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Macara called the meeting to order at 0900

Vision read by Macara

Mission read by Macara

Roll Called – All present plus Dr Ratliff

Minutes – Terri motioned to accept. 2nd by Greg. Lee abstained because he didn't get the minutes. Motion passed.

Dr Greenburg was not present at the beginning of the meeting. Joe Schmider reported that Dr Greenburg has been reminding everyone about the application period that is coming up. Dr Greenburg came in at the end of the meeting and concurred that was all he had at this time.

1. Review & Discuss 2019 National Scope of Practice
 - a. AEMT Accreditation – Kelly –
 - i. We are not supporting this. NO support was present in the entire room –
 - ii. Dudley supported under the condition of it being at the appropriate time and with due foresight, consideration and planning. But 2025 is premature.
 - iii. Kelly Strong recommendation that we do not support this.
 - iv. Lee & Joe – impact to the rural programs on the AEMT level
 - v. Kelly – motioned that this committee make formal recommendation that Texas GETAC, DSHS and state officials strongly oppose implementation of accreditation at the AEMT level by the 2025 deadline. 2nd by Lee. Motion passed.
 - vi. Lee additional concerns include is NREMT going to require that candidates come from accredited AEMT program and we may need to do the same to NREMT.
 - b. Spinal Immobilization – it was left in but now called Spinal motion restriction.
2. The skills sheets & skills proficiency verification sheets have been submitted and are in the process of being reviewed.
 - a. Mattie – we have updated the skills proficiency letter and working on the skill sheets
 - b. Joe - the skill sheets are being reviewed and should not have a problem with it. Just need to be presented to council for an FYI. Dr Ratciff and Macara to do that tomorrow.
 - c. Ready to be removed from the agenda
3. Review the self study guide – only change since last voted and was to add a minor phrase that made it clear that if your paramedic self-study does not address the EMT program then you must turn in a completed self-study specifically for your EMT program. This can be removed from the agenda.
4. Education articles by DSHS – ready to be removed from the agenda. Joe – if we have one, please submit by next week.
 - a. Lee – idea for topic mental health resiliency
5. Review the GETAC Strategic Plan – Recommended that add a portion “What is EMS”, “what is a paramedic”, to the plan.

6. Degree requirement for paramedics in Texas – Deidre – working on how to collect data to support or negate this
 - a. Matthew - Full time paramedics – how to collect/standardize data. PCR scores and Patient experience scores and standardize to show who scores better. In his agency shows that degreed paramedics have better PCR scores and better patient experience scores. Send data &/or questions to matthew.craft@umchealthsystem.com.
 - i. Nurses have shown that outcomes are improved with higher level training (degrees)
 - b. Kelly – can we add a data point – longevity –
 - c. Dr Ratcliff – how can we show why this is important – add data point set – how many are in or move into management/supervisory/admin. Is pay associated with it? Tuition reimbursement, If you had to have a 4yr degree would you have gone into EMS.
 - d. Joe – concerns for rural EMS and maintaining ambulances in rural/frontier EMS.
 - e. Lee – in Australia – after 3 years you have a year as a graduate paramedic and after working for a system you become a full-fledged paramedic. Credential up.
 - f. Macara – if we are not ready for accreditation from AEMT how can we expect a degree for paramedics?
 - g. Joe – NREMT would not require accreditation without our support.
 - h. Dudley – NREMT used to not be run by a process but it is now. – EMS committee looked at the rules – can we do something with a carrot, not a stick, in regards to education. Can we change LP to a 4 year EMS degree or Paramedic degree or an Associates in EMS and then so many years experience. Instead of ANY degree.
7. Review continuation education requirements –
 - a. 157.32 –
 - i. Skipping EMT certification and have someone go straight through Paramedic school and come out a paramedic. So there can be 2 tracks. You can enter EMT school and come out an EMT or enter Paramedic School and graduate a Paramedic.
 - ii. Joe – build the stops of EMT and AEMT into the Paramedic program.
 - iii. Lee – bringing up from ground floor and don't have to stop.
 - iv. Macara – 20% increase in EMT test attempts but they are not continuing on to paramedic (there has been a 20% decrease in paramedic attempts).
 - v. Dr. Ratcliff – Student may be using EMT as a test to see if they are interested in it.
 - vi. Joe - Need to get NREMT involved – but it should not be a problem.
 - b. 1547.39
 - i. Macara – working on pilot programs, Angleton, Coryell and WilCo. WilCo has their site visit set up for August 20th. Dr Ratcliff and Dr. Greenberg are requested to attend in addition to Macara, Mattie, Jamie Praslicka , Joe, and Emily already scheduled. He agreed he should be able to attend. Coryell and Angelton are almost ready.
 - c. Nothing on 43 & 44
8. Culture of Safety – Macara – how do we do that on an educational level. Possibly enhance/expand Infection control officer that is already in rule.

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- a. Joe – 1st we have to believe in it and live it.
- 9. Recently passed legislation
 - a. Joe – add 157.33 back in. House Bill 244.46 – release of information of certified personnel is no longer allowed. No home address, ss, bd, phone or work schedules. Also telemedicine for trauma centers is starting to be allowed.
 - i. 157.33 -Vaccination history – rules are going to make it that vaccination history is available to the student and they have to be educated on the importance of immunization. Makes it to where they can review the vaccination information on record. Bil1418n and 1256 all 1st responders have to be educated on the importance of immunizations.
- 10. Standing items include safety and strategic plan.
- 11. Next work group meeting August 16 at San Angelo Community medical Center and next general meeting is Thurs Sept. 26 in Austin.

Motion to adjourn Chris, 2nd by Greg. Motion Passed.

Jennifer get list of hotels – make a hotel block.