

**Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 19, 2006
De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta
Minutes**

Present: Jacky Vaniotis-Chair, Kelly Roderick, Glen Targonski, Gary Utgard
Absent: Rick Doughty, Drexell White, Joanne Lebrun, Bill Zito, Rick Miller

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 9:40

a. Assign scribe: Kelly Roderick

b. Additions to the Agenda:

Scott Smith would like to address the group via phone regarding NREMT Testing updates.

Minutes: Minutes were distributed and reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kelly and seconded by Glen. All were in favor.

Old Business

A. Computer Adaptive Testing

Scott advised the group that NREMT have posted the newest Cardiac AED testing sheet and it is now available for use. He also spoke about Pearson Vue and the testing locations that will be available in starting in January. Currently Presque Isle is open to only college programs and they are looking at a location in Washington County.

B. Paramedic Exam Skills Sheets

Members of the committee had been asked to review various paramedic skills sheets prior to today's meeting and the group planned to review each station for possible changes and additions. After much discussion and review the Committee felt it not necessary to move forward with a review of each skill sheet. Having had the Board of EMS approve using NREMT Testing for paramedics beginning on July 1, 2007, it was determined it would be a moot point to change the Maine Skills Sheets at this time. Region 3 will use the current sheets at its December 20th exam, since those were the ones provided to the students during the program.

A motion to recommend to the Board that Maine EMS adopt the following practical skill sheets for practical exams held in Maine at the EMT-Intermediate level for all programs starting after January 1, 2007 was made by Glen and seconded by Gary; approved by all:

**Stations - #3Bleeding – #4Splinting- #5 Spinal- #6 Assessments
it is recommended to use the NREMT Skills Sheets thus eliminating the Maine EMS Skill sheets #3Bleeding #4 Splinting #5 Spinal #6 Assessment.*

A motion to recommend to the board that Maine EMS adopt the following revised practical skill sheets for practical exams held in Maine at the EMT-Intermediate level for all programs starting after January 1, 2007 was made by Glenn and seconded by Gary; approved by all:

**Station #1 Cardiac Maine EMS Skills Sheet for Intermediate (Revised 12/19/06)*

**Station #2 Airway Maine EMS Skills Sheet for Intermediates (Revised 12/19/06)*

**Stations 3/4 Intravenous Therapy and Intravenous Bolus Medications from Current Maine EMS Skills Sheets for Intermediates and adding the revised 3/4C Maine EMS Skills for Paramedics to cover Intramuscular Injection.*

All in favor

Revised sheets will be drafted and submitted to Maine EMS Board along with committee's recommendation. The Committee will work on updating the instructions for each station at its February meeting.

C. Exam Administrators Manual

Nothing new to report

New Business

Alan Leo has been hired as the new licensing agent at Maine EMS, and the committee welcomes him. The committee asked, with Drexell leaving the position of licensing agent, who would become our new staff member on the committee. Jacky will check with Drexell

Next Meeting

It was agreed there would be no meeting in January since we will be hosting the National Registry of EMT's on January 19, 2007. Those wishing to attend this meeting should RSVP to Drexell right away.

Members of the committee decided that the agenda for the February meeting should include establishing goals for the coming year. Also in February, the agenda will include a review of the skill sheets instructions for practical testing to be sure they are accurate, and match the recommendation for what skills sheets to use at the various levels. In February, the committee also needs to address the outdated EMT-Intermediate written exam.