutes as presented made by John Potvin; Dave Savastano provided the second for the motion. The motion passed.

6.) Correspondence

No Correspondence

7.) Old Business

a.) Cardiac/AEMT

Chairman DeMello as the committee to begin review the draft that was sent out that would update the current Instructor Coordinator Guide book. This would update the EMT-Cardiac curriculum to utilize the minimum AEMT standards as the educational foundation for the EMT-Cardiac program, and include additional training in EKG, Pharmacology, and ACLS to match the current EMT-Cardiac skill set. The certification test will still administered by Health. This will allow all EMS levels in the state to be taught on a competency based platform. The current EMT-Cardiac class is between 180-220 hours, and it is expected that the update in curriculum will not affect the hours. Updating the EMT-Cardiac curriculum will align all state EMS programs with the national education guidelines at a minimum, but as a state and through this committee items can be added or altered to best serve the citizens of the state. Implementation of the updated EMT-Cardiac curriculum would take effect on or after August 1, 2015. As further study and review continue regarding the certification testing

process for the EMT-Cardiac, the topic may be re-visited in the future. The EMT-Cardiac will remain a 3 year license.

Current clinical requirements for EMT-Cardiac students are 6 successful IV's, and 16 hours of field time, with or without any responses. The committee recommended the following clinical requirements to accompany the updated EMT-Cardiac curriculum based off the AEMT standards: Minimum 40 hour's hospital clinical time and 24 hours field internship in order to provide ample opportunity to complete skills requirements. Minimum Skills requirements are: 15 medication administrations, 25 successful IV cannulations, Oxygenate/Ventilate 20 patients, 25 Patient assessments (minimum 5 trauma, 5 cardiac chest pain, 5 respiratory difficulties, 5 pediatric, & 5 altered mental status). The skill requirements can be split between the hospital and field environment, with no greater than 50% of the skills being completed in either environment. Though the National Registry AEMT registration is not required, students would be eligible to take the exam on their own should they so desire. A motion was made by Ray Medeiros to update the Advanced EMT-Cardiac program using the national AEMT education standards as the foundation for the program, with the aforementioned clinical requirements, and the option for accredited institutions to provide a high fidelity simulation environment for skills completion only in the event that hospital or field time is temporarily unavailable, or in the best interest of the student due to a delay in acquiring a final skill performance; Second provided by Dr. Lauro. The motion passed.

Chairman DeMello thanked the committee for the hard work and anticipated continued work on EMS education. Jason Rhodes thanked the committee for their work and dedication to this project over the past 2 years.

b.) Program Director & Instructor Classifications

Chairman DeMello stated Jason Umbenhauer is working on a draft.

8.) New Business

a.) Instructor Training Program Guidelines

Chairman DeMello asked the committee to review the draft I/C Guide changes and provide any additional changes or

updates. It is anticipated that this document will be updated and ready for the June full ASAB meeting.

b.) Other items of interest to committee members

9.) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by David Savastano; the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1136.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Potvin
Secretary Pro Tempore