

EMT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2008
WHITE MOUNTAIN CAMPUS – NPC
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Peggy Belknap	Lynn Browne-Wagner	Clint Burden
Brian Gardner	Bonnie Pastorino	Ron Squire
Darren McDowell	Richard Wallace	

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Randy Chevalier Che Kelley Tina Tessay Dr. Roger Williams

WELCOME

-Lynn Browne-Wagner welcomed everyone and led the meeting.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

-The minutes from the last meeting were adopted by Ron Squire and seconded by Clint Burden.

EMT PREP COURSE DISCUSSION

-Lynn Browne-Wagner talked about the first EMT Prep Course NPC has offered. It started on Feb 7th and ends on Feb 15th. Both Lynn and Brian Gardner are very impressed with the textbook they are using. One was brought to the meeting for everyone to look at. Lynn said the students will now have a better knowledge of medical terms when they start the EMT Basic class as the Prep Course is teaching them about roots and suffixes of words.

EMT BASIC CLASS DISCUSSION

-Lynn mentioned that next semester the EMT Basic class will be cut back to 120 classroom hours from 140. This will allow us to add 20 hours to vehiculars which we've never had before. The 10 hours of clinicals the students do will remain the same. The vehiculars hours will give them experience in the back of an ambulance. Clint Burden said he prefers to be able to check out a students skill in the back of an ambulance before hiring them so he liked this idea.

-Darren McDowell asked where the ambulance was that we were supposed to be purchasing. Peggy Belknap explained that the funds for that were cut by the Federal Government.

-Ron Squire wanted to know if the EMT Basic class tries to involve secondary schools. Lynn and Brian said at this time no because students need to be 18 per DHS rules to be able to be certified in AZ as EMT's. Clint Burden mentioned that they must be 21 to drive the ambulance per insurance policies.

-Ron said he went to a meeting regarding Carl Perkins money and we must have articulation agreements before getting approved for a grant.

-We have changed the EMT Basic program from a 7 credit class to 9 credit hours

2009 PROPOSED NEW CURRICULUM

-Lynn mentioned the next paramedic class we will be offering won't be until August 2009. The reason for this is that the numbers enrolling in the paramedic program have been dropping and there is a new proposed curriculum and we want it in place before we offer another course.

-DOT and NITSA were the original creators of the paramedic curriculum. Now it's being turned over to each individual program to create their own curriculum.

-Lynn and Brian attended a meeting in Phoenix with DHS to discuss all these changes. To be able to teach a paramedic program a site will need to be nationally certified first. This will cost around \$5,000 to become certified. Lynn will be working on getting the application process done and submitted so NPC can continue to teach these classes. If NPC doesn't get approval for this, then in 2011 we will have to stop teaching pre-hospital classes.

-Lynn and other instructors from around the state have agreed to form a committee and work on dividing up the curriculum so not everyone is recreating the wheel. Each person will be responsible for writing the curriculum in a specific area and they will all share this information.

-Lynn volunteered to be a part of the DHS committee that will be working on these changes. There will be a standard level of care everyone must meet and from there they can add anything else they want to their program.

-Between 2009 to 2013 every certified pre hospital personnel will need to take a transition course to the new rules or they will no longer be able to practice.

-The plan is to move the pre-hospital certification into a degreed program i.e. looking at licensure instead of certification.

DHS AUDIT

-Lynn mentioned that we have been notified by DHS about our program audit. This is routine and was expected. The audit will take place within the next 90 days. Peggy said she's not worried about it as the EMT department will have everything in order for the audit.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

-Lynn mentioned that Summitt Healthcare is building a Sim Lab for Norman. We will move him over there and allow the hospital to use him in the education classes. NPC will have first rights to him.

-Ron said there was \$10,000 available for professional development. Part of these funds helped pay for Brian to attend training in Florida the week of Feb 18th.

-Ron also mentioned there are funds available for articulation. He wants us to finalize our inventory list for each location so he can apply for Carl Perkins money.

-Lynn said she wanted to order Smart Boards

ADJOURNMENT

-It was agreed that we would hold our next meeting next semester on September 19 at 10 am. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30