

California Council of EMS Educators
Quarterly Meeting No. 3-Minutes
College of the Canyons
Riverside, CA
July 11, 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); Erika Reich (LA County EMS); Karin Reynoso (LA County ROP); Ginger Fallesen (LA County ROP); Ann Yositinaga (Riverside County Fire); David Wells (LA County EMS); Cliff Hadsell (Citrus College/San Marino); Mary Jo Vincent (Orange County EMS- Retired);

	TOPIC	ACTION/ACCOUNTABILITY
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Jim Karras called the meeting to order at 10:00am</p> <p>The Agenda was approved as written.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Robert Lashier gave a power point presentation regarding the future vision of EMS Education.</p>	

Discussion	<p><u>EMSA Report-provided by Robert Lashier on behalf of Sean Trask:</u></p> <p>New BLS Coordinator- Laura Little has been hired by EMSA as the new BLS Coordinator. Laura has worked in the Information Technology Unit, and more recently as the Preventative Health and Safety Training Program Analyst in our childcare first aid, CPR and preventative health training program review unit. Laura started as the BLS Coordinator on May 1, 2007.</p> <p>EMT-II Regulations- The proposed EMT-II Regulations are going through internal review at the moment. Dr. Cesar is considering making the scope of practice consistent with the National Scope of Practice Model. The main difference is that the proposed EMT-II Regulations do not include pediatric I.O. or analgesics. Dr. Cesar would like to get more input from the medical directors. Also, there has been a concern voiced by the EMS Administrators about the sun setting of the Combitube from the EMT-I Optional Skills when the EMT-II Regulations go into effect. Dr. Cesar would also like to hear from the medical directors on this topic.</p> <p>EMT-I Regulations- Speaking of EMT-II Regulations, when the EMT-II Regulations go into effect, the only optional skills that will remain in the EMT-I Regulations will be epi pens, Mark I Kits, and naloxone. All of the other optional skills will sunset.</p> <p>Layperson AED Regulations- The layperson AED Regulations are under the early stages or revision. The proposed regulations have been drafted and have been circulated internally for review and comment. The major amendment is to eliminate the requirement that the medical director must authorize each individual to use the AED, much like a standing order. This requirement was repealed back in 2003 by Assembly Member Vargas. The plan for this revision is to complete the internal review, make amendments if necessary, then go out for pre-public comment, make amendments if necessary, then go out for formal public comment. If all goes well, this chapter of regulations should go into effect by January 2008.</p>	
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Legislation-

SB 583: Sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters and is intended to reduce or eliminate discipline double jeopardy by restricting the LEMSA medical director from imposing disciplinary action on a public safety employed EMT-I when the employer has previously disciplined the employee for the same occurrence. This bill does allow the LEMSA medical director to issue a temporary suspension to an EMT-I that is considered a threat to public health and safety even if the employer has disciplined that individual. The suspension would then be forwarded to the EMS Authority to reverse or continue and if continued, offer due process.

SB 254: Sponsored by the California Ambulance Association and is intended to centralize EMT-I and EMT-II certification and discipline at the EMS Authority. This bill also requires FBI and DOJ background checks on all EMT-Is.

SB 853: Sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters and is intended to have the EMS Authority develop and maintain a registry of all EMT-Is in California; require employers of EMT-Is to conduct a thorough background check on their EMT-Is; allows EMT-I employers with collective bargaining agreements in place to discipline their EMT-Is; EMT-I employers without collective bargaining agreements would have EMT-Is be disciplined by the LEMSA; allows the LEMSA medical director to audit the employer's disciplinary actions, allows the LEMSA medical director to impose a temporary suspension if warranted which would be forwarded to the EMS Authority for follow-up; restricts discipline to actions related to patient care, not off duty actions, and strikes gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and commission of any fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt act substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of prehospital personnel, and excessive use and misuse of alcohol. This bill does add impersonating another licensed or certified practitioner, a number of provisions about abuse of controlled substances.

EMT-P Regulations- Paramedic Regulations will be out for public comment soon. The major revisions will be to add fines, up to \$2,500 for violations of Section 1798.200 (c) of the Health and Safety Code, to allow a paramedic student to take their paramedic skills examination after their didactic and lab sessions and before their clinical training begins. This will only apply to the skills portion of the National Registry examination and the individual will not be able to obtain a NR Paramedic Certification until the individual passes the written exam. The last change will be to extend the passing score of the paramedic skills examination from one to two years to apply for paramedic licensure. Currently the paramedic skills portion of the NR exam is only good for one year to apply for CA licensure.

Disaster Related Items-

- a. Emergency System for the Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) project continues to advance. This is a project to register and check credentials for MDs, RNs, PAs, and paramedics that would be interested in volunteering for a disaster.
- b. Cal Medical Assistance Teams (CalMATs) – EMSA is developing CalMATs which are similar to the Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs). DMATs are federal assets whereas the CalMATs will be state assets and can be activated within CA. The plan is to solicit existing DMAT team members to see if they are interested in participating in the CalMATs.
- c. Ambulance Strike Teams (ASTs) – EMSA is in the process of receiving 26 Disaster Assistance Support Units (DASUs) which will be deployed with each AST. The DASUs will be strategically placed throughout the state and will be available to provide on-site support and supplies for the ASTs.
- d. Mobile Field Hospitals (MFH) – EMSA has purchased three 200 bed mobile field hospitals. These hospitals will be staged in three locations throughout the state, one in Northern CA, one in Central CA, and one in Southern CA. Each MFH requires 38 semi-trucks to move to a location.

System Related Items- The Annual EMS for Children Conference will be held on November 8th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Anaheim.

DAG Presentation by Robert Lashier

Robert brought up an old issue regarding the absence of membership and representation from northern California on C2E2. Northern CA based groups may have the “ear” or EMSA more so than southern CA, due to their proximity to Sacramento. It was suggested by several members that C2E2 “beef up” its website, including posting position papers on various issues, and sharing legislative activities C2E2 members are involved with. It would also be a good idea to post documentation of changes and impacts that C2E2 has had on various issues (regulation changes, bills, etc).

CA Council of EMS Educators Committee Planning

Future of C2E2- Robert brought to the committee’s attention the idea of C2E2 joining the CA RN Educators and CA EMT-P Program Directors- to create a stronger “voice” in the EMS community. We would get “more bang for our buck” with addressing issues. A concern arose regarding the purpose of C2E2 representing EMTs and EMT-Ps getting lost in the union.

Bylaws- A draft was presented to committee members for review. The issue of active membership came up- “active membership” is not clearly defined. Educational entities need to have a category in the by-laws, and will be added to the final draft. The intent of by-law changes is to be more inclusive to maintain being a viable voice in the state. A suggestion was made to look at having a C2E2 seal and letterhead.

EMS Dress Code Policies

Care Ambulance has been dealing with a dress code issue that prompted a discussion. Issues discussed included policies on facial hair, tattoos, body piercing, and religious beliefs that surround some of these issues. It was recommended that the group look at CAL OSHA requirements. The Disneyland dress code policy was also suggested as a good resource

<p>Consent Calendar:</p> <p>1. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>2. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The Minutes for the April 11, 2007 meeting in Santa Barbara were approved.</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen respectfully submitted the Report for the period of April 1, 2007 to July 31, 2007. There is currently \$336.91 in the savings account and \$ 3175.42 in the money market checking account.</p>	<p>Kelly Lazarus</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen</p>
<p>Round Robin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Cliff Haskell- Citrus Community College graduated 31 FBI agents from their EMT program. They are looking at a new program- Medi Man, and are looking at hiring EMTs to run the Medi Man manikin which has proven to help with critical thinking skills development. ❑ Karin Reynoso- With the new pathways, programs are looking at ways to make the EMT curriculum more easily accessible to students. ❑ Karen Petrilla- Corona Fire and AMR are teaming up to have a CE Marathon sometime around the beginning of 2008. Riverside did not hold their annual conference due to the CAL Chiefs Conference. They are looking at moving their Riverside Conference to September/October in 2008. ❑ Mary Jo Vincent- announced the Hollywood Conference in September 2007. She said there might be volunteer opportunities if anyone is interested. ❑ Jim Karras- reported that the Kaiser contract has been keeping them busy. ❑ Kelly Lazarus- reported on a successful week of EMS activities, and that Santa Barbara County would continue to promote EMS week in lieu of the annual conference. ❑ Ann Yositinaga- ❑ Eliane Dethlefsen- 	<p>All</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.</p>	

	The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2007, at Care Ambulance Service, Inc. in Orange, CA.	
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