

Minutes
Training Subcommittee Meeting
March 5, 2008

Training Subcommittee Members

Present

Shanna Alger
Neil Coker
Jack Meersman
Dave Fluckiger
Dorrell Henderson
Dana Shaw
Gennie Mulqueen
Mark Oraskovich, M.D
Nathan Pennington
Debby Peterson
Marty Wilson
Ron Johnson for John Miller
Bob Evans for Eric Hales
James Jackson for Jeff Davis

Excused

Kathleen Adelgais M.D.
Jeff Davis
Jay Downs
Kim Rowland M.D
Carol Huff
Marlon Jones
Kirk Middaugh
Kim Rowland M.D.

Visitors

Kirk Mittelman
Tammy Barton
Rick Howard
Jeff Hunt
Joe White
Ernie Williams

Bureau Personnel

Dennis Bang
Travis Scoresby
Leslie Johnson
Paul Patrick
Guy Dansie
Dan Camp
Michelle Hale
Jana Dennison
Angie Andrus
Jim Hansen
Tami McDonald
Peter Taillac M.D.

-Dr. Mark Oraskovich called the meeting to order and discussed the subcommittee Guidelines. All the subcommittee members that expired last year received an automatic term renewal for their second term that expires in 2010. Those that expire on June 30, 2008 and want to serve on the subcommittee another year will need to submit a new application by April 1, 2008. The EMS Committee will review the applications. Mark stated that a term is a three-year period and subcommittee members are only eligible for two terms. The only exception is if a committee member came on in the middle of someone else's term. If the subcommittee member served less than 18 months on someone else's term, they are still eligible for the full two terms. If they served more than 18 months then that will count as one of their terms.

Dr. Oraskovich discussed some of the obligations that subcommittee members need to follow. Subcommittee members are required to attend all meetings, which are held quarterly. They are allowed one unexcused absent per year. If a subcommittee member is not able to make it to the meeting there will be a phone bridge so committee members would be able to call in and participate in the meeting. If the phone bridge is not an option they would need to get an excused absence or find a replacement.

-Dr. Oraskovich asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting.

Jack Meersman motioned to approve the minutes from the December 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gennie Mulqueen and passed unanimously.

-Dr. Oraskovich asked for nomination for Chair and Vice-Chair. Jack Meersman was nominated as Chair.

Shanna Alger motioned to elect Jack Meersman as Chair for a two year cycle. The motion was seconded by Dave Fluckiger and the motion passed unanimously.

Neil Coker was nominated for Vice-Chair.

Dave Fluckiger motioned to elect Neil Coker as Vice-Chair for a two-year cycle. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mark Oraskovich and the motion passed unanimously.

Training and Certification Standards Changes

-Peter Taillac discussed that if an individual has TB it would put the public health at risk. He stated that we cannot require someone to get TB treatment, but we can hold an individuals certification until they do get treatment. The proposed rule change states: "submit to the Department a statement from a physician (or other health care provider) confirming the applicant's negative results of a Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) or equivalent examination conducted within the prior year."

(i) If the test is positive, and there is no documented history of prior Latent TB Infection (LTBI) treatment, the applicant must see his primary care physician for a chest x-ray (CXR) and further evaluation. Results of CXR must be submitted to the Bureau.

a. If the CXR is negative, treatment for LTBI must be instituted. After appropriate treatment is begun, the applicant may be cleared for certification. A statement from the treating physician must be submitted for review by the State EMS Medical Director. Within one month of completion of treatment, documentation of completion must also be submitted for review. If treatment is not completed, the applicant's certification may be revoked.

b. If the CXR is positive, the applicant is considered to have Active TB. Evaluation and completion of treatment by an appropriate physician will be required prior to certification. Each such case will be reviewed by the State EMS Medical Director.

(ii) A Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) should not be performed on a person who has a documented history of either a prior positive TST or prior treatment for Tuberculosis. The applicant must instead have a CXR and provide documentation of negative CXR results to the Bureau.

(iii) If the applicant has had prior treatment for active TB or LTBI, the applicant must provide documentation of this treatment prior to certification.

Documentation of treatment will be maintained by the Bureau, and needs only to be provided once. Each such case will be reviewed by the State EMS Medical Director.

Jack Meersman motioned to accept the TB rule change as written and send it out for public comment. Nathan Pennington seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

-Paul Patrick discussed the four new levels of training that he wants the state to adopt. The four levels of training would be Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), and Paramedic. Paul stated that it would be a benefit to the state to adopt these changes.

Paul discussed the proposed paramedic certification changes. Paramedics would enter in through testing with National Registry and the state would certify them for a two-year period. Paul stated that there is a Task Force working on the paramedic recertification requirements. All current paramedics would fall into the same two-year cycle, but would not need to take the written test through the state. They would need to maintain currency and stay up to date with CME and other recertification requirements to be determined.

Dr. Taillac asked if there is an issue with a Paramedic on a low volume agency needing more. Paul said we would be working with Dr. Taillac for suggestions on this.

Marty Wilson motioned to support the proposed paramedic certification change. Jack Meersman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Specialty Care Transport

-Paul Patrick said that the specialty care transport concept is complete. Paul said Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires Paramedics to have additional training to provide specialty care – the burden of providing training is on the EMS provider. The individual agencies need to know they must keep track of the training. Paul said the state will not certify at this level and we will not license agencies at this level. We have approved the specialty care training.

-Leslie Johnson talked about how the EMS Committee didn't accept the rule change of deleting the requirement for EMT-I, EMT-IA, and Paramedic candidates to have twelve months of field experience and also deleting the waiting period for instructors, course coordinators, and training officers. Leslie stated that they did not like the part about deleting the waiting period for instructors, course coordinators, and training officers.

It was suggested that the rule change be to delete the waiting time to go to an advanced class, but leave the waiting period for the training officers, course coordinators, and instructors.

Neil Coker motioned to eliminate waiting time for the advanced levels and put in requirements for course coordinators, training officers, and instructors. Marty Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested that the actual requirements to be a course coordinator, training officer, or instructor be put in the rule, and drop the year requirement.

Neil Coker motioned to separate rule into two. Marty Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

-Guy Dansie stated that the updated drug list is posted on the state website and is open for public comments until April 1st. Email Guy with questions or concerns at gdansie@utah.gov.

-Nathan Pennington discussed the new levels of certification. His concern is about the advanced level certification. He is worried that some of the drugs that the Intermediate and Intermediate Advanced uses now will not be able to use by the AEMT. Paul said the Bureau will work to get the IA's bridged to paramedic. Agencies will stay at current level and there will be no decrease in services they are providing.

James Jackson voiced concern with transitioning the Intermediates to advanced EMTs or Paramedic level. He felt not staying with IA was hurting the IA's and the citizens in their counties. Paul said that AEMT could do variances for the IA's so they can carry the same. Dr. Taillac feels we can work with the agencies and let them have variances for the drugs.

-Leslie Johnson discussed the mobile testing lab. She stated that the state will set up a mobile testing lab for a minimum of 20 people who need to recertify. The agency will be charged for a minimum of 20 people, even if they test less than 20 people. The Bureau will charge the following for the mobile testing lab:

- Agencies within 50 miles of the Bureau will be charged \$10 per person
- Agencies 51 miles to 100 miles of the Bureau will be charged \$15 per person.
- Agencies 101 miles and over of the Bureau will be charged \$20 per person.

Leslie stated that the charge will be calculated by using a Utah mileage chart and that these fees are in addition to the written test fee.

-Next meeting will be held June 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Nathan Pennington made the motion to adjourn meeting. Shanna Alger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

