

Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday September 30, 2014

De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta

Minutes

Present: Joanne LeBrun, Scott Cook, Andrea Thompson, Sally Taylor, Patrick Underwood, Jeremy Damren, Rick Petrie, Kelly Roderick

Staff: Drexell White

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Gary Utgard sent his regrets that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

2. Assign Timekeeper – Sally Taylor

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – PSE CEH (Underwood)

4. Minutes – June 24, 2014, Meeting Minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the June 24, 2014, meeting, were reviewed.

Joanne requested that a note be included in the 6/24/14 minutes about the NREMT clarification concerning the discrepancy between the Exam Coordinator's manual and the NREMT web site regarding stations. The inserted note should indicate that Todd Vreeland of the NREMT, stated in a 6/27/14 email (to Drexell) that the information contained in the NREMT...Users Guide was correct and that NREMT's IT department will be correcting the NREMT web site.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting, as amended (Lebrun; second by Petrie – carries)

5. Old Business

A. Review of EMR & EMT Process Using NREMT

EMR & EMT psychomotor exam results were reviewed - 1/1/2014 – 9/29/14:

Summary:		Attempted	Pass
Success 1A	37.65%	486	183
Success 1R1	71.16%	267	190
Success Rate1R2	72.73%	55	40
Success Rate 1st Full Attempt			413
Success Rate 2A	31.25%	16	5
Success Rate2R1	66.67%	9	6
Success Rate 2R2	71.43%	7	5
Success Rate 2nd Full Attempt			16
	Total		429

Fails per station, overall – 1/1/2014 – 9/29/2014:

Station	Fail#	As % of Fails
PA - T	111	17.29%
PA -M	125	19.47%
BVM	61	9.5%
O2	15	2.34%
Cardiac	51	7.94%
Spn-Sup	150	23.36%
Spn-Sea	57	8.88%
Bleed	3	0.47%
LB	46	7.17%
Jnt	23	3.58%
Total	642	

Staff asked if continued collection of the aforementioned data should continue. Committee consensus is to continue data collection.

B. Aroostook Pearson Vue Site

Drexell reported that Maine EMS has received preliminary approval as a static testing site, a requirement for an entity to eventually become a mobile test deliverer. Staff and purchases are reviewing the Pearson Vue contracts.

6. New Business

A. Return of Skill Sheets to TCs

Committee members were apprised if a recent Education Committee meeting, at which the possibility of returning Practical Skills Evaluation (PSE) skill sheets to Training Centers was discussed. Currently, skill sheets are retained by the PSE State Administrator and returned to Maine EMS.

Following discussion, consensus was to invite Education Committee members to the November 18, 2014, Exam Committee meeting to discuss the issue, as well as PSEs, in general.

B. PSE Administrators Meeting

The Committee asked that State PSE Administrators be invited to the November 18, 2014, meeting as well.

C. PSE Reporting Form - Adjustments

The Committee reviewed the *PSE Reporting Form* and suggested changes. A draft will be available for next meeting.

D. Other – PSE CEH

Patrick Underwood informed the Committee about a section of the Maine EMS Training Center Standards (Page 62) that reads:

“Psychomotor Evaluations

1. CEH can be granted as follows:

- a. Emergency Responder Examinations and/or EMT = 1 hour BLS Topics and 1 hour IC to be utilized once per licensure period
- b. Advanced EMT/Intermediate and or Paramedic = 1 hour ALS Topics and 1 hour IC to be utilized once per licensure period
- c. Certificate will be issued by the MEMS evaluator on the day of the exam”

He stated that he has never issued CEH at a psychomotor exam and that the language should be reviewed/revised.

Committee consensus was that the topic should be included in the joint education exam discussion in November.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 18, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White