

Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta

Minutes

Present: Jacky Vaniotis – Chair, Joanne LeBrun, Kelly Roderick, Rick Miller, Yvonne Drown

Absent: Rick Doughty, Gary Utgard, Glenn Targonski, Bob Hawkes

Guest: Scott Smith, Maine EMS Training & Education Coordinator

Staff: Drexell White

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m.

Yvonne Drown was introduced and welcomed as the new Region 6 (Mid Coast EMS) representative to the committee. Yvonne is the chair of the Mid Coast EMS Education Committee.

Drexell reported that Robert Hawkes would be unable to attend today's meeting.

A. Assign Timekeeper – Rick Miller

B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None

2. Minutes – December 19, 2006, meeting minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting (Vaniotis; second by Roderick - motion carries 2-0-3)

3. Old Business

A. Computer Based Testing (CBT)

Scott Smith reported that CBT tests have been administered in Maine and that the process is working with only minor issues.

Joanne asked if “screen shots” of the computer screens used by students during the CBT sign-up process could be obtained from NREMT. She spoke of the difficulty in assisting students in signing up for the exam due to unfamiliarity with the steps used by NREMT to register a student for a CBT exam.

Drexell will contact NREMT to see if the information is available.

The committee then discussed the appointment of National Registry Paramedic Testing Representatives in Maine. Drexell reported that staff had identified two potential candidates as well as Scott Smith, State Education and Training Coordinator. In that the initial transition to the NREMT Paramedic exam will occur this year and in that Maine EMS and the exam committee have determined that persons appointed to the NREMT representatives' positions be experienced educators/examiners, involved in education and testing at the state level, and that one of the representatives should be a Maine EMS staff member, there was agreement that the proposed NREMT representatives were appropriate to fill the positions.

The selection process for (future) representatives may be modified once the Maine EMS system has experience with the NREMT paramedic exam model.

4. To Do List – No Action**5. New Business****A. Goals for 2007****B. Skill Sheets Update****C. Practical Instructions for Skill Sheets****D. EMT-Intermediate Written Exam**

Item A – D above were included under the general discussion of goals for 2007. The committee reviewed its 2006 goals and noted that it had completed:

- Computer Adaptive Testing at the EMT-B level
- Implementation of the “3 strikes” policy
- Paramedic Written Exam Revision

Unfinished goals for 2006 included Integrated Practical Exam Evaluations and Integrated Practical Exams at the Intermediate and Paramedic levels.

The committee did evaluate IPEs done in spring 2006. It is also noted that discussion of IPEs at the Paramedic level is moot due to the adoption of the NREMT Paramedic exam as the Maine licensing exam.

Given the uncertainty of what will happen with the EMT-Intermediate level, it was suggested that the current Maine Intermediate written and practical be updated to suffice until such time as a new curriculum has been identified and adopted.

The committee brainstormed and came up with the following topics as possible goals for 2007:

- Review IPE Data (Issues include: are we asking the right questions, are their sufficient numbers of state evaluators)
- EMT-I Exam (Issues include: Can Intermediate candidate can be integrated into Paramedic level exams, should there be an IPE at the Intermediate level)
- Exam Administration Manual (Update including skill sheet instructions, IPE information and forms)
- Student handbook
- Evaluate experience with Computer based Testing
- Membership Issues
- National Registry Representatives (# of people, fees, requirements)
- Journal of Maine Ems Update (retest policies, 3 strikes, assessment exams)

Following discussion, the Committee established 2007 goals in order of priority, to wit:

- 1st. EMT-Intermediate exam
- 2nd Exam Administration Manual
- 3rd Review IPE Data

6. Next Meeting/Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Tuesday March 20, 2007, at Maine EMS.

The Agenda will include:

- EMT-I Exam
- Exam Administration Manual
- Integrated Practical exam

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White