

EMT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2009
WHITE MOUNTAIN CAMPUS – NPC
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Peggy Belknap	Randy Chevalier	Dr. Roger Williams
Lynn Browne-Wagner	Brian Gardner	Richard Wallace
Clint Burden	Bonnie Pastorino	Tina Tessay

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Darren McDowell

WELCOME

- Bonnie welcomed everyone

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- The minutes from our last meeting October 13, 2008 were adopted pending the change to show that Richard Wallace had been present at the meeting.

ASSESSMENT OF EMT 130 AND 240 – EMT PREP/MEDIC PREP COURSE

- Brian spoke about EMT 130 the Basic Prep Course. Last semesters failure rate was about 5-10% compared to the semester prior where we didn't have the prep course which was around 40-50%. This semester we seem to have more students failing than last but we've noticed we have more with learning disabilities that haven't been diagnosed. We waived the prep course for anyone who had previous EMS experience, a bachelor's degree, had taken anatomy and physiology prior or were CNA's already. We will research at the end of the semester and see if the people who fail out had been waived from taking the prep course.
- Lynn spoke about EMT 240 Medic Prep Course. 29 students signed up and three weeks into the program she expects maybe 15 to pass the class. She said she's noticing students who are having problems reading and understanding what they're reading. All students have passed the Compass (reading) test through the college already.
- Clint Burden asked if the college had advisors to help students who are interested in our programs. Peggy mentioned it's the advisors roll to help students prepare for their career. A lot of people want to get into FRS/EMT classes who have lost their jobs recently. They feel this is a solid field to enter. Lynn told Clint that we'd be doing more hands on skills testing for competency than we've done

before. This should help weed out people who are book smart but not competent in skills.

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

- Lynn said that any educational facility that wants their paramedic students to be national certified must be an approved facility by 2013. NPC is working towards getting their accreditation status. We aren't eligible for a sight visit until we have a medic program in progress so we expect the accreditation committee to visit with us this fall.

PARAMEDIC COURSE

- Lynn explained the class would be 2 days a week but not necessarily in the classroom both of those days. Students will have a lot of on line assignments and papers they will need to do. We'll be using the Sim Lab at Summit... Clint wanted to know if people had to have a sponsoring agency or medical direction to take the medic class. Lynn said no

FIRE SCIENCE/EMT COMBO

- Lynn mentioned she and Brian had a meeting with the FRS department about coordinating our classes so students could get their FRS and EMT done in two semesters. It was determined that HAZ Mat, First Responder and EMT would be offered to Fire Science students in the fall and Fire Science 1 & 2 would be in the spring. If students wished to take EMT they will do it in the fall. In the spring, Fire students cannot take EMT concurrently. Randy Chevalier mentioned that he believed the reason FRS classes ran Sept to Mar was to avoid the wild land fires and Fire School. It's being proposed to run FRS classes Jan – May and Aug – Dec. Peggy said if a private agency wanted to run an FRS program the college wouldn't dictate the dates they had to run it to and from.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

- Clint wanted to know if we'd be getting any smart boards. Peggy said we may be able to get a grant through Carl Perkins.
- Lynn told the group about our new classroom which we were meeting in. These will rooms will now be dedicated to EMT only.
- In February Lynn attended a conference in L.A. to become qualified as a national registry instructor. She still has to take a final exam somewhere in the US to get the accreditation.
- Brian asked if the FRS agencies would be willing to send their medic students to Alabama for Federal training in chemical warfare, weapons of mass destruction, mass casualty and hot zone training. FEMA and the federal government pay all expenses for the students to attend this. It would be incorporated into the medic program as part of the curriculum. Clint, Randy and Richard all said this was a

- great school to attend and they were sure their agencies would agree to let the students be gone to it.
- Lynn expects to have a contract with Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix by the time the new medic class starts. All medic students will have to do a couple of rotations at MMC for their clinicals due to the experience they will receive. They will also be required to do some vehiculars hours with Glendale or Mesa Fire Dept.
 - We discussed the on line testing we're trying this semester. It's not working for Lynn's students in Holbrook due to computer issues for the students from the Navajo reservation. Brian's students in Snowflake aren't having a problem. Shawn's students in Show Low don't like it and neither does he. We will be reevaluating this system of teaching for next semester.
 - Brian said we now have a check off sheet for skills for students when they do their vehiculars which we didn't have in the past. This is for the EMT Basic's only.
 - Peggy thanked everyone for their participation in our advisory committee and the support they give our programs. She also spoke about the difficult economic times we're in. She said the college has asked for a \$4 increase per credit hour but it hasn't been approved yet. The college is also talking about dropping the tuition break so the medic program could cost each student somewhere between \$4000-5000.
 - Dr. Williams and Lynn spoke about getting together to try to get Summit to allow the medic students to use their full skills. Summit follows medical protocol of Flagstaff and some of their standing orders limit the medics in what they can do. Dr. Williams said someone needed to be proactive in trying to get Summit to get rid of their "old" ways of doing things.
 - Tina Tessay said Whiteriver Hospital has a new Base Hospital Medical Director. His name is Dr. Jason Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT

- Our next meeting will be sometime in October. Bonnie will send out a list of dates and see which one works best for everyone.