

ALS Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda

20 November 2024

10:00 a.m.

Attendees

Aaron Edwards; Anne Johnkin; Bev Witmer; Bryan Ebling; Colleen Lull; Courtney Shannon; Diane Flint; Danny Webster; Debbie Wheedleton; Doug Beitzel; Gary Williams; Jeffrey Fillmore; Luis Pinet-Peralta; Marianne Warehime; Mark New; Matt Murphy; Megan Barnum; Melissa Meyers; Rae Oliveira; Robby May; Susan Mott; Tim Chizmar

Call to Order and Approval of Previous Minutes

The November meeting of the ALS Subcommittee was called to order by Dr. Fillmore at 10:01 a.m. A motion to approve the minutes from the July 2024 meeting (the September 2024 meeting was cancelled) was made by Diane Flint and seconded by Colleen Lull.

Old Business

- Letter to SEMSAC regarding students being charged to precept:
 - Dr. Fillmore has drafted a letter to SEMSAC on behalf of the committee to ensure they are aware of the committee's stance on this potential practice.
 - UMBC has had difficulty obtaining Anne Arundel County as a precepting site for their students for the last couple years. In discussions with the county, they were considering charging for precepting as part of the contract process for allowing students. They are not currently in discussions with the county to contract as a clinical site.
 - Megan Barnum from Anne Arundel county reported that they do not have room for outside students to precept in their jurisdiction because their clinicians do not meet the requirements in COMAR to be able to precept (i.e., have been practicing for at least 2 years).
 - Robby May reported that Howard County is coming up on a similar problem with having enough eligible clinicians to precept and may have to limit outside students as well.
 - No one is aware of anyone currently charging students in Maryland for precepting; however, this is something that is occurring at the national level so that clinical sites can provide additional pay/incentives to preceptors. Charging

for the clinical sites offsets this cost. Colleges are not able to pass this cost onto students easily as a fee due to recent changes in legislation.

- Jurisdictional EMS Programs are not required by COMAR to allow students to precept in the same way that hospital base stations are.

New Business

- Online Continuing Education – MIEMSS
 - If your jurisdiction has content or courses that you would like to share with MIEMSS, the Office of Clinician Services is working to add additional content to the MIEMSS Online Training Center.
 - Please reach out to Melissa Meyers (mmeyers@miemss.org) if you would like to provide content.

Announcements

- New Director of Clinician Services, Aaron Edwards (aedwards@miemss.org), has started at MIEMSS. Aaron can be reached via email directly or at info@miemss.org or licensure-support@miemss.org
- Interviews are in progress for the ALS Manager position in Clinician Services

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Marianne Warehime and seconded by Diane Flint. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

November 17, 2024

To the members of SEMSAC:

It has been reported to the ALS Subcommittee that students in certain jurisdictions have been charged or charging has been proposed for their participation at clinical sites. We would like to solicit a letter from SEMSAC to all jurisdictions indicating that such practices are not in line with our vision of training programs in the state of Maryland. It should be clear to all those involved in training prehospital providers in our state, whether hospitals or government agencies, that we all have a duty to participate in such training activities. Further, the benefit to government and healthcare agencies is inestimable, given the need for trained prehospital providers in all counties and cities of the state.

Yours truly,

ALS Subcommittee
Jeffrey Fillmore, Chairman