

Minutes from the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Committee Education Committee from July 18th and August 21, 2014

Advanced Practice Paramedic/Advanced Community Paramedic

1. Community Health Curriculum - see handout. Jay Cloud Education Committee member and the taskforce have met twice. if anyone wants to participate, send Jay your email address; jaycloudLP@gmail.com.

There was discussion is to add pharmacology, operational, history, regulation, home care equipment, pharmacodynamics, physiology and pathophysiology. The package should be in modules/tiers with foundational material. There was discussion about time frame/ cert/ lic/ and what the scope of each community and medical director's needs are.

2. The committee will look to the medical director's committee for feedback and direction before introducing this to the other committees. Joe Schneider and Brett Hart from DSHS advised the committee that there are currently 16 programs in the state of Texas that have Advanced Practice/Advanced Community Paramedics doing right now. We have the list of these providers and are reaching out to them to share their programs with the education committee.

3. The committee thinks this training should be voluntary. The committee discussed legislation for reimbursement and buy in from other groups as well. Committee will continue to work on better definitions and examine the goals of a Community health program. The National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) newsletter, Spring 2013-CHP has goals in it.

4. We will look at European models and Canada. Jay's group will audit each of 16 groups, clarify definitions with MD/ providers, and clarify goals using naemt newsletter, modify the Minnesota definitions. A survey of tasks-practice analysis will also need to be performed.

Strategic Plan Pages 23 & 24.

Opening paragraphs notes :

Remove "45" from "45 comments"

Omit specialty courses listings.

Replace paragraph with "Texas EMS educators, in conjunction with the RACs, should explore innovative ways to educate health care professionals using technology to bridge the distances and time constraints that are barriers to EMS and trauma care education during GETAC meetings and public hearings. EMS educators should work with all systems in urban areas and in rural areas/regions of the state.".

Strategies delete strategy a. Replace with - "Will review and compile a list of pertinent evidence-based literature as it relates to EMS and make it available to the public."

Strategies delete b,c, and d, and replace with: "Will review and make recommendations regarding scope of practice, curriculum, education standards and educational process for Texas recognized emergency medical services personnel."

Strategy e - delete.

Objective 1 - Replace with "Advocate for effective EMS education system that utilizes innovative processes to address individual unique needs (i.e. shift workers) for initial and continuing education for EMS certificants/licensees/providers in all areas of the state." (omit parenthetical remarks)

Objective 2 - "Promote cooperation between education and industry to provide adequate recommendation regarding progression in the standard of care."

Objective 3 - "Foster forward momentum in education using evidence-based medicine."

The next Education Committee Workgroup meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2014 from 9a-3p. The location is TBA