



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

September 10, 2014 – 11:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Simone, NLVFD, Acting Chairman
Clement Strumillo, Community Ambulance
Brandie Green, CSN
Don Abshier, CCFD

Chuck Gebhart, Boulder City Fire
Derek Cox, LVFR
Steve Johnson, MedicWest Ambulance
Rod Sholty, Lifeguard Int'l (Alt)

MEMBERS ABSENT

August Corrales, Chairman
Jason Driggars, AMR

Chief Scott Vivier, HFD
Donna Miller, RN, Lifeguard Int'l

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

John Hammond, EMSTS Supervisor
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

Gerry Julian, EMS Field Representative
Heather Anderson-Frank, Associate Attorney

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Ben Miller, Mercy Air
Dayna Blake, TriState Careflight
Sam Scheller, Guardian Elite

William Hinton, Mercy Air
Mark Calabrese, CCFD

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Education Committee convened in Conference Room 2 at The Southern Nevada Health District on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Acting Chairman Frank Simone called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. The Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Acting 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. Acting 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

Acting 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, March 12, 2014.

Acting Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 Education Committee meeting. Motion made by Member Strumillo, seconded by Member Abshier and carried unanimously.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion on Appointment of Education Committee Vice Chair

Member Abshier made a motion to nominate Frank Simone as Vice Chairman of the Education Committee, seconded by Member Cox and carried unanimously.

B. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the District Procedure for EMS-RN Training & Endorsement

Mr. Hammond informed the Committee that included in their handouts is the current District Procedure for EMS RN Training & Endorsement along with the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport (CAMTS) standard comparison sheet. One specific change that has already been made to the EMS-RN was the removal of the “Five central venous line placements, either live or simulated” and in doing so they’ve opened it up for other discussions. He added that they will add language to include simulated endotracheal intubations in Section 8 #3: Five (5) endotracheal intubations on human patients because 5 human intubations may be difficult to obtain within a reasonable time period.

Mr. Johnson questioned if that would include a cadaver lab. Mr. Hammond answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Sholty questioned Item #3D in the prerequisites which states certification of completion of training in prehospital trauma life support procedures (PHTLS) and asked if there was any way to consider TNCC (Trauma Nursing Core Course) or the TNATC (Transport Nurse Advanced Trauma Course) as also fulfilling those requirements adding that both classes consist of prehospital curriculum.

Mr. Hammond stated that before he can be comfortable making that change he will need see what TNCC and TNATC actually say in relation to what PHTLS does.

Mr. Cox felt that the goal is to make sure that these courses entertain the transport side of the practice. Mr. Hammond added that not only the transport side but the field side as well.

Mr. Cox stated that he would support anything to make it broader, to give them more options as long as the prehospital component is there.

Mr. Sholty added that the other issue is with the availability of a PHTLS classes in Clark County. Mr. Hammond advised the Committee that every paramedic course offered in Clark County has a PHTLS course within and if you want to do that portion of the course let them know and they actually offer those courses secondarily as well.

Mr. Sholty suggested adding 24 additional clinical hours as a requirement for specialized care in a PICU and/or neonatal patients which more closely reflects CAMTS accreditation. Mr. Simone stated that adding one more module for the PICU would bring the total to 144 hours to the clinical course content. The Committee agreed.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that the in Section 7 it states that the internship consists of no less than 120 hours of field experience but does not list a minimum number of patient contacts and questioned if that needs to be added for consistency.

Mr. Hammond stated that the EMS-RN is specifically used in high acuity cases and felt they are getting the calls. Mr. Julian added that they are relying on the medical director who is signing off on their internship that they received the adequate number of calls.

Acting Chairman Simone asked for a motion to add an additional 24 clinical hours for specialized care in a PICU and/or neonatal patients and for the Health District to research the comparison of the PHTLS, TNCC, and TNATC to bring back to the Education Committee for further discussion. Motion made by Member Cox, seconded by Member Strumillo and carried unanimously.

C. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the District Procedure for AEMT/EMT-Intermediate Recertification Included as part of the discussion in Item F.

D. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the District Procedure for Paramedic/EMT-Paramedic Recertification Included as part of the discussion in Item F.

E. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the District Procedure for AEMT/EMT-Intermediate Refresher Course Included as part of the discussion in Item F.

F. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the District Procedure for Paramedic/EMT-Paramedic Refresher Course

Mr. Julian informed the Committee that there has been some discussion regarding the excessive amount of refresher hours in the category of OB/Peds for the AEMT and Paramedic. He explained that for the AEMT, the required number of hours for OB/Peds is 12 hours and for the Paramedic it is 16 hours and when he compared that to National Registry (NR) for the AEMT, it is 6 hours mandatory core and 6 hours flexible core content and for the paramedic it is 8 hours mandatory core and 8 hours flexible core content. He noted that the total number of hours for a refresher would not change and opened up the discussion to see if there is any interest in mirroring National Registry instead of having the excessive hours in OB/Peds.

There was considerable discussion regarding the distribution of the hours in the other categories if the OB/Peds were to be reduced.

Mr. Abshier reminded the Committee that NR is changing their hours from 72 across the board to 60/50/40 in 2016 and they may be trying to change something that maybe changed for them naturally.

Mr. Hammond stated that these hours are based on our recertification and we wanted to mirror NR so the provider would have that opportunity to maintain their NR certification.

Chief Gebhart felt that the hours are that high because those are the areas that they deal least in the real world and that's why they want more hours in training and stated that they need to keep those hours high.

Mr. Simone agreed and added that he is hesitant in decreasing hours. He felt that it is a little more difficult but with the shared education it won't be as difficult to come up with the 12 hours.

Mr. Abshier agreed and made the recommendation that if NR changes then we would approach it at that time.

Mr. Cox agreed with the philosophy of training on low frequency categories and felt this idea should be brought up again when reevaluating the hours in the recertification/refresher categories.

Acting Chairman Simone asked for a motion to keep the current recertification hours and refresher course hours for AEMT and Paramedic as they are currently written to be revisited at a later date. Motion made by Member Abshier, seconded by Member Strumillo and carried unanimously.

G. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the District Procedure for Paramedic/EMT-P (CC) Training & Endorsement

Mr. Hammond advised the Committee that after looking at what was required in the original District Procedure for Paramedic/EMT-P (CC) Training & Endorsement, he has generated a draft which is in the Committee's handouts that mirrors more closely the area's that are covered under the board certification exam. He added that these areas would be part of the training to better prepare the individuals for the board certification exam at the end of their training process. Included in the handouts is a Draft Procedure which shows additions listed as italicized and underscored along with the current procedure for comparison.

Mr. Strumillo suggested adding the addition of the ASTNA (Air & Surface Transport Nursing Association) text as a reference under the recommended texts section.

Mr. Cox questioned what prompted this change in the procedure.

Mr. Hammond explained that the courses that were being held locally were not adequately preparing individuals to take the board certification exam. In looking at the curriculum that is listed for the board certification and what was used here there were some gaps noticed and to better prepare the individuals for the board certification exam which is required for CCT endorsement those additional curricula were placed in the new procedure.

Mr. Cox expressed the fact that the hours are not changing just what the course needs to cover.

Mr. Hammond stated that they need to cover those hours in the way the candidate can understand it in order to be successful not only on the test but in practice. They are going to leave those hours up to the educators as long as they cover the materials here in a manner that allows for understanding and integration.

Mr. Simone restated that by adding all this language they are providing a detailed framework.

Mr. Cox questioned the prerequisites for the course. Mr. Hammond stated that the applicant needs to be a Medic for 3 years, full time field experience, and current certification of all provider cards. Then to be endorsed you need to be affiliated with an agency that is going to use your services as a CCT paramedic.

Mr. Cox stated he was a little confused as to why the Health District would have to put this in writing and say this is what your course has to cover.

Mr. Hammond stated that as the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) develops the training for the EMT, it is incumbent on us to develop the training that is to be used in our system for the CCT since there is no national curriculum to follow.

Acting Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the Draft District Procedure for Paramedic/EMT-P (CC) Training & Endorsement with the addition of one recommended book as a reference. Motion made by Member Strumillo, seconded by Member Sholty and carried unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

Mr. Hammond reported that there will be a meeting to discuss EMS Response Planning for Communicable Disease Outbreaks on Tuesday, September 16th at 2:00 pm here at the Health District in conference room 2.

Mr. Cox thanked John Hammond and SNHD for putting together the EMS Instructor Symposium and thanked Clark County Fire for hosting the event. He added that everyone was pleased with the incorporation of instructor methodology and asked if there was any feedback. Mr. Hammond stated that they are looking at sending out a survey monkey for feedback.

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 include on an agenda as an item upon which may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Acting Chairman Simone asked if anyone wished to address the Committee.

Ms. Blake from TriState CareFlight felt that in lieu of the prerequisites, if a company is CAMTS accredited the EMS-RN should only need to take the ALS exam.

Mr. Simone stated that the discussion on the procedure for EMS RN Training & Endorsement was tabled for more information and suggested this be brought up at the next meeting.

Acting Chairman Simone asked if anyone else 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, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Cox; seconded by Member Johnson. Acting Chairman Simone adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.