

GETAC Education Committee Minutes for 4/4/14 and 05/15/14

Call to order and roll call

The committee of served a moment of silence for Ft. Hood shooting victims.

Opening remarks: The three addenda items are interrelated. The thought is not to make decisions today, the process of looking at what needs to be done, not to adopt a curriculum, but to begin moving forward.

Sonogram is coming to Tarrant County. Most of the hospitals are on board. This is the same as where we were with `12 lead years ago. EMS has driven hospitals for a cath lab support and has driven hospitals to get a cath lab.

Transition to AEMT - The dates for completion of transition via NR from I-85 to AEMT is 2017. EMT-I was designed for rural areas to do IV skills for services who can't afford medics. There was discussion regarding the status of I-85 and AEMT. The general discussion centers on the need for DSHS to adopt the AEMT name change.

Initial education - Everybody teaches the Intermediate. When the student takes the exam, they take the AEMT. Essentially in Texas is AEMT plus intubation does not work if the program chooses to use an AEMT textbook and exam bank. There is no content in that book about intubation, so where is it being taught from and under what authority.

Solutions - Link to transition on DSHS website. Re-request gap analysis to be reviewed by DSHS. AEMT plus airway, is that the solution to intermediate in Texas. Jay Cloud will present content on airway next meeting.

Request a posting on the DSHS website of information needed to maintain NR. Secondly re-sent the gap analysis, and check on the status of the document with DSHS.

Review curriculum for community health paramedic

Jay - This is not a one stop solution or easy fix. Other states such as Minnesota have enacted this statewide. This is a minimal standard, and we need to define oversight to prevent street corner programs, competencies credentialing, and CE requirements. We are probably 3-5 years out, and there is a role for this, but there should be one version of this. The committee agrees to take action to prevent multiple versions which could result in confusion statewide. Jay will head subcommittee and present for next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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