

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

<b>Committee Minutes</b>	Education Committee
<b>Date</b>	June 23, 2015
<b>Time</b>	1:00 P.M.
<b>Location</b>	Iris Room 665 Mainstream Drive
<b>Participants</b>	<p>Members present: Curt Aukerman, Roger Brown, John Dodson, Levo Phillips (Proxy for Elisabeth Reeves), Drew Hooker, Tim Lankford, David McBurnett, Roger McDiffett, Don Mosby, Dennis Parker, Sherrie Relefore, Brenda Rivera, Jeffery Roberts, Cynthia Turnmire, Tom Barry, Chris McClain (Proxy for JR Gore), Justin Smith, Donna Tidwell, Brandon Ward, Nita Jernigan, and Keith Hodges.</p> <p>Members Absent: David Blevins, Tim Booher, Art Bratcher, David Bryant, David Burdette, DeVette Carter, Dave Cauthen, Robert Davis, Darren Ellenburg, Glenn Faught, Kirk Harris, Dr. Joe Holley, Chris Massingale, Bonnie Maynard, Eric McCullough, Regina Pearson, Allen Pittman, Elvy Rorie, Tim Strange, Stephen Sutton, Shelley Trigg, Billy Webb, Matthew White, and Randy White</p>

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<b>Donna Tidwell</b>	<b>Roll Call/Introduction</b>	Roll Call			
	<b>Minute Approval</b>	Mr. McDiffett motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. McBurnett seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.			
<b>Donna Tidwell</b>	<b>NREMT Report</b>	Mrs. Tidwell went over the fee increase that will go into effect January 1, 2017 for the NREMT testing. The fees will increase be \$10.00 to \$15.00 more. Mrs. Tidwell then went over the June report and reported that there were no paramedic exams during the second quarter. Mrs. Tidwell let the Committee know that she is working with Ann, who is the liaison for the state offices. They are working hard to get the reports that they need. Mrs. Tidwell went over the programs and what sections of the programs that they are having problems with and which programs they are not have problems with. Mrs. Tidwell asked Mr. Roberts to go over what changes they have			

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		<p>made to their programs. Mrs. Tidwell stated that one of their concerns that she has gotten from some of the program directors was NREMT definition of near passing verses passing verses failing. Mrs. Tidwell explained what that meant. Mrs. Tidwell reminded them that this is not the I-85 exam. Mrs. Tidwell let the Committee know that they can go in and sign up for the AEMT assessment exam so they can see what type of questions are being asked. This may be for instructional purposes. If so they need to let Mrs. Tidwell or Nita Jernigan know so they can approve it. Mrs. Tidwell went over the other programs and let the Committee know where we stood in the national standards. Mrs. Tidwell went over if anybody is in the military and enters one of their programs; they enter what they call COOL program. They must be former military and are coming back and they are ready to take the NREMT exam the military will pay for it. They must do their own research to find out how to make application. This is the way the military is helping former military to be able to gain there license. Mrs. Tidwell went over what the military 68 whisky are trained for and as long as Ft. Sam Houston signs off on the Federal Verification they can come in as an EMT-IV. Then they can transition to an AEMT. Mrs. Tidwell did ask that they continue to offer the AEMT transition courses. Mrs. Tidwell stated that in 2016 they will be transitioning to a new portfolio, which should</p>			

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		help keep take some stress off getting rooms for the practical.			
	<b>Questions</b>	<p>Mrs. Tidwell went over the new rules that talked about the CEU's that the Board approved. We needed a document that let the office know what CEU's that a licensed person could have. The office did a one (1) year study on audits, this was to see who would have enough to renew. Mrs. Tidwell explained what the results where. Mrs. Tidwell then went over what Nita and she came up with for hours. Mrs. Tidwell asked if the Committee thought that this was a feasible request. Mr. Hooker has concerns about cardiac, medical and trauma being lumped together and believes cardiac needs to be alone. Mr. McDiffett agreed with Mr. Hooker. Mrs. Tidwell stated that she does think at some time the hours will have to be revisited. But they have to take it to the Board for approval. Lynn Thompson went over what the Board had wanted and stated that this is a good place to start. Mrs. Tidwell stated that they could request that they ask for all the CEU's when they do the audit, not just the number that they are required to have. Mrs. Tidwell stated she needs a motion to send this document to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Parker motions to accept the document as written to start the physical year 2016-2017. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mr. Hooker asked if they will continue to track this and would like to revisit this in 12 to 24 months to make sure that the cardiac category is not declining.</p>			

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		<p>Motion passed with a voice vote with one opposed. The document will be presented to the Board.</p>			
	<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>There was a question about initiating blood. Mrs. Tidwell stated that Dr. Holley is finishing the approved clinical practices form. This will allow CCEMT-P to carry blood from one (1) facility to another.</p> <p>Dr. Parker wanted to let the Committee know that Tennessee Tech and Vol State is working together. Mrs. Tidwell stated that Motlow State is moving there paramedic program to Shelbyville. Mrs. Tidwell then let the Committee know that they have their first program for out of state in Mass. She then went over the requirements to be in the program and what the program has to have.</p> <p>Mr. Lankford went over the TEMSEA conference and let everyone know when it will be.</p> <p>Mrs. Tidwell went over the symposium that is coming in August and they will have an EMS color guard to open the symposium.</p>			
		<p>Mr. McDiffett talked about doing away with the certificate and make it a degree program. They were discussion this would help to advance the profession and may help increase pay. Mr. Thompson suggested that the Committee make a subcommittee to look at this more. Mrs. Tidwell stated there had been suggested in past meeting students start academics at the EMT level so by the time they get to the Paramedic level they will be</p>	<p><b>Members for the subcommittee</b>  <b>Brenda Rivera,</b>  <b>Chris McClain,</b>  <b>Curt Aukerman, Jeff Roberts, Roger McDiffett, David</b></p>		

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		able graduate with degree. Maybe something to consider for future classes. There was a motion to move forward with request to look at making the paramedic a degree by Mr. McBurnett and there was seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.	<b>McBurnett, Justus Smith, Drew Hooker, Levo Phillips, and Tim Strange</b>		
		Next meeting is September 22, 2015 Motion to adjourn the meeting.			