

California Council of EMS Educators
Quarterly Meeting No. 4- Minutes
Care Ambulance Service
Orange, CA
October 11, 2006

Attendees: Robert Lashier (C2E2 Chair); Karen Petrilla (Riverside County EMS Agency); Jim Karras (Priority One Ambulance); Elaine Dethlefsen (Santa Ana College); Julie Hamilton (State EMS Authority); Mary Jo Vincent (Orange County EMS-retired); Patrick Powers (OCEMS); Patti Haley (College of the Canyons); Kelly Lazarus (Santa Barbara County EMS); David Oleson (Victor Valley Community College); Adrian Rodriguez (Care Ambulance).

	TOPIC	ACTION/ACCOUNTABILITY
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Jim Karras called the meeting to order at 10:00am Jim thanked Care Ambulance for generously offering to host today's meeting and lunch.</p> <p>The Agenda was approved as written.</p>	

Discussion	<p><u>EMSA Report-provided by Julie Hamilton:</u> <u>Computer Based Testing Update:</u> <u>C2E2 Master Plan 2007-2008:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) At one time C2E2 was up to 67 members, has been declining in membership over the last few years. Members have left through retirement and new positions/careers- most have not been replaced by new members. 2) Ideas for growth were discussed, including marketing and publicizing to groups/representatives that would be appropriate for the committee. Members agreed the need to be proactive in recruiting new membership, and expand our current committee. 3) C2E2 has had members over the years involved in changes to legislation and regulations. We have been a "voice" for ensuring adequate and standard education in CA, and we need to continue with that commitment. 4) Issues were discussed regarding training programs, preparedness, and age group diversity. NREMT, with all of its glitches, has provided standardization and raised the "bar" in CA, a topic that has been discussed by C2E2 for years. 5) C2E2 offers a great networking opportunity for educators who otherwise would not have an avenue to interface with other training program staff and EMS agency staff, and EMSA. 6) The question was raised regarding the utilization of our C2E2 website, and the idea of a forum on the website came up, in the form of a "chat room" or "blackboard". Our website could be used to provide information, instead of just a "spring board" or reference to other sites. A FAQ section would be useful. 7) Robert pointed out that projects have been the "glue" that has held C2E2 together in the past- for instance the EMT skills testing project prior to the State Skills Form. Maybe C2E2 should focus on future projects. 8) Members agreed that the C2E2 logo needs to be developed- the idea of tapping into local talent in the EMT programs came up (contest maybe?). 9) The idea of recruiting northern CA members came up either by alternating meeting sites, teleconferencing, or north/south group. This topic has been pondered for many years, without any clear solution. 	
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<p>Consent Calendar:</p> <p>1. Approval Of Minutes</p> <p>2. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The Minutes for the April 12, 2006 meeting in San Bernardino were approved with the following changes: Mary Jo Vincent and Patty Haley were added to the attendees list; Elaine Dethlefsen's last name spelling was corrected.</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen respectfully submitted the Report for the period of April 1, 2006 to September 30,2006. Membership forms were passed out for 2007 renewals. Forms should be returned to Elaine.</p>	<p>Kelly Lazarus</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen</p>
<p>Round Robin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Mary Jo Vincent announced that the American Red Cross is having their Disaster Conference on October 3,2007. And there are volunteer opportunities at the NAEMSE conference- contact her if interested. ❑ Karen Petrilla announced the Fire Based/EMS Conference coming in May 2007. AMR in Riverside is hosting a CE marathon- two days; Feb. 15-16th. Cost is approximately \$10-15 per day. She also said there are 1-2 EMS Specialist positions and Riverside is doing an EMS Director recruitment. She brought up a successful program whereby paramedic students are mentoring EMT students during their training. Karen will be organizing an EMS Agency "meeting of the minds" to be scheduled in early 2007- to compare EMS Agency policies/procedures in areas of training, CE, and personnel tracking. o Kelly Lazarus reported that Santa Barbara had discontinued their annual EMS Conference due to staffing and budget issues. NREMT testing has gone well this first year- an 84% and 92% passing rate between the two EMT programs. ❑ Adrian Rodriguez reported that CARES Ambulance sent seven representatives to NAEMSE to help develop a more interactive orientation-trying out new ideas. ❑ Patrick Powers announced that Orange County EMS is recruiting for a new Medical Director. Patrick is new to OCEMS, still in the orientation phase. 	<p>All</p>

	<p>He is currently working to capture more data as part of their CQI process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ David Oleson updated the committee with information regarding two academies- currently one in the field and one in the didactic phase. There are 100 EMT students; he is managing 50 of them. Their classroom is being renovated, and a SimMan was recently donated. ❑ Elaine Dethlefsen also reported that her training program obtained a SimMan. ❑ Jim Karras reported that he is involved in developing training for instructors, and sending folks to Ambulance Strike Team classes. ❑ Patti Haley announced the building of a second campus, the EMT program will not be moving. She has been involved with developing skills testing through the community extension program, and NREMT testing is being done once a month. 	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm. The next meeting is at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita on January 10, 2007.	