



EMS PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 16th, 2016 ~ 10:00-12:30 PM

Location: Carillon Hilton, 950 Lake Carillon Drive, St. Petersburg, FL

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joe Nelson, DO, EMS Program Medical Director & Chairperson
Lt. Christopher Shane Henderson, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue, SPC EMS Alumni
David Holler, Public Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Eric Carver, Provost, Health Education Center
Glenn Davis, EMS Interim Program Director
Michelle Hampton, Career Outreach Specialist, Workforce
Dr. Rebecca Ludwig, Dean, College of Health Sciences

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chief Robert Angell, Pinellas Park Fire Department
Diane Conti, Director of Emergency Services, HCA/St. Pete General
Dr. Donna Dooley, Assistant Medical Director, Pinellas County EMS
Kevin Forsythe, Director, Emergency Department, Blake Medical Center
Chief Richard Graham, Lealman Fire Control District
Craig Hare, Director, PCEMS & Fire Administration, Pinellas County EMS
Dr. Laurie Romig, Community Member
Deputy Chief Jerome Ruffing, Manatee County EMS
Merrill Seabury, Quality Assurance Manager, TransCare/Crisis Center of Tampa
Greg Taylor, Resource Teacher, Pinellas County Schools
Jeremy Tinter, Director of Clinical Services, Paramedics Plus dba Sunstar

WELCOME:

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM. Dr. Nelson welcomed all and asked everyone to introduce themselves, and to sign the attendance roster. It was determined a quorum was not present resulting in an "information only" meeting. No items will be voted on at this time. The low attendance is an acknowledgement of the recent passing of [Barry Mogil](#), the first Director of the Pinellas Public Utility Model, and a leader in developing the EMS System in Pinellas County. A memorial service for Mr. Mogil is being held at noon today. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled and offered as a Skype meeting to perhaps allow more members to attend and have input.

The Minutes of February 16, 2016, will be approved at the follow-up meeting and will be emailed again for review.

Program Changes Update – Glenn Davis

Glenn announced the following changes to the EMS Program Team:

- Martin VanBourgonchien, Paramedic Lead Instructor, resigned in the spring of 2016 and has moved to north Florida. Glenn has moved into the Paramedic Lead position, and is now serving as Interim Program Director.
- Dr. Nerina Stepanovsky has moved into a full-time faculty position.
- Sally Wardlow, EMS Program Administrative Services Specialist for the credit program, will be retiring as of the first of January. Krista Fusari will be filling in for Sally's position, as well as her own, until a new person is hired.

Paramedic Program Report – Glenn Davis

All six (6) of the spring Paramedic graduates (May 2016) students passed the NREMT exam (100%) on their first attempt. This exam replaced the State of Florida written exam as of January 1, 2016. The summer graduates (July 2016) totaled 11 students. Nine out of ten passed the NREMT written exam (90%). Seven out of ten passed the written exam on their first attempt (70%). Six out of ten passing the NREMT written exam (for state licensure) also passed the Psychomotor Skills exam (held at SPC on August 9th 2016 and are now Nationally Registered Paramedics (NRP). One student out of the eleven opted to take the State of Florida Paramedic written exam in place of the NREMT Paramedic exam. The state reinstated this option on August 1st. SPC EMS Paramedic NREMT Written Exam first time pass rate for 2016 = 81%.

- National NREMT Average First Time Pass Rate 77% (2014)
- State NREMT Average First Time Pass Rate 76% (2014)
- Local First Time Pass Rate**(01/01/16-09/03/16)
 - MTI 90%
 - HCC 100%
 - SPC 100%
 - PHSC 91.67%

Statewide 92.39%

Source: NREMT, **MQA

The [National Registry \(NREMT\)](#) exam cost is \$110.00 (\$125.00 in 2017) and the fee to the State is \$45.00. It was noted 48 states now recognize the National Registry Paramedic (NRP) and EMT certification. Dr. Nelson also shared students who took the state exam previously can go back and take the NRP exam to receive that certification, but, they must have previously graduated from a [CAAHEP](#) accredited training center.

Glenn explained the first 12 month, 4 semester (EMS 2600C-8 weeks, 2601-10 weeks, 2602-15 weeks & 2659-10 weeks), mirrored (shift-friendly) paramedic class began this past January 16th. The 2nd group began this fall session starting August 15. This program set-up allows a shortened period of

time to complete program requirements. The spring 2016 student enrollment count started at 29, with 12 withdrawing for various reasons. The fall paramedic initial student enrollment count is 31.

Robert Stanley, of Sunstar, is helping SPC EMS Program with ride times and preceptors from that agency. Dr. Nelson stated he has 11 shifts available for the current 16, Medic II students who must do shifts in October. We can't afford to have any of those shifts empty. Discussion ensued regarding live intubations. Dr. Nelson noted many programs have no live intubations and do all intubation training on mannequins.

Also shared is a curriculum change for the paramedic program, currently underway, which will reduce the number of pre-requisites, and return the program to a three term (semester) program. The Introduction to Paramedic course (EMS 2600C developed 10 years ago) will be folded into the remaining three semesters along with *medical terminology/pharmacology/anatomy & physiology* which will all be written into the Medic I, II & III curriculum. This will affect the credit Paramedic as well as the proposed PSAV (Post-Secondary Adult Vocational/non-credit) Paramedic Program (mirrored/day) which has a tentative start date of April 2017. We have hired Mrs. Penni Eggers as our new, PSAV (Non-Credit) Coordinator. She will start part-time in September and begin full-time in October 2016. The non-mirrored/credit Paramedic Program will be offered in the evening (potential start date – fall 2017).

Dr. Nelson stated he would need to review the final curriculum changes in order to give his CoAEMSP approval.

EMT Program Report – Ted Rogers

The first PSAV EMT Program began this past summer with a total of 29 students enrolled. Five students were not successful, and a few have not taken the NREMT/state test as of this date. Please see attached pass rate report.

EMS Program Support Coordinator Report – Scott Pelletier

Please see attached report.

Operational Changes & Process Improvements – Glenn Davis

Chris Henderson asked if the program could use FISDAP end of program testing as the prep test prior to taking the state exam. Glenn will look into this. Chris also wanted to know if preceptor/FISDAP accounts are attached to the individual preceptor or the agency. Glenn will look into this as well. Dr. Ludwig asked if FISDAP training is needed and offered to our preceptors. This is something the program is working on. The start-up fee to provide this, as of this date, is approximately \$5,000.00. More detail in the Support Coordinator report.

Discussion ensued regarding drawing up an affiliation agreement with AMR (American Medical Response) in Hillsborough County. Dr. Nelson said the contact person is Richard Montgomery. He also stated EMT level skills can be reinforced on BLS only calls. Use of out of county agencies who are BLS only would make having affiliation agreements with these agencies beneficial. As always, there was discussion about increased need for more clinical options for our students.

Chris Henderson asked for specific quotes for both new equipment and equipment maintenance agreements. Glenn let everyone know there are budget constraints due to program growth/change for both credit and non-credit.

Dr. Carver and Dr. Ludwig shared EMS graduates who haven't received their AS in EMS and qualify or with using the [ELP](#) process to be awarded the degree could then be eligible to teach the PSAV (non-credit) courses. This would be good for the college and the program. Dr. Nelson added it is a distinguishing note that graduating through the credit EMS Program is a plus.

Glenn shared through an awarded grant, the program was able to purchase a new [Apollo Simulator from CAE Healthcare, Inc.](#) This is to replace as a trade in the existing METIMan which is 16 years old. Please see the EMS Support Coordinator report for additional equipment necessities. Dr. Nelson said the use of simulation training is underused and acquiring this new simulator is going to be very beneficial to student training.

Dr. Carver spoke of improvements to the Health Education Center, specifically EMS classrooms which have new floors, new student tables and newly painted walls. Also, he shared significant donations are in the works for a proposed, new simulation lab/center for health programs and, potentially an entire, new Health Education Building. Obviously this will not occur overnight; however, plans are in development.

Glenn stated adjunct interviews are taking place for both credit courses and PSAV/non-credit. Instructors are needed for both sides. Two student assistants for the EMS Program have been approved through the Provost Office at HEC. Additional EMS tutors are needed besides using current instructors.

Due to low attendance by committee members today, a quorum was not met. Therefore, a short Advisory Committee meeting will be planned for mid-November. Notification will be sent via email.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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