

EMT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2008
WHITE MOUNTAIN CAMPUS – NPC
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Peggy Belknap	Randy Chevalier	Ron Squire
Lynn Browne-Wagner	Brian Gardner	
Clint Burden	Bonnie Pastorino	

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Che Kelley	Tina Tessay
Darren McDowell	Dr. Roger Williams

WELCOME

- Peggy welcomed everyone. Told the group that the 2009 fiscal year would be difficult for NPC. Mentioned that Don Fisher would be starting on Nov 1st as the new Fire Science Coordinator and that the state is not giving us the \$500,000 for NATC.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- The minutes from our last meeting on Feb 14, 2008 were adopted by Lynn Browne-Wagner and seconded by Randy Chevalier

FEEDBACK ON EMT PREP COURSE AND NATIONAL REGISTRY TESTS

- Brian Gardner discussed how well the EMT Basic prep course seems to be working. By this time of the semester we usually lose several students but right now only have 1 student on disciplinary action for failing 2 tests. He mentioned how we had compiled data on past reading scores to see if that was the problem with our previous students but there was nothing consistent in our findings to indicate anyone had a reading problem.
- Clint Burden mentioned how difficult the National Registry Testing seems to be for students. We discussed the computerized testing vs the old way of having a written test. The computerized test doesn't allow a student to go back and change an answer which we feel is one of the problems. He's concerned about the lack of locations to take the test at. Lynn mentioned that she'd like to apply for NPC to become a testing site.

- Peggy asked how we could improve our testing scores. Lynn and Brian feel the problem is more geared towards test taking skills.
- Brian shared our pass/fail rate supplied from National Registry. From Oct 2008 to the 4th quarter of 2008 we have a 70% pass rate on first attempt compared to the national average of 68%. On 2nd and third attempts we have an 82% pass rate compared to the national average of 78 & 79%.

EMT STUDENT VEHICULARS

- Brian said we were just starting our vehicular ride alongs. Each student will do 2 10 hour shifts. This is new this semester as the committee felt students should be exposed to working inside an ambulance before they finish the program.
- Brian and Lynn are working on a detailed list of objectives for each student to have when they are on their vehiculars. Randy Chevalier will share with us Show Low Fire Depts checkoff list they use.

THE FUTURE OF EMS

- Lynn attended a conference in St Louis last month where it was discussed where EMS is going in the future. She mentioned that things are being geared towards competency before a student completes the program. It is recommended a student not finish a program until they are competent in their skills.
- In the past DOT and NITSA have dictated how a program is to be run but they are now taking a backseat to National Registry on this. A new curriculum has to be written by 2011 and by 2013 all medics must come from a nationally credited program to be able to test national registry.
- A nationally credited program will not be told how to run their program but how we plan to do things. The new curriculum gives you minimum number of hours each program is to run but how you run the program is your choice. They are pushing for more skills testing and less classroom lecturing. Find creative ways to teach your students i.e. games, reports, group events etc.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

- Ron Squire mentioned that he may be able to squeeze in some EMS funding since we still want an ambulance, all the equipment that goes into it and we need a smart board.
- Lynn told us that the American Hospital Association is going to mandate that all students have criminal and drug checks before being able to do their clinicals. There was some discussion as to whether the college would incorporate this cost into their program fees or require the students to pay for this on their own before

the start of a class. It was determined that making the student responsible for this made more sense.

- The sim lab at the hospital is up and running with Norman/Norma. We will be utilizing this much more now.
- Lynn is still trying to figure out if the agencies would prefer we do a medic program every other year. Randy Chevalier and Clint Burden felt this made more sense than running one each year. We seem to be on track with the number of EMT Basic programs we run each semester.
- Lynn has been trying to meet with Darren McDowell and Dr. Wright about CEU training. Peggy was asking if it really was NPC's responsibility to do these trainings and Randy and Clint felt it wasn't NPC's responsibility but it would make everyone's life easier if the college did it.

ADJOURNMENT

- It was decided we would meet again on March 6, 2009 at 10 am at NPC. In the meantime we can telecommute anything we need to discuss before then.