

# Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday September 22, 2015

De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta

## Minutes

Present: Joanne LeBrun, Kelly Roderick, Rick Petrie, Scott Michaud (via teleconference), Cheri Volta

Staff: Drexell White

Guests: Ben Zetterman

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Gary Utgard, Jeremy Damren, Patrick Underwood and Sally Taylor sent their regrets that they were unable to attend the meeting.

A. Introductions – Cheri Volta was introduced to the group as the new ALS IC representative to the Committee

B. Assign Timekeeper – Kelly

C. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

### 2. Minutes – June 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the June 23, 2015, meeting, were reviewed.

*Motion: To accept the minutes of the June 23, 2015, meeting (LeBrun; second by Roderick – carries)*

### 3. Old Business

#### A. Review of EMR & EMT Process Using NREMT

EMR & EMT psychomotor exam results were reviewed - 1/1/2015 – 09/21/15

	Pass Rate	Attempted	Pass
Summary:			
Success 1A	39.96%	563	225
Success 1R1	77.3%	282	218
Success Rate1R2	74.51%	51	38
Success Rate 1st Full Attempt			481
Success Rate 2A	16.67%	12	2
Success Rate2R1	75%	8	6
Success Rate 2R2	50%	2	1
Success Rate 2nd Full Attempt			9
	Total		490

Fails per station, overall – 1/1/2015 – 06/23/2015:

Station	Fail#	As % of Fails
PA – T	111	14.47%
PA –M	163	21.25%
BVM	78	10.17%
O2	20	2.61%
Cardiac	82	10.69%
Spn-Sup	157	20.47%
Spn-Sea	67	8.74%
Bleed	28	3.65%
LB	32	4.17%
Jnt	29	3.78%
Total	767	

#### B. Aroostook and Washington Counties Pearson Vue Sites - Update

Work continues by Washington County Community College (WCCC) and Northern Maine Community College (NMCC) to development regional testing centers that will include all levels of the National Registry of EMT cognitive exams. Drexell will be meeting with Heather Libby, Testing Coordinator at NMCC during a scheduled visit to Aroostook County at the end of September to tour the school's new testing facility.

#### C. PSE Orientation Program

Joanne LeBrun presented an Examiner Training PowerPoint that she had modified from the New Hampshire Practical Exam Evaluation Training & Education (PEETE) program. Joanne indicated that NH PEETE included a large amount of content about how gain, and maintain, NH evaluation certification, which does not apply to Maine.

The discussion included, but was not limited to:

- That a section addressing the MEMS weapons policy at Practical Skills Evaluations needs to be included in the training; and,
- The possibility of making the examiner training a yearly requirement for PSE examiners;

Based upon discussions with Maine EMS staff, the MEMSEd platform seems to be the best delivery model for examiner orientation.

The Committee also began review of skill sheets in order to develop guidance and clarification for examiners:

- Bleeding/Shock Management
  - Stress that tourniquet tightening is performed on the IV arm only. If a candidate begins tightening the tourniquet on the programmed patient, the examiner needs to redirect the candidate to the IV arm.
  - Don't "ding" the candidate if direct pressure is released in order to immediately apply a tourniquet

- Question – Is it permissible to verbalize positioning and oxygen therapy?
- Bag Valve Mask
  - Clarify the 30 second requirement. Several members considered it reasonable to commence the 30 seconds after the airway adjunct is placed.

The Committee will continue work at its next meeting.

#### 4. New Business

##### A. Random Sampling PSE Model

Committee members discussed the Random Sampling PSE Model, including the number of stations and what skills should be mandatory vs. optional.

Ben Zetterman will research other state's psychomotor skill tests

Given the limited attendance, it was suggested that the discussion continue at the next meeting and that State PSE Administrators be invited to the meeting.

#### 5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

#### 6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White