

Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday February 24, 2015

De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta

Minutes

Present: Gary Utgard - Chair, Joanne LeBrun, Scott Cook, Rick Petrie, Kelly Roderick, Patrick Underwood

Staff: Drexell White

Guests: Stewart "Skip" Dore

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m. Jeremy Damren and Sally Taylor sent their regrets as they were unable to attend the meeting.

- A. Introductions – None required
- B. Assign Timekeeper – Underwood
- C. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

2. Minutes – November 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the November 18, 2014, meeting, were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the November 18, 2014, meeting (Petrie; second by Underwood – carries)

3. Old Business

A. Review of EMR & EMT Process Using NREMT

EMR & EMT psychomotor exam results were reviewed - 1/1/2014 – 12/31/14

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 – 12/31/2014:

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	

Committee members requested that staff provide them with data on the breakdown of random station type for 2014 PSEs.

B. Aroostook Pearson Vue Site

Drexell reported that the Pearson Vue contracts will be reviewed by State Purchasing. There are several components within the Pearson Vue contract version that would not be accepted by the State (e.g., indemnification).

C. CPR Station and QI Committee Work on high performance CPR

Maine's focus on high performance CPR and how such training would affect PSE candidates at the Cardiac Arrest Management station were discussed. While high performance CPR training should not adversely affect a candidate's performance at the Cardiac Arrest Management Station, there is a potential for confusion. It was suggested that a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) be created and added to the testing FAQs on the Maine EMS web site. Joanne and Drexell will work on the FAQ.

D. PSE Administrator Integration

The Committee discussed the possibility of integrating the PSE Administrator into the course itself in an ongoing evaluation process during the course of an EMR or EMT course vs. having the "State" Practical Skills Evaluation (PSE) at the end of the course. Committee consensus was that an integrated system would require as much if not more PSE Administrator time, along with examiner and programmed patient costs, and would not result in a monetary or in-kind resource savings, but rather a cost-shifting.

Discussion continued about how to improve the efficiency of the current PSE process. One possibility discussed was removing the lengthy candidate and tester orientation from the beginning of each PSE and packaging the information in an online programs that could be viewed by candidates and examiners, and be verifiable to the Training Center. Eliminating the pre-PSE information delivery and replacing them with an abbreviated information and "any questions" segment should improve the time efficiency of the PSE. Also, candidates would have the ability to listen to the information in a stress-free environment vs. trying to absorb information just prior to PSE commencement.

Staff will check on the feasibility of including such programs in the Maine EMS Online Learning Management System (MEMSEd).

E. Combined Exam and Education Committee

At the previous meeting, the Committee discussed combining the Education and Exam Committees in consideration that evaluation is becoming more integrated into the education process. Given the PSE projects proposed. Committee consensus was to table discussion, continue to monitor Committee workload, and revisit (at a later date) whether to continue as a separate committee of the Board or consolidate with the Education Committee.

4. New Business
5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 23, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Committee members were invited to sit in on the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) webinar on Paramedic Competency at 12:00 p.m. in the Fallen Heroes Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White