

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Continuing Education Committee
Date	9-28-2021
Time	10:00 AM
Location	Iris Room 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, Tennessee in person also optional
Participants	<p>Members Present: Chairman- Kirk Harris (Roane State); Ed Jetters (Region 9?), Roger Brown (Region 5); Leah Gray (Jackson State), Dustin Housewright (Region 1), Chris McLain (Region 2); (Region 6); Jonathan Wood (Region 7); (Region 8); Lee Blair (COPEC); Jonathan Wood Reg (7) & (Initial Education Committee Representative); Kevin King, location needed (Region ?); Bill Webb (Region 4); David Burnett (Region 3); Brian Williams (Region ?); New Member- Vincent Clark, Memphis Fire (Region 8); Brian Tompkins (Region 4 Consultant); LeeAnne Boeringer (Region 6 Consultant). State EMS Director, Brandon Ward, Assistant State EMS Director, Chip Cook.</p> <p>Members Absent: Tim Langford (TEMSEA), Jeremy Vaden- State Parks & R-6. Please make sure LeeAnne has your correct location by your name. Thanks.LeeAnne.Boeringer@tn.gov</p>

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Kirk Harris & Tory Ferguson	Roll Call/Introduction	<p>Roll Call (results are listed above) a quorum was deemed present. Above 51% present. 13/15 Per Chair.</p> <p>Mics on please. Cell Phones off, State you name when making comments for minutes please. Mr. Vincent Clark joins and is with Memphis Fire. Mr. Clark recognized by the Chair and added to meeting. Add email to Kirk's list please at end of meeting.</p> <p>Agenda off just a bit Kirk will correct later old business vs new business.</p>			
Jonathan Wood	Initial Education Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from this committee to Initial ed committee. EMT to Paramedic report David Blevins. Reconfirmed folks on this committee. Reviewed purposed rule change, approved to be sent to OEMS 	Work continues	Randy White	Undetermined at this time.

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		<p>State Board. Nontraditional programs to be included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy White gave Military report. EMT comparison of AEMT to Bridge Gap analysis compassion. Moving forward. • CIC report given. Off load times discussed, diversion- policies. • New area discussed Keith Douglas TN Care liaison. Covid 19 impacts to services clinical aspects discussed. • NEMSIS best practices. Workshop planned for July 2022. • EMT nebulizer passed. • TSC discussed. Legislation discussed. • Review of Williamson EMS Blood pilot program successful. • EMS education evaluation, Eval forms to Randall. Kirby @tn.gov 			

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Kirk Harris	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State website Looking better and better. Still looking for improvement areas. Send comments to Brandon Ward. Two layers of checks, Chip will also review. • Good education and continued education opportunities listed. • Mental Health on-line training to Brandon and Kirk. Dr. Smith, Dr. Herman assisting to provide sources. • Encourage student to go to website. • Keep looking at renewal prospects. • Feedback send to Chip Cook. 	Feedback called for	Brandon Ward/Chip Cook Kirk Harris	
Kirk Harris Kirk Harris Brandon Ward Brandon Ward		<p>Continue to promote C.E Broker across the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some confusion still exists for students and licensee. • Take students through this while in class. • Free version helpful the most. <p>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.</p>	None		

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<p>Kirk Harris Jonathan Wood</p>	<p>Best Practices for “Virtual Conferences”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent to Blair, McLain tweaked wording to say “it is strongly encouraged to have mediator to monitor online participation. Have a system in place to monitor participants logging on and off. Keep records. 	<p>Send back off to review again and go to full committee. Then can go forth.</p>	<p>Jonathan Woods/Kirk</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>Kirk Harris Dustin Housewright</p>	<p>This should be under Old Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I C accreditation for Fire & Non-Transport Services • Concerns the Rules and Regulations may not be accurate. Can we add new rules to help EMR programs with finding IC’s for agencies who are having a hard time obtaining education/ Refreshers for EMR Programs. Rule changes discussed in detail among the committee members. Brian Tompkins, Director Ward, Assistant Director Cook, Dustin Housewright etc. 			
<p>Chip Cook</p>					
<p>Brandon Ward</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was determined that more Data was needed to poll the agencies to see if this is an isolated issue. Chip Cook to poll the EMS consultants to see how widespread this is. Discussion on I C’s and the need to have some older ones who are not teaching keep their I. C. Director Ward was ok with a rule change going forward but to sure this was as widespread. All agree to Table 			

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Brandon Ward		<p>this as we have time due to Rule making being delayed until 2022 due to above administration changes and a full Board meeting that will not allow this soon. Chip will gather more information and bring back a report to this committee in December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New assistant Commissioner is trying to strengthen and shorten the process of rulemaking time frame, but some items are out of our control. We want to streamline this process and bring more packages for rulemaking all together by departments to the EMS Board for approval. This is our plan. 	A report to this committee.	Chip Cook	By Next Meeting.
Kirk Harris Chris McLain		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TARS Training Next Month Nov. • Region 2 Conference Gatlinburg-Full pediatric offered. 			
Kirk Harris Brandon Ward	New Business	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We need to bring these item that need change to the Board at one time like a package.</p>			

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Kirk Harris		<p>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.</p> <p>2 Suggestions for changes needed. Jonathan Send other areas for other rule making needs to EMS Regional Associations for comments for Rule Making soon.</p>	<p>CE Committee as a whole.</p> <p>CE Committee as a whole.</p>	Kirk Harris	Future
Brandon Ward	CBD Oils TNPAP	<p>Tim from TNPAP Program will be here to discuss CBD Oil and it not being FDA Approved. CBD oil or use not an excuse. It's in many items and students as well as professional EMS providers must know this. If you pop positive on a test for THC this requires an EMS Board discipline process. The office will need to handle this. The board to hear this issue and discuss at next EMS Board meeting.</p> <p>Can we look into this to shorten the process or do a random draw to verify skills? Not sure who brought this up- sorry.</p>			
Brandon Ward					
Brandon Ward	EMR Refresher Check offs for skills.	<p>Yes, we can. Chip is always looking how we can shorten a process. Review and tweak things to help more. We must make sure compliance items are completed. Chip and Brandon discussed ways to make it simpler. Discussion on CQI using the Data system and</p>			

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