

State Education and Training
November 19, 2013

Present: Joshua Beaulieu, Kevin Brown, Nancy Brunet, David Burich, Alan Henschke, Rick Ortyl, Art Romano, Richard Sanders, Daniel Tauber, David Tauber, Mike Zacchera

Excused: Blair Blamforth, Ralf Coler, Skip Gelati, Donna Lillis, Chet Sergey

Guests: David Bailey, David Koscuk

Meeting called to order at 0934

September minutes approved without changes: passed unanimously

OEMS Update

CPAP for BLS practice approved

Trial exam roll-out in progress –

160 questions; errors in format and spelling being identified

Content deficiencies / outdated training content also being identified

Mr. Brown states exam intended to produce consistent, validated content

NHTSA evaluation being broken up and assigned to specific work groups

AEMT – will need to be processed through legislative channels

CEMSMAC and CEMSAB both discussed – concept is to retire level

Old Business

DNR Guidelines: initiative to educate legislators regarding MOLST
Will work again this year to craft acceptable language

CSEMS-I: symposium scheduled for January 18 at NH Sponsor Hospital
Additional detail to follow

CEMSAB: CPAP – assembling final Goals / Objectives / PowerPoint
PSA Task force meeting every other week – February deadline
NHTSA – approval to hire data manager
Processing delays at OEMS to turn around certifications / recertifications in timely manner
OEMS Manager already tasked with initiating a streamline process
SMR – looking for final draft model

CEMSMAC: statewide guideline task force working to review NH model
Researching exertional hyperthermia definitions
Pursuing Cardio-Cerebral Resuscitation concept
Dr. Wolf stepping down: appears Dr. McLean from Wm. Baccus likely successor as Co-Chair

Transition Materials for Teaching: materials are readily available
Exam trail continues – will require additional data to validate items

PTPC: meeting today to reorganize committee

Regulations Review: still in legal evaluation stage at State Office

Spinal Motion Restriction Guidelines: working hour discussion

New Business

NHTSA Visit vision of Mr. Barishansky is to parse out pieces of report to appropriate work-groups
Data Manger (non-epidemiologist) approved for hire

CCR Guideline being evaluated for implementation at Region 3 and potentially statewide inclusion
Already implemented in Milford and Stamford

Nominations: motion by Mr. Sanders to maintain current Chair and Vice-Chair
Second by Mr. Ortyl
Discussion – Ms. Coler and Ms. Brunet both willing to stay on in chair / Vice-Chair roles
No additional nominations offered
Voting and additional nominations to be finalized in December meeting

Vets in Crisis Seminar – held at St. Francis last week – well received
Would be beneficial topic for EMS Expo
Recommendation to include female vets on panel

Veterans with EMS Training – state office looking at developing process to better integrate their training into EMS certifications

Need to look at Goals for 2014 and End of Year Report for 2013 in next few months

Info Sharing

Month CME at Hartford Hospital – medical / legal topic – November 26, 2013
Trauma Conference – March 27 & 28 at Foxwood Casino
CT EMS Expo – March 29 – 31 at Mohegan Sun
Michelle Connelly – program manager

Working Meeting Hour

Spinal Motion Restriction Guidelines:

CEMSMAC looking for reduction of total number of slides – Educators will need to assess whole program
White paper being written by Dr. Cone and Dr. Van Gelder as amalgamation of multiple studies
Mr. Henschke suggests eliminating some of the Citation and reference information
White Paper will have much of this content included
All pertinent studies will be included in white paper reference
Mr. Tauber recommends that reference slides will add credence to content being presented
Question of benefit to adding in slide early that references the science behind this process and including white paper for all attendees of training

Mr. Henschke will update slides to add reference content, to include White Paper as reference, to include major science slide, and footnote studies when appropriate to content
Videos will be converted to Mpeg format

New Hampshire Medical Director (Dr. Suozzi) has sent Dr. Kamin and Mr. Henschke the draft of their program for comparison of what is being done in neighboring states

NAEMSP – position paper is available of website but is different from CT White Paper

Ms. Coler and Ms. Brunet will work to reformat Goals and Objectives into more current format

Mr. Henschke will evolve content to include speaker notes

Presentation timeframe not yet established. May be unrealistic to cut overall length of program based on CEMSMAC request / recommendation

ED staff will need global roll-out of paradigm shift in EMS practice
ACS has set standard for not back-boarding patients for interfacility transports

Still need to define removal of patients from long spine boards when used as moving device.

David Tauber identifies that log-roll being downplayed as desirable practice to move patients onto and off of boards. He will share with Education & Training committee.
Need to focus on patient being able to assume position of comfort rather than immobilized.

Mr. Brown states testing guidelines will be modified to reflect these practice changes. Seated spinal will be removed as testing component shortly in State. National Registry looking at evolving changes in practice and new sciences that are driving required testing components.

OEMS will need to evaluate best method to roll out to all EMSI's once ready for inclusion for training statewide.

Mr. Bailey questions need to determine what practical component needs to be included in training.

Looking at downloadable format as best distribution method.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32

Next meeting: December 17th at CHA