

GETAC Education Committee 11/22/15

Meeting called to order at 0900 by Jodi Harbert

Roll call – Absent Jay Cloud, Lori LeFevers,

1. Development of the Advanced Practice Paramedic Community Health Paramedic curriculum

This joint committee has been meeting and moving forward with Dr. Malone and Ratcliff including representatives from EMS, Education and Medical Direction. The mission has been determined to be establishment of a core content, but not a scope of practice.

2. Review and update the DSHS Emergency Medical Services Education Training Manual

The state does not have the staff to keep the manual updated and it has not been included on the register. At this time, DSHS is using check lists as the foundation but still using the ETM for coordinators. This document was last reviewed in 2009 and the committee feels that the maintenance of the document should fall under the purview of the Education committee with support of the rules.

The rules are currently open, and will close in January.

3. Discuss functional job descriptions for EMS personnel as it relates to the ADA

National Registry will actually read the exam to students if the student has the appropriate documentation. As a result our current functional job description may not be reflective of the ADA. Each college should have their own policy as the functional job description was not revised with the national standard curriculum. Some programs use the COMPASS exam with statements in their policies regarding minimum standards that must be met. Until someone sues there is no rules and that really the job description for the state is what should be used but DSHS has not kept that current. For skills they are timed so either they can or can't do it. National Registry is a private company. During discussion it was pointed out that we have to put out a functional EMT who can do the job, so we have to use the functional job description so that we have a strong base. There should be some realistic standards. We have to discriminate about some things and we have to have a functional job description to stand behind. Accommodation requests need to be reasonable but who decides what is reasonable is questioned. There is some distinction between reading ability and disability. Is the accommodation reasonable? As much as we want to accommodate, are we putting the best people out there to take care of patients? There should be some mechanisms to offer different, yet related training for example dispatch certification, or be a scheduler. Programs feel that their policy and procedures manual is really getting thick. The committee feels that the responsibility is on the medical director and employer, we have to carefully vet them and where the employer and educator line begins and ends is difficult. National Registry revised this policy in 11-12.

4. Review the Hartford Consensus Report as it relates to empowering the public to serve as first responders in intentional mass casualty and active shooter events

“If you see something, do something” enhances public ability to help in the event of a mass casualty. This group believes that bystanders could stop bleeding. In an intentional mass casualty, no one should die from uncontrolled bleeding. Threat Suppression, Hemorrhage control, Rapid Extrication to safety,

Assessment by medical providers, Transport to definitive care. The idea is to consider putting tourniquets like AEDS and do some training. This is a great thought but might need further vetting.

Committee – This a good idea, but there are some concerns. Potential to add this to CERT training, in high school, possibly in a health class that all students take. The curriculum is 2 hours. Dr. Malone pointed out that 68.4% of death during a mass incident is due to hemorrhage. This committee needs to make a statement to GETAC supporting this.

Motion by John and second by Greg May – Public comment and amended motion to include immediate support of this idea to GETAC.

5. Summary – The committee has met 7 times this year, and there are some upcoming items that the committee is going to be working on, specifically related to education.

6. Announcements

The second EMS summit will be held in April 15-16, 2016 in Corpus.

Education rules that have been proposed that need to be considered specifically related to education.

The education web page has been launched. The online course notification page has been launched and is online.

DSHS is now auditing CE at almost 100% and people may need to provide proof of their certificate.

For the initial EMT applications, when the students put in an application, if the finger prints and NR are done, use the online application and it is almost immediate for State certification

Next meeting – Dates will be sent via email.

Two members are stepping down from the committee: Jay Cloud and Lori Lefevers.

Welcome back to Jodie and Dr. Ratcliff and two new members to begin in January.

7. Items For February

Review National registry policy for testing in conjunction with job descriptions.

Consider review of the ETM every two years by this committee to keep updated. Next workgroup will start with page 1 and work on updating the document.

Functional job description work for ADA issues is a continuing item.

Progress assessment on the Hartford consensus. Identification of stakeholders, cert teams and goals toward implementation.