



**MINUTES**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM**

**DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**March 01, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Frank Simone, Chairman, NLVFD  
Jim Kindel, BCFD.  
Mark Calabrese, CCFD  
Derek Cox, LVFR  
Chris Racine, LVFR

Jason Driggars, AMR  
Chief Kim Moore, HFD  
Ryan Bezemer, CA  
Glenn Glaser, MW  
Devon Eisma, RN, MA

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Steven Carter, AMR  
Carl Bottorf, RN, LG  
Brandie Green, CSN  
Melanie Ondik, CA

Don Abshier, CCFD  
Steve Johnson, MWA  
August Corrales

**SNHD STAFF PRESENT**

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Medical Director  
Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor  
Scott Wagner, EMS Field Rep.

John Hammond, EMSTS Manager  
Gerald Julian, EMS Field Rep.  
Michelle Stanton, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Jim McAllister, LVMS  
Syd Selitzky, HFD

Tony Greenway, VHS

**CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

The Education Committee convened in Red Rock Conference Room at the Southern Nevada Health District on Wednesday, March 01, 2017. Chairman Frank Simone called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Simone noted that a quorum was present.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items listed on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Simone asked if anyone wished to address the Committee pertaining to items listed on the Agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Simone stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Education Committee that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Committee member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Minutes: Education Committee Meeting, November 02, 2016

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 02, 2017 Education Committee meeting. A motion was made by Member Driggars, seconded by Member Calabrese and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

### **III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **A. Review/Discuss EMS Instructor Course Curriculum**

Mr. Simone reported items that were discussed at the previous Education Workgroup regarding changes to the EMS Instructor Course Curriculum. The first suggestion is to change the title of Primary Instructor to EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor II. The second suggested change involves changing the title of Secondary Instructor to EMS Instructor I or EMS Preceptor. The course curriculum will follow the Department of Transportation guidelines for Secondary Instructor and Primary Instructor. A Secondary Instructor would have a transitional period of two years to complete a bridge course and become an EMS Instructor I or EMS Preceptor if that is their intent.

Mr. Kindel reported that the workgroup discussed that a two day course or 16 hours would be adequate to cover the knowledge needed to become a preceptor where as if the individual wanted to conduct classroom teaching a three day course would be sufficient. There would be no need for a third endorsement as this would satisfy the requirement of a two day preceptor specific training and those who choose to become classroom instructors can take a bridge course to become a Primary Instructor.

Committee members Eisma, Calabrese and Driggars all voiced concerns with limiting the instructor designations to EMS Instructor I and EMS Instructor II. It was thought that a third designation of Preceptor was going to be added to the existing designations.

Mr. Hammond reminded the committee that there will be a two year period in which secondary instructors can transition to primary instructors if that is what the individual chooses to do. However, it has been noted that most secondary instructors do not want to teach but would rather only precept.

After a considerable amount of discussion the committee decided to refer the EMS Instructor Course Curriculum back to the Education Workgroup for further review.

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to refer the EMS Instructor Course Curriculum back to the Education Workgroup for further discussion. Motion was made by Member Calabrese, seconded by Member Eisma and carried unanimously.

#### **B. Review/Discuss Proposed Changes to the Existing SNHD Internship/Preceptor Program Including Changes to the Major Evaluation**

Mr. Simone reported that the workgroup had discussed changing the quantity of grading for documentation in the Internship/Preceptor program. Currently SNHD's Internship/Preceptor program document states "Successful completion of this phase requires the paramedic intern to have completed 90% or greater of the patient contacts or scenarios evaluated." The workgroup would suggest the 90% be changed to 80% or greater and also add "within seven out of ten shifts".

Mr. Hammond said the seven out of ten shifts would not be supported as this could bring the individual's score down to a 56% which is a failing grade. It would have to be 80% achievement on every shift completed. He reminded the committee that the goal is to have competent paramedics on the streets.

Committee member Calabrese and Ms. Selitzky voiced concerns with the number of shifts that would be needed to achieve an 80% pass rate without adding the caveat of seven out of ten shifts. They are concerned that this could add as many as seven, eight, up to 20 additional shifts to the internship especially for the emerging learner who has no prior experience.

Mr. Driggars gave an example of an individual who completes ten shifts with four at 50% and six at 80% which equals a total of 68%. They then complete one additional shift at 80% and that brings them to 76% adding one more shift at 80% that individual is now at an 84% passing score. In using that example if the intern completes four or five shifts at 50% there would only need to be another two more shifts completed at 80% to pass.

Mr. Hammond stated that the board can revisit the entire tool if it is keeping competent medics out of the field as that is not the intent.

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to amend the current internship passing score to read 80% with no additional changes in language. Motion was made by Member Kindel, seconded by Member Calabrese and carried unanimously.

C. Review/Discuss Proposed Changes to the SNHD EMS Instructor Process Including Name, Criteria, and Course Content

Tabled until next scheduled meeting.

**IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY**

None

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the Committee's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Simone asked if anyone wished to address the Committee. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Simone called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Member Eisma, seconded by Member Bezemer and carried unanimously by the Committee to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.