

MINUTES  
NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Education and Compliance Committee  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Health Service Regulation Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Raleigh, North Carolina

August 12, 2014  
10:00 am

Members Present

Mr. Todd Baker  
Mr. Terry Barber  
Ms. Carolyn Hughes  
Dr. Elizabeth Kanof  
Ms. Traci Little  
Mr. Donnie Loftis  
Mr. Robert Poe  
Dr. Edward St. Bernard  
Dr. Douglas Swanson

Others Present

Mr. Greg Chapman  
Mr. Joel Faircloth  
Dr. Erin Noste  
Mr. Joe Penner  
Ms. Tonja Mikell-Pool  
Dr. Andrew Thomas  
Mr. Chris Thompson  
Mr. Kenny Weatherington  
Mr. Danny West  
Ms. Joyce Winstead

Members Absent

Dr. Nicholas Benson  
The Honorable Dan Ingle  
Ms. Lynn Norwood

Staff Members Present

Dr. Roy Alson  
Ms. Mallory Bass  
Mr. David Ezzell  
Ms. Alesia Hester  
Mr. Todd Messer  
Mr. Donnie Sides  
Ms. Kimberly Sides

1) Purpose of the Meeting: The committee met to receive updates on OEMS activities of the Education and Compliance Sections.

2) Actions of the Committee:

Mr. Robert Poe called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

(a) Motion was made by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Hughes and approved that:

RESOLVED: The Education and Compliance Committee minutes of May 13, 2014, meeting be approved.

### 3) Other Business:

(a) Mr. Poe announced Ms. Traci Little as the newest member of the Education and Compliance Committee.

(b) Ms. Sides gave the OEMS Compliance Update. She provided an overview of tasks completed from May 1, 2014 – July 31, 2014.

- 2,726 credentials were issued through examination or local continuing education process and 244 through legal recognition
- 352 National Criminal Background reviews were conducted
- 7 enforcement actions were taken against credentialed personnel to include:
  - 1 Suspensions
  - 5 Revocations
  - 1 Letter of Reprimand
- Effective May 1, 2014, the Agency implemented primary electronic fingerprinting for submission of National Criminal History Reviews. Moving to an electronic fingerprinting process has benefited both the individual undergoing the criminal history review and the EMS Agency employing these individuals. The process is running smoothly with the Agency receiving these reports within a 3- to 5-day turnaround time.
- The Agency is working out the requirements needed to offer an electronic payment option to EMS professionals needing to complete national criminal history checks. It is hopeful that this process will go live within the next few weeks.
- The monitoring portion of the EMS Credentialed Personnel Chemical Dependency Recovery and Rehabilitation Program is being completed within the Agency. Should anyone have questions or need further information regarding the program, they may contact Kim Sides, OEMS Compliance Manager at (919) 855-3942.
- In the fiscal note developed for the current rules revision project, moving the monitoring of the Chemical Dependency Program in-house is estimated to save the participant up to \$7,500.00

(c) Mr. Messer gave an update on OEMS Education.

- Mr. Messer introduced Mr. David Ezzell as the newest staff member of the OEMS Education & Compliance section. Mr. Ezzell is the EMS Education Consultant working closely with the Education and Credentialing Manager.
- There are currently nine (9), (an increase of one), CoAEMSP accredited institutions and 15, (a decrease of one) in the “Letter of Review” process.
- The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Emergency Medicine Today conference will be held in Greensboro NC, October 4-8, 2014. Online registration opened on June 1, 2014 and there are currently 250 registrants. There is one available spot open for Vendors.
- Working with Shareholders and Stakeholders to develop a community Paramedic/MIH curriculum. The proposed draft has been established and waiting on additional comments.

- Currently working on draft versions of the Educational Guidelines for initial courses under the Education Standards. A meeting is scheduled for October, 2014 with the Shareholders and Stakeholders to collaborate on the Clinical and Field hours. Six Core content modules are already available.

(d) Mr. Sides gave an update on the OEMS Rules.

- The EMS Advisory Council Rules Revision Task Force has concluded its work in vetting the proposed rule changes. A status report to the Council will be given by the Task Force Chair, Bob Bailey during the full Council meeting today.
- The OEMS is still engaged with interested parties statewide in developing Rules for Community Paramedic programs. There is also ongoing discussion with other state agencies to assist in identifying funding mechanisms to support these programs. As this next cycle of rulemaking progresses, updates will be provided to the Compliance Committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Minutes submitted by Alesia Hester