

California Council of EMS Educators
Quarterly Meeting No. 1-Minutes
College of the Canyons
Santa Clarita, CA
January 10, 2007

Attendees: Robert Lashier (C2E2 Chair); Karen Petrilla (Riverside County EMS Agency); Jim Karras (Priority One Ambulance); Elaine Dethlefsen (Santa Ana College); Patti Haley (College of the Canyons); Kelly Lazarus (Santa Barbara County EMS); Adrian Rodriguez (Care Ambulance); Erika Reich (LA County EMS); Cliff Hadsell (Citrus College/San Marino); Karin Reynoso (LA County ROP); Ginger Fallesen (LA County ROP); Ann Yositinaga (Riverside County Fire); Lucy Adams (LA County EMS); David Wells (LA County EMS).

	TOPIC	ACTION/ACCOUNTABILITY
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Robert Lashier called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Robert thanked Patti Haley for generously offering to host today's meeting and breakfast.</p> <p>The Agenda was approved as written.</p>	

Discussion	<p><u>EMSA Report-provided by Robert Lashier on behalf of Sean Trask:</u></p> <p>Enforcement- The Enforcement Unit is conducting interviews for the Chief Investigator position that has been vacant since Richard McSherry left to go to the Medical Board.</p> <p>Paramedic Regulations- The draft EMT-P regulations that will contain fine language for paramedics under investigation are still being reviewed internally. Once this is completed they will be released for public comment.</p> <p>BLS Coordinator- The BLS Coordinator position is vacant; Julie Hamilton has accepted a promotional position in the EMS Systems Unit as the Data/QI Coordinator. The EMS Authority (EMSA) will be posting the BLS Coordinator position sometime this month. Candidates need to be on an eligibility list to apply.</p> <p>EMT-I Regulation Revisions- The rulemaking file pertaining to the EMT-I Regulation revisions regarding the repeal of the EMT-I certifying authorities requirement to offer an EMT-I certifying exam at least once per year (because of CBT) and naming the AHA's 2005 Guidelines as the standard for CPR training as the prerequisite for EMT-I training has been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law. These proposed regulations were available for public comment from July 1 through September 4, 2006. EMSA will make an announcement when the revisions are approved.</p> <p>EMT-II Regulation Revisions- The EMT-II Regulations should be available for public comment starting on January 19, 2007. This will be a 60-day public comment period that should end March 20, 2007. The notice will be reviewed by the Office of Administrative Law, and if complete and appropriately documented, the proposed regulations will be available for public comment on time. The Model EMT-II Curriculum will be incorporated by reference to the EMT-II Regulations and will also be available for public comment. The proposed Chapter of Regulations and the model curriculum will be posted on the EMSA's web page for review. EMSA is looking forward to C2E2's comments. These proposed regulations are the result of the EMT-II Task Force's hard work and recommendations for revision. Supportive comments are welcome.</p>	
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AED- All health clubs and health studios in California, with a few exceptions, will be required to implement an AED program effective July 12, 2007. This is a result of Assembly Bill 1507 that was signed by the Governor in 2005. EMSA is preparing a brochure for health clubs and health studios to inform them of this requirement.

California EMS Information System (CEMSIS) - CEMSIS is officially up and running with the new Data/QI Coordinator in place. The first order of business is to review the public comments on the data set. After that is done, the Data/QI Committee will reconvene to review the comments. EMSA plans to collect data from volunteer agencies to test the CEMSIS system. The CEMSIS data set is compliant with the NEMSIS data set with a few “California Twists”, per Bonnie Sinz, the manager of the systems unit. EMSA will be putting together a Task Force to write the State’s Quality Improvement Plan. EMSA is not ready to receive the LEMSA’s QI Plans yet, but wants the LEMSAs to keep working on them.

Trauma Registry- EMSA is getting ready to put the Trauma Registry out for public comment. The goal is to be compliant with the National Trauma Data Bank. That document will be available on EMSA’s web page. Available date TBA.

EMS for Children- There will be a planning meeting in January to establish the following:

1. Minimum standards for pediatric equipment in ambulances
2. Emergency Department guidelines for pediatric patients
3. Pediatric trauma care for non-pediatric trauma centers
4. Revision of pediatric field treatment protocols

Disaster Division/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - The money for the first round of PPE has been spent, and PPE distributed. EMSA is now in the second round of spending and distribution. This project is to make PPE available for ambulance providers, both public and private. There are a few (unknown which) LEMSAs that have not requested PPE for their ambulance providers. Dr. Cesar has made it a goal to pursue PPE funding until all ambulances are equipped with PPE. Requests for PPE must come through the LEMSAs, so if anyone has a need, please coordinate with your LEMSA.

General- EMSA has continuous, open exam for applications to be ranked for the Associate Health Program Advisor and the Health Program Specialist. The application process will be open on a continuous basis- information is available on the EMSA website. Any questions, call Sean Trask at EMSA.

NREMT Update provided by Robert Lashier on behalf of Rob Wagoner:

EMT-Basic Program Directors- There are still a large number of programs that are not approved by the LEMSA either attempting to register their program or approved programs that have not registered with the Registry. There is a step-by-step process to do so that can be found on the National Registry homepage. Click on the hyperlink labeled Computer Based Testing (CBT).

Questions about Registering- the contacts are Heidi Erb (Education Network Coordinator) or Lisa Bragg (Community Coordinator).

Student Registration Process- There is a step-by-step process on the National Registry homepage. Click on the hyperlink labeled CBT.

Interest in Item-Writing Committee Involvement- Interested parties can draft a letter to Rob Wagoner, Assistant Director, stating your interest, level of training, background, and level of item-writing you wish to be involved in. A resume should also be attached to the letter of interest.

Future of National Registry- NREMT is continuing to monitor the success of CBT in California and nationwide. NREMT is re-tooling its workforce to be more proactive than reactive as it has been accustomed to with the paper-based examination and registration process in the past.

CA Council of EMS Educators Committee Planning

Bylaws- Robert proposed to initiate changes of the current bylaws that will be submitted to the committee for review and comments. A motion was made and all members were in agreement to present and discuss the draft changes at the next meeting. Some points of clarification in the bylaws include membership status (individual, organization, corporation), associate vs. support status, life membership (right to vote?), and honorary members. It was suggested that the bylaws be as generic as possible to avoid them having to be referenced too often.

General Committee Ideas- Discussion focused on increased meeting hours (10am-2pm doesn't seem long enough), more meetings per year (every other month), minutes sent out earlier, more frequent meeting reminders, creation of standing committees, and web cast meetings for northern CA participation.

CA Council of EMS Educators Vision- Robert led a discussion on the future of C2E2. The committee needs to make a "shift" along with EMS education. It was brought up that in the Industrial Age of learning; there is very little connection between students and educators. Educators are becoming merely a conduit for information. The idea of two EMS education tracks was discussed, a certificate program (stand along EMT class) and an Associate's Degree (to include healthcare orientation, interpersonal communications, reading and writing skills, math). An "Academy Style" approach with a preparatory class was suggested. There is a need to educate organizations and schools (as early as middle school) on EMS careers and opportunities. A good "road map" for EMS Education is overdue.

CA Council of EMS Educators Website- members discussed various ways the C2E2 website could be utilized; access to position papers, EMT test bank, standing committees, forums, bylaws, mission statement, EMT courses, text book reviews. A suggestion was made to develop a test bank for EMT programs, as well as post text book reviews and recommendations. Jim announced the website had a recent makeover, and discussed the idea of forums, topics and structure. Discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

<p>Consent Calendar:</p> <p>1. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>2. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The Minutes for the October 11, 2006 meeting in Orange were approved with the following change: CARES Ambulance was changed to CARE Ambulance under the Round Robin section.</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen respectfully submitted the Report for the period of October 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. No changes were recorded as no money was spent during this quarter. There is approximately \$3,160.00 in the account currently. A motion was moved to defer member's payments for 2007 until the Bylaws are finalized. All members were in agreement.</p>	<p>Kelly Lazarus</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen</p>
<p>Round Robin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Erika Reich announced that Dr. Sam Stratton is the new Medical Director for Orange County EMS. ❑ David Wells reported on EMS program site survey activities, LA County has 30 programs to monitor. ❑ Kelly Lazarus is looking into the NREMT CBT sites and the gaps in the state. Santa Barbara County has only one site with long distances between other sites- Santa Barbara City College is interested in becoming a CBT site. ❑ Adrian Rodriguez announced that CARE Ambulance is currently hiring EMTs. He also expressed concern about EMT skills testing for recertification and methods for authorization of skills instructors. More on this will be discussed at the Riverside LEMSA meeting in February. ❑ Lucy Adams reported that the Paramedic Training Institute (PTI) is having a Gala/Reception on 3/29/07, in conjunction with their paramedic graduation. LA County has many job openings in the Medic Alert Center (MAC). Her office will be moving to Santa Fe Springs soon. CA Fire Chiefs is sponsoring the Ponchenga Conference on May 2-4th. ❑ Patti Haley- expressed concern of recent issues with students presenting with writing problems- the program is looking at ways to address the issue. She also stated that CPR classes have been added to the program due to 	<p>All</p>

	<p>identifying poor basic life support skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Karen Petrilla announced that Riverside EMS positions have been recently filled, they are still currently looking for a Trauma Coordinator and an EMS Specialist in the next six months. She reminded everyone of the upcoming LEMSA meeting she is hosting in February. Karen had fliers promoting 2-day CE marathon event taking place in March. ❑ Ann Yositinaga- Riverside County Fire is looking to increase their paramedics. They are also developing EMS curriculum. ❑ Karen Reynoso announced that ROP programs have been able to purchase supplies and equipment with obtained monies. The ROP is going to a 12/80 schedule, and expanding its members. ❑ Cliff Hadsell reported that Citrus College got their ADN approval, need RN/LVN instructors. The EMT program is working with law enforcement on FBI/SWAT Medic training. ❑ Eliane Dethlefsen- said Santa Ana College was still on their Winter Break. They received funds to purchase new equipment- traction splints. They plan to purchase AEDs next. ❑ Jim Karras is working to get his management team through ICS-300/400 and Ambulance Strike Team training. 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2007, at Santa Barbara County EMS Agency.</p>	