

# Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Fallen Heroes Conference Room, Augusta

## Minutes

**Present:** Jacky Vaniotis – Chair, Joanne LeBrun, Kelly Roderick, Yvonne Drown, Sally Taylor, Jeff Regis, Bob Hawkes, Glen Targonski (Vaniotis, Targonski and Taylor via teleconference)

**Absent:** Rick Doughty, Gary Utgard

**Staff:** Drexell White

**Guests:** Leah Mitchell, Dana Hunnewell

**1. Call To Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

**A. Assign Timekeeper** – The group will keep time for the meeting.

**2. Minutes – February 26, 2008 meeting minutes - review for acceptance**

The minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A typo was noted in the paragraph following the “Call to Order” - “...sh would not be attending...” should be “...he would not be attending...”.

*Motion: To accept the minutes of the February 26, 2008, meeting with the correction of a typo that was noted in the paragraph following the “Call to Order” - “...sh would not be attending...” should be “...he would not be attending...”. (Roderick; second by Targonski - motion carries)*

**3. Old Business**

**A. IPE Survey/IPE Game Plan**

Committee members reviewed the recent IPE survey for which there were 43 responses. Committee members performed a question by questions review and discussed:

- Current IPE requirements, including the “3 point” critical skill deduction. Questioned was whether the current method of a 3 point deduction was sufficient or whether it should be increased (e.g., a five point deduction per missed critical skill);
- Pass/fail rates for IPE vs. the “old” EMT-B practical exam;
- The ambiguity of the survey results; in several questions, responses were fairly evenly split between agreeing and disagreeing with a statement. While the current IPE garnered some unfavorable responses, there were no innovative models presented as a replacement;
- The system of practical skills evaluation in place (i.e., the IPE) and whether it filled the requirements for minimum EMS competency testing in Maine;
- Pass rates for the current IPE and the “old” BLS practical exam. Previous reviews set the pass rate for the “old exam” in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, while the IPE pass rate is in the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Committee member requested the following data:

- Potential difference of the (current) 3 point per critical skill deduction vs. a 5 point per critical skill deduction. Bob Hawkes will review his students’ skill sheets from past IPEs conducted at Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) and provide a comparison of pass/fail rates based upon the 3 vs. 5 point deduction.

- Pass percentages for IPE students. Drexell will track per student percentage scores for IPEs in order to chart the degree to which a student passed an IPE (.e.g., did the student pass with a 70% completion of skills or an 85% skill completion).

#### **B. Intermediate Practical Exam**

Drexell reported repeated attempts to contact the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) about using NREMT basic skill sheet information in the basic skill sheet revisions for the Maine EMS Intermediate Exam.

Committee members reviewed a draft “Bleeding Control/Shock Management” skill sheet; consensus was that the design of the revised sheet was consistent with last month’s recommendations.

Once contact has been made with NREMT, Kelly Roderick will continue work on the skill sheets.

#### **4. To Do List**

Jacky made note of the updated Maine EMS website and the IPE resource information added therein. She thanked staff for bringing the exam minutes and resource information up-to-date on the website.

#### **5. New Business - None**

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Exam committee is scheduled for Tuesday April 22, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS

#### **7. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White