

Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday June 24, 2014

De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta

Teleconference Minutes

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

Staff: Drexell White

Guest: Steve Corbin (sitting in for Scott Michaud)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Drexell reported that Heather McKenney, Paramedic has joined Maine EMS, filling the vacancy created by the departure of Maine EMS Licensing Agent, Dawn Kinney. Heather's first day will be Friday June 27th.

Assign Timekeeper – None Assigned

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – NREMT skill station requirements (will be included under Old Business "A", below)

Minutes – February 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the February 25, 2014, meeting, were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting (Lebrun; second by Utgard – carries)

Old Business

A. Review of EMR & EMT Process Using NREMT

EMR & EMT psychomotor exam results were reviewed - 1/1/2014 – 6/21/14:

Summary:		Attempted	Pass
Success 1A	38.98%	413	161
Success 1R1	70.22%	225	158
Success Rate1R2	75.51%	49	37
Success Rate 1st Full Attempt			356
Success Rate 2A	28.57%	14	4
Success Rate2R1	66.67%	9	6
Success Rate 2R2	71.43%	7	5
Success Rate 2nd Full Attempt			15
	Total		371

Fails per station, overall – 1/1/2014 – 6/24/2014:

Station	Fail#	As % of Fails
PA - T	83	15.60%
PA -M	105	19.74%
BVM	55	10.34%
O2	10	1.88%
Cardiac	42	7.89%
Spn-Sup	131	24.62%
Spn-Sea	51	9.59%
Bleed	3	0.56%
LB	33	6.20%
Jnt	19	3.57%
Total	532	

There are still a significant number of fails in the supine spinal station. The number is slightly higher due to seven classes tested that had a relatively high number of fails (n=>6).

Consensus of the committee is to have staff send January – June exam data to each training center.

The Committee also discussed information that appears on the National registry of EMT (NREMT) web site concerning required psychomotor stations. The language states:

- In order for your students to be able to view their official examination results and receive National Registration, you must provide verification of their successful completion of a state approved practical examination which attests to their competence in the following EMT-Basic Skills:
 - Station #1 Patient Assessment/Management - Trauma
 - Station #2 Patient Assessment/Management - Medical
 - Station #3 Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
 - Station #4 Spinal Immobilization (Seated or Supine Patient)
 - Station #5 Bag-Valve-Mask Apneic Patient with a Pulse
 - Station #6 Random Skill Station (one of the following)
 - Long Bone Fracture Immobilization
 - Joint Dislocation Immobilization
 - Traction Splinting
 - Bleeding Control/Shock Management
 - Upper Airway Adjuncts and Suction
 - Mouth-to-Mask with Supplemental Oxygen
 - Supplemental Oxygen Administration

The requirements above differ from those found in the NREMT's Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination Users Guide (November 2011), in which supine spinal immobilization and Supplemental Oxygen Administration are required stations and (seated) spinal immobilization is one of the random skills.

Drexell will check with NREMT about the discrepancy and report back to the Committee. *(Note: Drexell checked with Todd Vreeland at NREMT, who 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)*

B. Aroostook Pearson Vue Site

Maine EMS has been waiting for NREMT to provide additional information about mobile testing in rural areas. Drexell has reached out to NREMT to determine the response delay. He has received an email form and will be following up via phone with NREMT executive director Severo Rodriguez about the project.

C. Spinal Skill Sheet Review – See comments in re: spinal immobilization pass/fail rates in “A” above.

4. New Business - None

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 23, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White