

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

<b>Committee Minutes</b>	Education Committee
<b>Date</b>	March 25, 2014
<b>Time</b>	1:00 P.M.
<b>Location</b>	Iris Room 665 Mainstream Drive
<b>Participants</b>	<p>Members present: Curt Aukerman, David Blevins, Roger Brown, David Burdette, DeVette Carter, Kirk Harris, Liz Reeves (for Elisabeth Henley), Drew Hooker, Clyde Jackson, Bonnie Maynard, Roger McDiffett, Don Mosby, Dennis Parker, Regina Pearson, Alan Pittman, Eric Powell, Jeffery Roberts, Elvy Rorie, Tim Lankford (in for Lynn Thompson), Cynthia Turnmire, Billy Webb, Matthew White, Donna Tidwell, Keith Hodges, Stephen Sutton, and Lee Anne Boeringer.</p> <p>Members absent: Tim Booher, Art Bratcher, David Bryant, Dave Cauthen, Richard Collier, Robert Davis, Darren Ellenburg, Glenn Faught, Joe Holley, Chris Massingale, David McBurnett, Eric McCullough, Sherrie Releford, Brenda Rivera, Phil Sanderson, Shay Steel, Shelley Trigg, Randy White, and Mark Wilbanks.</p>

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<b>Donna Tidwell</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	Ms. Tidwell called the roll.			
	<b>MINUTE APPROVAL</b>	Gina Pearson motioned to approve the minutes and Kirk Harris seconded. Motion passed			
	<b>Update on the Transaction Course</b>	Ms. Tidwell stated that they have had 3,067 signed up for the online portion and have licensed 435 of them. This has exceeded the expectation and is going well. They have had some issues because of the updates; the system has been down two (2) times for updates. But most of the issues have been when the users do not listen to the instructions or they have the wrong server. Ms. Tidwell asked them to make sure that they have the right equipment to teach the class. Ms. Tidwell stated that she knows they get the license number, but asked them to check and make sure the student name and license number match each other. Stephen			

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		<p>Sutton came in at 1:10. There was a question sent by a student by an email asking about their certificates and it went out to everyone and they are not sure why. Someone explained how that happened. Ms. Tidwell asked if anyone has heard anything about the transition course. Mr. Mosby asked if they would get CEU's for taking the transition course. Ms. Tidwell explained that they are not giving CEU's anymore, that now they are contact hours (CH). She stated that they would get awarded eight (8) contact hours for the work they did with the transition course. Ms. Tidwell stated that they should have gotten an email from the Consultant's. Ms. Tidwell asked them not to prepopulate the forms with the check marks already on it, if they wanted to type all the names in and then print it off that was fine. There was a question about getting a transaction course number for their students. Ms. Tidwell stated if that they wanted to request a class number for the whole month would be fine and they send the classes in once a month. Ms. Tidwell asked if they had a problem with making one course number per month, per service. Elvie Rory asked how many of those eight (8) hours would be pediatric. Ms. Tidwell stated it would be about three and a half hour of those would be pediatric. Mr. Rory asked about glucagon, Ms. Tidwell stated it was approved by the Board and was removed from the I-85 IV section. Mr. Rory stated that the Consultants send out an email to make sure they have the</p>			

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		<p>training. Ms. Tidwell stated she would send out one to ask them to make sure that they ask if they have the training in glucagon. Ms. Tidwell asked if anyone had any question on the transaction course and thanked everyone for their patient with getting it up and running.</p>			
	<p><b>Out of State Programs Distance Education</b></p>	<p>Ms. Tidwell stated at the last Committee meeting they asked for a Committee to be formed that never got put together; this was to look over the Out of State Programs Distance Education. Ms. Tidwell stated that she was in a COA meeting and something came to her attention that may help them. She brought it to legal and they said they could do this. In COA sponsorship it stated they must be authorized under applicable law or other acceptable authority to provide post-secondary programs and to approve college credit. The COA Committee and the Board interpreted that as they must meet all laws both education and EMS laws that are for that training. This means that each state has to document that they have the notified the state ems office that they have students in that state and it is up to the state officials to make sure they are following our standards and policy. Keith Hodges told Ms. Tidwell that they must follow our rules if they are doing business in our state. This means that the schools will have to come before the Board to get their program approved if they want us to accept their program. Ms. Tidwell stated that the other item was about the medical direction.</p>			

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		<p>Ms. Tidwell stated that if the student wants to do the clinical in our state, they must have a written contract agreement with an unencumbered Tennessee licensed Physician. Ms. Tidwell stated that they have got the paramedic standards rewrote and have been sent to KHep for approval and believes that they will be ready for release in 2016. Ms. Tidwell stated that they can have different distance learning come in; they just have to meet our standards. Ms. Tidwell explained what they have to have before they can come in and do an internship in Tennessee. They will only have to come for approval once before the Board unless they have changes, they will still have to do the annual report, just like a Tennessee school. Ms. Tidwell asked if they have any question. Mr. Sutton asked about the ones just doing ride along. Ms. Tidwell stated that is up to the service.</p>			
	<b>NREMT Report</b>	<p>Ms. Tidwell went over the State and the National pass rate. Ms. Tidwell stated that she was in a meeting with National Registry and talked to them about getting more Pearson Vue sites. Ms. Tidwell went over all the approved sites and the ones she is working on. Ms. Tidwell has asked Registry to be able to pull from the application date to have clean data for the results.</p>			
	<b>Educator Rules</b>	<p>Ms. Tidwell stated that Mr. Harris needs to get his Committee back together again to go over the Instructor rules so they match the levels.</p>			
	<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Mr. Rory asked about the rule about the new number of hours that they have to get to renew. Ms. Tidwell stated we have to follow the rule,</p>			

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		<p>but we also have to give them time. Effective January 1, 2015 they have to renew with that total number of hours and have to have the total number of pediatric hours because they are already identified. Chip Cook has been keeping a tally of the total number of hours in each category with what they send in and it will be brought to the Committee in June 2015 to see how many would be able to meet the requirements. Then the Committee will make a discussion if they need to change it. It was brought to the attention of the Committee that they have already started putting the requirements on the back of the renewal packets.</p> <p>There was a question if there was any news from the Attorney General's Office (AG) about letting the IC doing in-house certificates. Ms. Tidwell explained that the AG office looks at all the agency and they have to look at the one that is the most important.</p> <p>Ms. Tidwell went over the two bills that are in the Legislative Office.</p> <p>Ms. Tidwell talked about the bill that Commerce and Insurance has that will affect EMS. Commerce and Insurance has a killed in the line of duty benefits for firefighters and police for \$25,000 and it has been changed to include 911 operators and has been moved up to \$100,000. Ms. Tidwell state3d that there is an appealing of the Helmet Law and has a potential of being removed. There is another legislative bill out that if passed will require all</p>			

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		<p>application to have the ability to be done on-line and be able to pay fees on-line. They will still require them to fill out an application for the class folder, but this should help the office when the classes start to come in. Mr. Sutton asked about having more information about the bills that are coming in. It was said that the TASA website has this information on their website. There was a question about the AEMT enrollment, will there be a cap on how many you can have. Ms. Tidwell stated that the labs still should be a one (1) to twelve (12) and the space that is available and they are encouraged to go look at the educational standards. COA will in the future approve the AEMT program and if you already have a paramedic program you will be approved. Currently COA will not accredit an EMT or an EMR program they do not have enough hours.</p>			
	<b>EMS Statistic Report</b>	Ms. Tidwell went over the EMS Statistic Report with the Committee.			
	<b>Compact State's</b>	<p>Ms. Tidwell asked if any of them have heard of the Compact State. This will allow EMT and Paramedics that work in a service that is licensed in Tennessee but based in another state and this is the only service they work for, they will not have to have a Tennessee state license. This will not cover anyone who works at a service that is based in Tennessee. This will also allow us to take action against them if they come before the Board.</p>			
	<b>Mark King</b>	Ms. Tidwell went over the Mark King initiative			

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		<p>with National Registry and if we could do it. The Mark King initiative is if someone has ever held National Registry at any time and did not keep it, they could come back and get it without testing to receive it back but would have to keep it from then on. This is something they whole state would have to agree on. Ms. Tidwell stated she would ask the Board if that is something they would like to see.</p>			
	<b>New Business</b>	<p>Mr. Sutton asked Ms. Tidwell if a Committee can be appointed to look at the Vent Medic specialty certification. Ms. Tidwell explained what the Vent Program was. The ventilation program was started before the Critical Care and allowed the service that transported vent patient to have the training and allows them to charge the CMS. Ms. Tidwell stated that the vent program was just looked over not long ago. Ms. Tidwell stated that she would be glad to look at it again, but not sure if there is anything else to do.</p> <p>Ms. Tidwell asked if there was any more new business.</p>			
	<b>Instructor Rules</b>	<p>Ms. Tidwell stated that they are working on the instructor rules. They have to work on getting the AEMT Instructor requirements in them. There will probably be a grandfather clause for the one that have are Paramedic and are instructor's that they will be able to teach the AEMT. Ms. Tidwell stated that this Committee will see everything that the sub-committee will be doing before it goes anywhere. They are just to be aware that when it comes back to this</p>			

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		<p>Committee it will be a draft.</p> <p>It was requested that a list of everyone that is on the Committee be sent out. Ms. Tidwell let them know that they can go to the website to find out all the schools with their names, contact person, and number. She also asked if they see anything that needs to be updated to please let her know.</p> <p>Ms. Tidwell sent out congratulation to South Eastern Institute they got their KHep approval for a paramedic program. There are some that are due a site visit for reaccreditation.</p> <p>It was stated that there is an open paramedic practical at Chattanooga State. For the ones that do not know that they hold Regional, quarterly open practical's for EMT, AEMT and Paramedics. Ms. Tidwell asked them to let their students know that if they wait to take the written a year after the practical they have to take it again before they can get National Registry. The written and the practical must be taken in the same twelve (12) month time frame.</p> <p>Ms. Tidwell asked them to get the practical dates for the paramedic in early to be able to coordinate better.</p> <p>Ms. Tidwell asked if anybody had anything they needed to look at for the next meeting.</p>			
		<p>Next meeting is June 24, 2014</p> <p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.</p>			