Committee Minutes	Continuing Education Committee
Date	6-15-2021
Time	10:11AM
Location	Virtual web Ex /Iris Room 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, Tennessee in person also optional
Participants	 Members Present: Chairman- Kirk Harris (Roane State); Ed Jetters (Volunteer State), Roger Brown (5); Leah Gray (Jackson State), Dustin Housewright (Region 1), Chris McLain (Region 2); Jeremy Vaden-State Parks (Region 6); Jonathan Wood (Region 7); (Region 8); Lee Blair (COPEC); Tim Lankford (TEMSEA); Jonathan Wood Reg 7 & (Initial Education Committee Representative); Kevin King, location needed. Terri Crutcher location needed. Brian Tompkins (Region 4 Consultant); Randall Kirby (EMS Consultant at Large); LeeAnne Boeringer (Region 6 Consultant). State EMS Director, Brandon Ward, Assistant State EMS Director, Chip Cook. Members Absent: Brian Williams Region 4, Tim Langford (TEMSEA), Jeremy Vaden- State Parks & R-6, Bill Webb R-4, David Burdett-R-3, Brian Thomkson State OEMS R-4, LeeAnne Boeringer State OEMS R-6.
	Please make sure LeeAnne has your correct location by your name. Thanks. LeeAnne. Boeringer@tn.gov

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Kirk Harris & Tory Ferguson	Roll Call/Introduction	Roll Call (results are listed above) a quorum was deemed present. Above51% present. 8/15 Per Chair.			
Kirk Harris	Minutes Approval	Motion to approve December 8 th , 2020. Meeting minutes. No quorum for March 2021 meeting. Discussion. Unable to hear due to mics not on. My regrets- L. Boeringer Motion- unable to obtain, 2 nd Chris McLain. No corrections noted. All agree. March meeting- No quorum- Meeting minutes unofficial. June 15, 2021- LeeAnne absent- Someone from meeting taking minutes, unable to hear name. Kirk also taking notes.			
Kirk Harris	Old Business Discussed:				

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Jonathan Wood	Initial Education Committee Report	 Short meeting, 40 minutes. Military Branch discussed. Subcommittee, Blevins, Eric Mccullough, Brian Tompkins. Assembled. Civilian report Status. Working on this. Motion to replace Drew Hooker with Eric Jesse. Passed. Austin Peay program and Dyersburg State mentioned. 	Work continues	Randy White	Undetermined at this time.
Kirk Harris	State Website	 Kirk working from running agenda. Looking better and better. Good education and continued education opportunities listed. Keep looking at renewal prospects. Feedback send to Chip Cook. 		Chip Cook Kirk	
Kirk Harris	CE Broker	 Continue to promote across the state. Confusion exists for students and licensee. Renewal vs LARS (TN regulations) and NREMT. Continued calls to programs and OEMS office. Free version helpful the most. Give information while students are still in class. This group came up with that very useful. 	None		
Brandon Ward		Solution needed to streamline the information, what and how to get more information out.			

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Brandon Ward		CE Broker is just a digital file cabinet for keeping the CE's. Used for Audit process and If an account is available for audit then licensee will not have to produce the certificates. A letter will be generated with congrats you have been audited. Time effective.			
		Also concerning licensee still waiting until the last day of the month. The system will set them out and then they showed expired. Why wait. CE Broker can help and its free.			
Chip Cook		Numbers provided weekly: May 7, 2021 thru June 11, 2021 report given: 5860 Active Accounts 888 Professional Accounts 874 Type account (did not hear type) 27 Concierge accounts (EMS Services)			
		5860 May 2021 5860 June 2021 Increase noted			
Chip Cook		Other data given: New accounts 5342 Paramedic 888 AEMT's 4411 EMT 1044 Critical Care Specialized education can also be listed in CE Brooker to aide in proof of class attended. Assist our office to work more efficiently.			

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Kirk Harris		Asking this group to think on how we can work on this to remedy all the questions and confusion for everyone. Pediatric training very specific to TN renewal. Once done with NREMT renewal does not cover TN. Link to LARS on website. Bring back suggestions.			
Kirk Harris Brandon Ward	Mental Health Education	 Training ideas needed. Flow is to Kirk then to Brandon Ward. Dr. Smith provided some good information to Kirk. Brandon will review. Good organizations we are in talks with them now. Grant funding. Started in one region and will quickly move to others. Professional providers are included in the education. Abuse of providers may be added. Good idea for m this group. Substance abuse is a hot topic. Should be included as well. Legalizing marijuana discussed. At some point our Board will need to 	Ask for approval to add and link info.	Kirk Harris	

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		exempt for medical use. We are watching the legislation closely.			
Kirk Harris		When the EMS Board needs ethical class content for folks with substance abuse issues, some think it may be a good idea to use volunteer providers who have been through			
Brandon Ward		this and can provide video etc. for education in this field. This cannot be required of someone but good idea. Ask for volunteers.			
Kirk Harris Jonathan Wood Brandon Ward	Best Practice for Virtual Conferences	 Jonathan and Chris McLain mentioned. Jonathan sent out for edits and comments. None received. Jonathan would like to send out again. What constitutes attendance, tracking of attendance. Keep it simple for all region sizes. Maintain integrity of virtual conference. Our Office is back to everything in person now. No fault of anyone. Virtual not proven yet for EMS. NR results reflect this. We must get this right. Discussion on face-to-face vs virtual. Virtual must be interactive. No one leaves with a question unanswered.	Provide item for review from group	Johnathan Wood	Due by next meeting

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Kirk Harris	New Business	Question from the group on Fire Department can have its own IC for training CE's? Or does this have to be an IC from Ambulance Service?			
Brandon Ward		The rules currently state IC from a Transport Service. Fire usual do not transport so it is limited. These items need to be revisited in rule making. We understand. Must go by current rule. Discussion on rule making hearings and cases back logs due to covid restraints. We do need a rule making hearing soon. Discussion of F endorsement.			
Kirk Harris		I would like all committee to review the rules in their respective areas and bring back areas that are stagnant and need to be addressed. We want rules to be fluid. We need to bring these item that need change to the Board at one time like a package. If this group could review Rules/Regs and bring them back in December, we may be able to move things like this forward.	CE Committee as a whole.		
		Recommendation- for this group to review the rules on CE work on areas of verbiage to present to the board for changes. For Rule Making hearing. Arm Brandon with verbiage to change CE rules and take to the EMS Board. 3 Suggestions for changes needed. Jonathan	CE Committee as a whole. Could not hear this.	Kirk Harris	By December meeting.

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		Send other areas for other rule making needs to EMS Regional Associations for comments for Rule Making soon.			
Kirk Harris	Adjournment	Thank you to Terri Crutcher for her work on			
		the committee. This will be her last committee meeting. She will be moving to Austin Peay,			
		Congrats! No replacement yet.			
		Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 Motion Jonathan Wood.			
		2nd McLain. Next meeting date – September 14, 2021 10			
		AM. Moved to 9-28-2021. Location In- Person, Iris Room			
		L. Boeringer 9-22-2021 Recorded.			