

ALS Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

15 January 2025

10:00 a.m.

Attendees

Paul Schneiderhan, Anne Johnikin, Colleen Lull, Diane Flint, Danielle Joy, Katheleen Harne, Kyle Bates, Marianne Warehime, Matt Murphy, Megan Barnum, Patrick Campbell, Rae Oliveria, Stephen Cummins, Jon Longest, Melissa Meyers, Debbie Wheedleton, Matthew Larrabee.

Call to Order and Approval of Previous Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Meyers in the absence of Dr. Fillmore at 10:02 a.m. A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Diane Flint and seconded by Marianne Warehime. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

- Letter to SEMSAC regarding students being charged to precept
 - The group reviewed the updated letter to SEMSAC that Dr. Fillmore drafted.
 - Kyle Bates reported that there has been discussions in the ALS Programs meeting that there are departments that are shutting out programs in favor of precepting their own candidates (career, jurisdiction volunteers). They are not aware of any sites that are currently charging. He would like to see if there is data on how many students are career versus non-career (they are working on this in program directors group). There are challenges with finding precepting sites for non-career students. Some sites are overloaded with their own personnel.
 - Diane Flint reported that there are also challenges with precepting sites limiting the number of students, as well as sites not wanting outside oversight of their preceptors (i.e., training must be provided to preceptors by education program and allow for CoA site visits).
 - Jon Longest reported that they have some sites that “close down” for a couple weeks (with advanced notice) that outside students will not be able to precept depending on where their academies are at. They have seen the unions push back on requiring training for preceptors.

- There seems to be a misunderstanding or lack of education with the clinical sites regarding what the requirements are for education programs and preceptors.
 - Education programs are working to educate departments on their needs for the students
 - The education programs would like to work towards a more cooperative understanding of how the education programs and precepting sites can work together
 - Suggestion from Colleen Lull that programs use the data on where graduates are going career-wise to help support this cause. This data is collected by programs.
- 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.

New Business

- None

Announcements

- New ALS Manager of Clinician Services – Kathleen Harne
- CRT and Paramedic applications for renewal will be available February 1st.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Bates and seconded by Matt Larrabee. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.