

**MIEMSS BLS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA & NOTES**

**Friday, September 17, 2021**

**Location**

**Google Meet**

**Meeting Attendees**

<b>1</b>	<b>Mark New</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>John Tran</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Pete Fiackos</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Danielle Joy</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>William Dousa</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Jackie Carey</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Linda Dousa</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>20</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Jaimie Philpott</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>21</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Joe Hayunga</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>22</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Jeff Fleming</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>23</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Marianne Warehime</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>24</b>	

**CTO & Minutes approved**

**Motion approved**

**Motion 2nd**

**1/21/2022**

**Marianne Warehime**

**Linda Dusa**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Topic: EMR Programs**

**Presenter: New /Colburn**

**Time Allotted: 2 Min**

**No Report**

**Topic: EMT Programs**

**Presenter: New /Colburn**

**Time Allotted:**

**Most important issue is that the Field Internship Portfolio now have to be completed prior to the student can sit for the practical exam. This went into effect on August 15, 2021**

**Topic: Licensure Update**

**Presenter: New /Colburn**

**Time Allotted:**

**No-Report**

**Topic: NREMT Update**

**Presenter: New /Colburn**

**Time Allotted:**

**NREMT Provisional cards will be null and void as of midnight on 12/31/21. These clinicians must complete their psychomotor skills (Practical Exam) verification prior to 12/31/21, to complete the NR requirements. This doesn't remove their written results. They have two years to complete their testing process.**

**National Registry looking at evaluating ALS psychomotor skills electronically. They hope to have it up and functioning by August of 2022 and then they will look at BLS. It is "watch a story and participate" format. Meet with Bill Seaforth regarding the upcoming changes it their written an psychomotor testing process, more to follow**

**Topic: Old Business**

**Presenter: New /Colburn**

**Time Allotted:**

**Instructor Workshop - the template is completed and preparing to apply to a PPP, The Instructor workshop being put into power point to give insight into EMT and EMR instructors on what they need to know. This is based on Information on what they have seen over the past three years. The majority of instructors will attend the training session and then instructors and students will improve. They are preparing another evaluator workshop which is in beta testing.**

**Linda asked about clinicians riding that are not affiliated. Mark hasn't heard anymore about this but it is a problem especially with the provisional process. They are trying to catch these clinicians as they come up. MIEMSS has no idea of how many there might be. Most jurisdictions would know about unaffiliated clinicians because they can't log into Elite.**

Joe has a hand full of stragglers that have tested but haven't finished their internship. Mark said they have 2 years from date of completion to complete the process but said they should get done as quickly as possible.

Presenter: New /Colburn / Meyers

Time Allotted:

Reminder that all provisional applications will end in early February. As of 2/11/2022 there will be no Provisionals. They have to complete all training and all requirements to get certification. All of the needed information located on the website.

Reminder Renewal applications need to be submitted . The different expiration dates may have caused some of them to be missed and they need to contact the office staff. Those expiration dates effected are ,12/31/19, 6/30/20, 12/31/20 & 06/30/21Every January people have lapsed because they didn't renew. Pete said to contact licensure.support@MIEMSS.org and this will create a help ticket to get the application. He said to go to the bottom of the page and it is there and gets it assigned to right person.

Sue has retired, wishing her well on he new life venture. She will be evaluating and coordinating for us. And please all correspondence need to go directly to Mark especially for evaluations, testing, etc. He will respond as soon as he can. Send the Team Signup sheets within 24-48 prior to the practical exam date. This is because, he can assure provide the correct amount of evaluator. This is a financial document for them. Reminder don't have all students report at one time.

BLS Protocols, EPI Draw up and Albuterol Neb Update (M. Meyers) Working as a group on protocol orientation similar to what the ALS folks do. They are hoping that this will replace the exam process at MIEMSS. Students will review this to satisfy the requirement. The orientation has been developed and is now with Dr. Delbridge and Chizmar for final approval. Covers every portion of the protocol. Should be up and running by the first of the year.

Please send requests to Dr. Chizmar or them in a quest for an informational class. Two topics being worked on are epi draw-up and albuterol. What do we call them, draw epi/manual epi? Send comments to Mark for the committee and Dr. Chizmar. Remember that they are looking for people to help on these including reviewers. Melissa wanted to get input from the group on what was shown on the screen about these two topics. Forward any suggestions for topics to be included. These programs will be similar to EMS vaccinator program. They are looking for people to review the work of this group. Melissa will be available for the November meeting to discuss. MFRI has shown them what they use for refresher programs (Diane Mays).

There are questions about EMT and EMR recert class instructors outline which is still from 2018 and the new one is not out yet. They are delaying the release of the package because the new National Registry standards are coming out shortly. They will let everyone know when it is put together and will come to this committee for review. The new EMT and EMR standards will be coming out will need to bring the classes up to date.

Marianne said new Carroll County EMS person taking over Curtis' position, Jeff Fleming. Marianne has retired and can help out. Jeff was introduced to the group and welcomed.

Linda asked about practical testing issues. Mark said this this was a small blip. They had a new instructor who didn't know the testing process. Also in the past year using the new testing format there have been over 75+ deliveries' with only this one (1) complaint.

Bill brought up students taking EMT and EMR but not testing or affiliating, especially at the colleges. Can we do something to encourage them to become clinicians? CCBC implemented an orientation to tell them to affiliate and know about the EMS system have several commercial ambulance companies that come in to do a career day. Students that contact the volunteer companies are not getting prompt responses and the classes are only 14 weeks or 8 weeks (summer) and they don't have much time to get affiliated. They have background and drug testing done for the college which could streamline getting into a Baltimore County volunteer system. We need to reach out to try to build a relationship with the volunteer system. The MSFA hasn't reached out to the colleges to see what they can do to assist. We will look at this at the MSFA Committee meeting. Reach out to all education programs and provide information that can be passed along to the students (brochure or web link). Some students redirect their medical interest in another direction and don't pursue EMS as a career path.

Jaimie from college side asked should they start training with the nebulized albuterol and epi draw ups. Is testing still using the epi-pen and puffer? Mark said start training them to do the albuterol neb and draw up and they can do this in the testing.

For those of you who have education program, Pete sent out notifications for both for programs coming up for renewal and didn't update some because of COVID and he now needs to catchup with 20 education programs. He took 7 to the board this week. Please try to get stuff back to him as soon as possible. If you know other people who are involved in EMS please ask them to help, he would like to get more participation. They are short people.

Jeff asked about provisional EMTs trying to get full certification taking the cognitive exam. It is actually a general knowledge exam and they can study any current EMT text book. There are no protocol questions on that exam. Introductions of the members present today

Joe Montgomery County said they doing pretty good there, welcome aboard.  
 Danielle was not present to speak about pediatrics.  
 John Tran is one of the new evaluators  
 Marianne is working with MSFA, ALS chair. Carroll County is busy and can't enough ALS and BLS to crew all of the ambulances.  
 Jackie said she teaching EMS classes in both high school and college.  
 Jaimie is a paramedic Baltimore and ALS coordinator for Baltimore County, and BLS coordinator for college.  
 Linda is EMS coordinator for Harford County, SEMSAC and the Chair of this committee through SEMSAC.

On a final note: Director Buckson has left MIEMSS. He has accepted the position of Assistant Chief of EMS for the Prince Georges County Fire Department. We wish well.

Motion to adjourn	Motion 2nd	Time of adjournment
Marianne Warehiem	Jaimie Philpott	9:57
Date Accepted		
Comments, Feedback, Concerns, Issues and attachments		