

EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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| Committee Minutes | EMS Education Committee |
| Date | December 5, 2023 |
| Time | 9:00 am CST |
| Location | Iris Room 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, Tennessee |
| Participants | <p>Members Present: Greg Johnson (Chairperson); William Andrews; Katie Hall; Mike Terrill; John Reeves; Jason Fox; Kirk Harris; Mike Alberson; Frank Miller; Mary Mattox; January Bukowitz; Mark Edison; Kenneth Oxford; Mark Walker; Kevin King; Aaron Carl; Paula Todd; Dana McDonald; Shannon Morphis; Erik Jesse; Chris Davis; Curt Auckerman</p> <p>Central Office: Brandon Ward, State EMS Director; Chip Cook, Assistant State EMS Director; Russell Gupton</p> <p>Members Absent: Baker McCool; Houston Austin</p> |

| Overall Lead | Topic | Summary/Decisions | Assignments / Next Steps | Responsible Person | Time Frame |
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| | Roll Call/Introduction | <p>Meeting was called to order.</p> <p>Roll Call (results are listed above): a quorum was deemed present.</p> <p>Nominations open for a new Secretary: Dana McDonald nominated by Shannon Morphis, Seconded by Mark Walker. Approved by unanimous vote.</p> <p>Nominations for Clinical Issues Committee Representative: Jason Fox nominated by John Reeves, Seconded by Kirk Harris. Approved by unanimous vote.</p> <p>Upcoming meeting dates discussed with planned start time of 10am. Motion made to start meetings at 10am by Erik Jesse, seconded by Kaite Hall, no further discussion, motion passed via roll call vote.</p> | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Minute Approval | Initial education meeting minutes- motion to approve made by Jason Fox , Seconded by | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| | | <p>Katie Hall, no further discussion, approved by group vote.</p> <p>Minutes will need to be approved from the last continuing education committee meeting.</p> <p>Secretary McDonald will receive a copy of the recording for transcription and approval at the next meeting.</p> | | | |
| | School Approvals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | | | |
| | Old Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | | | |
| | New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Floor, no new business from committee • Existing Topics of New Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The suggestion was made to expand the request previously made by Vanderbilt to allow medics that complete an onboarding process that equals or exceeds the criteria of the state critical care paramedic guidelines to be able to file for a course approval number and challenge the state test. Extensive discussion was held as to what types of services would be allowed to utilize this pathway (ground vs. air, what constitutes an approved critical care service). Currently, the language is written in a manner that it looks like it is only for | | | |

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| | | <p>Vanderbilt, but we need to reword this to be more inclusive to other flight/approved services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal motion made by Mark Edison for a statement to be added to the existing language “Organizations with a state approved critical care paramedic program can have employees sit for the state of Tennessee critical care paramedic board exam following their orientation completion provided the orientation process meets or exceeds the standard set for the critical care paramedic program and following verification from the state consultant through a course request.” Seconded by Kirk Harris. Discussion: can an amendment be added to include “healthcare entities”. Motion to amend made by Mark Walker, Seconded by Kevin King “Healthcare entities with a state approved critical care paramedic program can have employees sit for the state of Tennessee critical care board exam following their orientation completion providing the orientation process meets or exceeds the standard set for the critical care paramedic program and following verification by the regional consultant through a course request.”• Motion made by Aaron Carl to amend the first motion made by Mark Walker | | | |
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| | | <p>to change the verbiage from Organization to Healthcare Entity, Seconded by Kevin King. Mark Edison and Kirk Harris are agreeable to this. No further discussion. Motion Carries via Roll Call Vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Per Director Ward, Morris McDaniel is currently in the process of re-writing the state exam and is due to be delivered according to contract expectations. <p>2. Extensive discussion was held regarding students from out of state training programs coming to do clinicals in the state of TN. Initially it was voted down by the board referred it back to initial education. The beginning of a process was created to apply for clinical access prior to the new board being seated. Essentially the burden of proof/need lies on the student/ school to prove that they meet our standards- the programs that send students must be approved by the board, but the committee does not want to jeopardize the existing schools and colleges here. The state would not have any regulatory authority should a problem arise, no disciplinary action would be possible outside of being reported to the home state. The recommendation would be for each school to have to individually</p> | | | |
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| | | <p>approach the board and receive favorable recommendation to proceed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion made by Mark Walker to limit TN clinical sites to TN board approved training programs only. Seconded by Jason Fox. Discussion- The board did not favor an all or nothing approach, thus the idea of evaluating on a case-by-case basis. Would it make more sense to limit site access to boarder states? Mark Walker rescinds the motion.• Greg Johnson shared the application that was David Blevins, himself, and Matt Gibbs drafted for programs to be allowed to have student do clinicals in the state of TN.• Additional Questions: Could an out of state institution form a contract/ MOU relationship with a school to utilize clinical space? Would institutions have the authority to say no, especially if it was going to hurt an existing program?• Motion made by Mark Walker to require any out of state program enter an agreement/sponsorship with a Tennessee approved training program to share clinical space and both the sponsoring institution and applicant must complete an application and both | | | |
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| | | <p>appear in front of the committee for approval. Seconded by Erik Jesse. Discussion- The current language could open this up to any teaching entity. Would it be advisable to limit it to any approved higher education institution? Katie Hall makes a motion to amend the language to “Tennessee approved higher education program.” Seconded by Erik Jesse and Mark Walker is agreeable. Discussion- Sponsoring institutions must be limited to higher educational institutes & must be presented by an applicant and sponsor. Motion passed by roll call vote.</p> <p>3. EMT to Paramedic Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extensive conversation was held regarding the presentation of this to the board for approval.• Initially, this was sent back from the previous board for the following reason: Current program did not meet the curriculum requirements for entry directly into a paramedic program. The board requested entry and exit points be designated for an existing AEMT or someone in the program. | | | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drew Hooker presented on the EMT to Medic Process- A gap analysis demonstrated the biggest short coming was the missing skill of IV access, initial suggested exit point would be eligibility to sit for the AEMT exam passing requirements plus clinical time, but again this was heavily debated due the way the current curriculum is structured over the course of the semesters. IV's, though, are now included in the student minimum competencies matrix- we would have to emphasize that this was taught.• Keith Douglas present on behalf of TASA expressed TASA's full support.• Questions: Would a pilot program be allowed even with the standing rule that AEMT is required first? Yes, but a final rule change would be needed to make it official. Would exit points be allowed at the risk of creating an expensive AEMT program?• A formal motion was made by Kirk Harris to accept EMT to Paramedic with the same entrance requirements of the AEMT or Paramedic requirements making | | | |
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| | | <p>the candidate eligible for paramedic licensure at the completion of the program. Seconded by Mike Terrill. Discussion: Per Director Ward, IF this were to move to a pilot program, this will move to one institution, one time, until a rule change can take place. The committee is making a recommendation to the board which will require board approval. This would also be applicable to any paramedic type program in the state, service based or higher education. The goal is to obtain favorable recommendation to allow EMT's to go to paramedic school, the final decision remains with the board. Motion is approved by roll call vote.</p> <p>4. Chairman Johnson brought to the attention of the committee that in July there will be no more psychomotor exam for the AEMT/ Medic exam. Our state rules dictate a practical exam be delivered. A suggested proposed exam was handed out by Chairman Johnson. We must utilize some form of practical exam until such time we undergo a formal rule change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suggested plan is to do exactly what we have been doing with out oral stations. | | | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would it be possible to do these at the school level vs. the state level? • A motion was made by Jason Fox for a workgroup of volunteers to be established on practical testing to report back to the next meeting on March 19th Seconded by Katie Hall. Discussion: Is 90 days enough time to sort out this matter? It is agreed upon those 90 days is enough. Motion carries via roll call vote. • Workgroup: Katie Hall, Mike Terrill, Jason Fox, Erik Jesse, Chris Davis, Greg Johnson, and John Reeves. | <p>Establish a workgroup of volunteers regarding the psychomotor exam</p> | <p>Volunteers: Workgroup: Katie Hall, Mike Terrill, Jason Fox, Erik Jesse, Chris Davis, Greg Johnson, and John Reeves.</p> | <p>Report back by March 19th Meeting</p> |
| | <p>Closing Remarks & Adjournment</p> | <p>Thank you to all who participated today, please remember we have a 50% participation requirement.</p> <p>Motion by Kirk Harris and a Second by Erik Jesse to Adjourn.</p> | | | |