

## EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

<b>Committee Minutes</b>	EMS Education Committee
<b>Date</b>	September 17th, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 am CST
<b>Location</b>	Iris Room 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, Tennessee
<b>Participants</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Greg Johnson (Chairperson); William Andrews, Houston Austin, January Bukowitz, Aaron Carl, Joseph Creecy, Jason Fox, Katie Hall, Erik Jesse, Dana Knueven, Frank Miller, Shannon Morphis, Kenneth Oxford, John Reeves, Mike Terrell, Paula Todd, Brian Tompkins, Mark Walker, Devette Carter, Nicholas Santiago, Lynn Sikes</p> <p><b>Central Office:</b> Brandon Ward, State EMS Director, Assistant Director Chip Cook, Russell Gupton</p> <p><b>Members Absent:</b> Mike Alberson, Curt Aukerman, David Bryant, Baker McCool, Chris Davis, Chris DeMott, Mark Edison, Kirk Harris, Kevin King, Mary Mattix</p>

Overall Lead	Topic	Summary/Decisions	Assignment s / Next Steps	Responsible Person	Time Frame
	<b>Roll Call/Introduction</b>	<p>Meeting was called to order. Roll Call (results are listed above): a quorum was deemed present.</p> <p>Devette Carter will be replacing C. Auckerman, Lynn Sikes will be replacing B. McCool, and Nicholas Santiago will be replacing David Bryant.</p>			
	<b>Minute Approval</b>	<p>Motion made to approve minutes by M. Walker, Seconded by F. Miller Discussion: none Approved unanimously by voice vote.</p>			
	<b>Special Presentation</b>	Jason Fox presented about mental health and addressing the challenges of mental health in initial EMS education and the need for the creation and development of a curriculum that		<b>Jason Fox</b>	

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		<p>would be required during initial training and as part of continuing education.                  We would be interested in forming a workgroup.                  Motion made by M. Walker to form a work group to develop mental health curriculum with Jason Fox as the chairperson. K. Hall Seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.                  Work Group: Devin Dickey, Mark Walker, Katie Hall, Joseph Creecy, Nick Santiago, Dana Knueven, William Andrews, Houston Austin</p>			
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>State Practical Testing Instruments</b></p>	<p>Testing instruments were approved at the last meeting along with the course coordinator handbook and instructions for skills examiners.                  No additional needed changes were identified.                  Kudos to the state consultants for implementing these new instruments so quickly and so well.                  The state office is working to push these forms through committee for approval.</p>			
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Subcommittee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Clinical Issues Committee-</b> Met last week with a quorum. Things approved: Nephi (nasal epinephrine), the decision was made to add to the scope of practice.                   Discussion about UVC's and the roll-out across the state. UVC's are approved after medics have taken NRP and your agency has adopted the skill/protocols. Services are required to perform 6 month skill checks.</p>			

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		<p>Discussion about ventilators that have non-invasive CPAP/BiPAP capabilities. Do you have to be a vent medic or critical care medic to use the non-invasive settings?</p> <p>Pulse Ox has been approved as an EMR skill, the glucometer has not received approval as an EMR skill due to CLEA waivers.</p> <p>A work group was developed to be “forward looking.” What practices would be applicable in our state?</p> <p>Review determination of death and obvious death protocols- committee recommendation is to follow current guidelines.</p> <p>Ambulance equipment list update: Allow for substitution for a LSB (LSB for scoop stretcher that can double as an LSB) The committee determined to leave the list as is.</p> <p>ET Tubes: adding uncuffed 3.0, 2.5, &amp; 2.0, are not mandatory but can be added at free will so long as it is an FDA approved piece of equipment.</p> <p>Discussion was also held regarding the review of the EMS compact.</p> <p><b>Practical Scenario Workgroup:</b> A format was chosen that a single scenario can be used to test up to 5 skills. 19 scenarios have been completed at the AEMT level, 7 completed for the Paramedic level.</p>			
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		<p style="text-align: center;">*Workgroup participation was addressed.</p> <p><b>Air Ambulance Committee:</b> Reviewed rules and equipment list</p> <p><b>Ambulance Committee:</b> No updates</p> <p><b>Oversight Committee:</b> No updates</p>			
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EMR to EMT Bridge</b></p>	<p>EMR to EMT bridge could be a more financially viable option for services needing to put EMT-B's in the workforce. Potential con's- less training than traditional EMT, no clinical piece, plus the impending addition of EMT-B to Medic, this type of training could be particularly detrimental. Currently, the subcommittee cannot recommend a pathway that safely meets these needs as is.</p> <p>Lengthy discussion was held to determine what are these specific needs and could there be a pathway to solutions.</p> <p>Until this is done, it is better to deny the recommendation to the board until more information can be gathered.</p> <p>Motion to deny approval of recommendation of EMR to EMT Bridge made by Erik Jessee and seconded by Kaite Hall.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Houston Austin</b></p>	

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		<p>Discussion was held to try to determine what specific issues exist within the EMR to EMT process.</p> <p>Motion and Second removed since there is so much discussion surrounding this topic and this topic needs to be tabled to revisit at a later time.</p> <p>It was suggested by Director Ward that representatives from services, like fire departments, be invited to show up to the next meeting to clarify their needs and help develop potential solutions to said problems.</p> <p>Mike Terrill, William Andrews, and Paula Todd were added to the work group.</p>			
	<p><b>Items sent for approval</b></p>	<p>Review required equipment list for EMT/AEMT programs:</p> <p>Suggestion made to assemble a workgroup to review these lists</p> <p>Motion Made by Katie Hall for an equipment list workgroup to be created, second Erik Jesse</p> <p>Discussion- Have there been any reported incidents of inadequate equipment issues with a school?</p> <p>Instructor Credentials- Current rules allow for nurses to be I/C, but can they teach paramedics skills for which they have no scope?</p>			

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	<b>School Approvals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>			
	<b>Old Business</b>	<p>FP-C or CCP-C as an option for the state critical care test. Morris McDaniel will be attending the state board meeting. Morris McDaniel contract expires 2027.</p>			
	<b>New Business</b>	<p>Program Director Workflow update- EMT/AEMT programs should have a plan for continuity of education services in the event of an unanticipated interruption. Schools/Services should start documenting their plans.</p> <p>Motion to recommend to the board that programs have prep plans be added to the audit list made by Jason Fox and Seconded by Houston Austin Motion Passes</p> <p>It is heavily suggested that instructors review the list of options now available to them to receive their instructor update. This body of instructors should also review what constitutes an update.</p> <p>Would be interested in creating an EMS student association?</p> <p>If you are interested in being on the advisory committee, please contact Russell Gupton</p>			

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		Should paramedic programs include a research component in their curriculum with the requirement to publish?  The discussion was started to add TPATC to the approved trauma course list.			
	<b>Closing Remarks/Adjournment</b>	Motion to Adjourn at 1205			
	<b>Link to Meeting Recording</b>	<a href="https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/9c2e406dffac4b78bdecfaa5726aedad1d">https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/9c2e406dffac4b78bdecfaa5726aedad1d</a>			