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Training and Licensure Subcommittee
Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Advisory Council
Metro Technology Center, Springlake Campus
Economic Development Center, Room 123
1900 Springlake Drive, OKC, OK
Thursday, February 16, 2012
10:00 am

Minutes

Members Present

Ron Feller
Wade Patterson

Bob Hawley
Dr. Angela Selmon

Sean Lauderdale
Kelly Swim

Members Absent

Vanessa Brewington

OERSDAC Members Present

Ellen Rockenbach

OSDH Staff

Dale Adkerson
Robert Irby

Daryl Bottoms
Eddie Manley

Chris Dew

Guests

Leageay Barnes
Stacy Morton

Justin Hunter
Rob Wagoner

David Graham

I. Call to Order - Introductions and Announcements

S. Lauderdale called the meeting to order at 10 AM. Rob Wagoner, from the National Registry of EMTS, was present. Roll was called. A quorum was determined to be present.

II. Minutes of November 17, 2011: Review and Approval

It was moved (Bob Hawley) and seconded (Ron Feller) to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting. The motion carried.

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Voting:

<i>Brewington, V.</i>	<i>absent</i>		<i>Patterson, W.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Feller, R.</i>	<i>yes</i>		<i>Dr. Selmon, A.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Hawley, B.</i>	<i>yes</i>		<i>Swim, K.</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Lauderdale, S.</i>	<i>yes</i>			

III. Reports:

A. Accreditation

E. Manley indicated that Rogers State recently became accredited. There are now five educational institutions that are accredited in Oklahoma: OCCC, Kiamichi, Great Plains, Gordon Cooper and now Rogers State. Tulsa Technology has submitted their Self-Study and is awaiting a Site Visit.

Due to the fact that not all of the facilities can be scheduled for a Site Visit before the deadline, A Letter of Review will allow an educational institution's students to take the National Registry's tests after January 1, 2013. In order to obtain a Letter of Review, a school has to have met many of the requirements and is expected to be accredited as soon as a site visit is conducted.

Site Visits have been very thorough and E. Manley expects that accreditation will improve the quality of training.

R. Wagoner indicated that the accreditation requirement will not affect currently enrolled paramedic students and students that enroll before January 1, 2013.

B. National Registry

E. Manley indicated that Oklahoma has changed the EMR and EMT-Basic to the new National Registry standards of EMR and EMT.

R. Wagoner indicated that the new letters for the different levels of registration are being used to track those who have trained and tested at the new standards.

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The new letter designations are as follows:

E = EMT

T = AEMT

M = Paramedic

Letters will change, numbers will not change.

E. Manley indicated that many AEMTs have been tested, and some have been licensed. AEMTs will be licensed as Intermediates until Statute and Rule changes allow licensure at the AEMT level.

D. Adkerson indicated that updated language is included in Senate Bill 178 and it is currently moving forward.

The Rules Rewrite Committee has already met once. Draft Minutes from that will be presented at the OERSDAC meeting.

R. Wagoner indicated that 162 AEMT candidates had been tested in the country. Nine were from Oklahoma. A total of 15 AEMT candidates have made AEMT applications from Oklahoma. R. Wagoner did not have the Pass Rate numbers on him.

National Registry exams have changed to some degree. Guidelines on the Oklahoma EMS Website includes standards for the new EMR and EMT levels and includes recommended training hours, which came from the Consensus Group.

Starting January 1, the National Registry put out a new EMR and EMT psychomotor manual, and all Oklahoma Schools are expected to be following those.

C. Consensus Group EMS Curriculum

E. Manley indicated he has been to several Roll-Out meetings throughout the State.

The Consensus Group did not meet this month because they are mostly finished with their work. They do have a few more items to consider.

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E. Manley has been trying to set up additional Haz-Mat awareness trainings. He mentioned acquiring and distributing additional training disks. D. Adkerson indicated that it would be okay for an instructor to bring in a guest instructor for the Haz-Mat awareness.

There are many places to obtain Haz-Mat educational material from and there may be Haz-Mat awareness included in the current EMT educational material.

D. Consensus Group Transitions Courses

E. Manley indicated that transition courses will start April 1st. Each instructor will need to develop his or her own lesson plans and course work. Guidelines will be on the Oklahoma EMS website after March 31st.

At the Paramedic Level, the transition portion requires about 25 hours of training. Instructors will have to fill in the remainder of the 48 hours required.

E. Professional Development for EMS Instructors

Moore-Norman Technology Center is providing free online professional development. 30 students can enroll in each session. Next sessions will be March 5, April 27, and May 7th. Only 14 students enrolled in the first session.

E. Manley hopes that many of the In-House instructors take advantage of this opportunity. D. Adkerson indicated rules regarding instructors need to be improved.

E. Manley indicated that he hopes to reach all of the EMS instructors in the State regarding the roll-outs.

There was discussion regarding instructors receiving Continuing Education Hours for teaching classes and requiring instructors to obtain a degree before being allowed to teach.

There will be a Distance Learning Roll Out on March 2nd. Grant Wadley has had the Roll-Out training twice, and he has been

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delegated, by E. Manley, to teach the Roll-Outs in the Panhandle and Northwestern part of the State.

D. Adkerson indicated that the Distance Learning Roll Out may be recorded so that it can be provided to those who did not attend one of the classes.

IV. Public Comment

L. Barnes from OCCC indicated Higher Education should have been included in the discussions to move the NREMT practical testing to Career Tech.

D. Adkerson indicated that he was handed a project on July 1, 2011 to fulfill a contract between OSDH and Career Tech to move the NREMT testing from the Health Department to Career Tech. Career Tech and the Health Department have been working on that since then, and it will include all of the licensure testing that the Health Department currently handles.

R. Wagoner indicated that he felt the meeting between the Health Department, the National Registry, and Career Tech went well. The integrity of the exam process will not be allowed to falter. Tentative plans to support Career Tech providing the exams have been made.

L. Barnes indicated concern that no stakeholders were brought into the discussion and that EMS is different from other types of licenses.

D. Graham with OSU-OKC feels similar to L. Barnes. He wishes Higher Education would have been included in discussions regarding moving testing for EMS out of the Department of Health.

B. Hawley indicated that, in his experience, NREMT evaluators will pass or fail candidates based on performance on the test, not familiarity with the candidates.

R. Feller indicated that if the NREMT reps are doing their jobs then there should be no issues with the tests.

R. Wagoner indicated that the accreditation board does not deal with programs that last less than six months. That being the case, it would

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be very difficult to require Basic Instructors to have a Bachelor's Degree.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.

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