

Indiana EMS Education Workgroup

- We are an association of Indiana Primary Instructors.
- Our mission is to promote quality EMS Education in Indiana.
- Our goals
 - Advancement of EMS Education
 - We will be proactive in recognizing hurdles to EMS education and offer possible solutions to the Commission, but we also have to understand that our recommendations may not work for reasons that we do not necessarily know.
 - Curriculum Updates
 - We will strive to be on the cutting edge of EMS and EMS education, which includes staying abreast of local, regional, statewide and national trends and making the EMS education community aware of legislative initiatives that impact EMS.
 - Communication and development of PI knowledge and skills
 - We will support instructors across the state by providing educational opportunities that allow them to develop their EMS and instructor-related knowledge and skills.
 - Assisting the Commission, TAC, and IDHS with education-related work as requested.
 - We will be a competent resource for the various groups tasked with overseeing Indiana EMS and help however we can.
- Membership
 - The Indiana EMS Education Workgroup meetings are open to all persons having an interest in EMS education. Membership in the group will be limited to Indiana certified EMS Primary Instructors. Voting privileges shall be restricted to active members who have attended at least 50% of the meetings in the past floating calendar year.

Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2016

Officers present:	Jeff Quinn, Jana Szostek
Members present:	Jodi Bondy, Vicky Lemmel, Nicole Lowry, Mike Oberg, George Schulp, Jeff Szostek
EMS Commission members present:	John Zartman
IDHS staff present:	Tony Pagano, Mike Garvey
Guests present:	Dennis Lemmel
Via webinar:	

Thank you to all who attended the meeting. Our discussions were quite productive and led to well-reasoned decisions that will greatly enhance the work we do. Thank you for all you do for EMS!

- I. Meeting called to order by Jeff Quinn.
 - a. Welcome to all, thank you for coming.

- II. Chairperson report
 - a. Minutes approved as e-mailed.
 - b. EMS Commission and TAC report
 - c. Webinar information
 - i. Log in information will be e-mailed in advance of the meeting.
 - ii. If you join by webinar, please make sure we have your first and last names and e-mail addresses.
 - d. Agenda
 - i. Meeting agenda is distributed one week before our meetings.
 - ii. Members are invited to add an item to the agenda by e-mailing or calling one of the officers.

- III. IDHS/Commissioner Comments
 - a. IDHS Staffing
 - i. Elizabeth Westfall has accepted a position as EMA State Training Officer and is no longer serving as District Manager.
 - ii. There are several vacancies in the IDHS office. Training Coordinator, Simulation Lab Manager, and two administrative positions. Watch the state job bank if interested in applying.
 - b. IDHS is working on the strategic planning process and will ask our group to review it once completed.
 - c. Tony is working on identifying high and low achieving programs. He hopes in the future to be able to determine what the high performing programs are doing well, and how the low performing programs can be assisted. He has thus far learned that 1/3 of those passing their courses never take the certification exam. He has all of the 2015 data compiled. Interestingly, two high schools are the lowest performing on the state exam, and two high schools are the highest performing.
 - d. National Registry update
 - i. Effective July 1, 2017, the National Registry EMT exam will be the official certification exam for the state. Until then, EMT Candidates make challenge either exam to become certified. The EMT psychomotor exam will remain unchanged.
 - ii. All Primary Instructors must attend one of the National Registry updates that will be offered around the state. Thus far, five updates have been completed and 6 or 7 more are planned through July 1, 2017. Primary Instructors must attend an update in order to retain their PI certification.
 - iii. Primary Instructors can take the NREMT exam. They should register using the assessment exam option. This will let you know what the test is like and show you your own weaknesses.
 - e. The new National Registry paramedic psychomotor exam begins January 1, 2017. Training Institutions need to make sure they are ready, as the process will be very different. There will be six stations total – a trauma, static and dynamic cardiology, two oral boards, and a 20 minute out of hospital scenario. Random stations are no longer going to be used. It is highly recommended that program coordinators attend a roll out session.
 - f. The Advanced EMT cardiology exam has been problematic. IDHS will be reviewing the questions and will place the test on LMS so that candidates no longer have to go to Ivy Tech to take the exam.

- IV. Old Business
 - a. Continuing education
 - i. The EMS Commission has appointed a committee to review the National Registry and Indiana CE requirements.
 - b. TAC and EWG continue to work on LMS content. The criminal statement will also be set up on the LMS system. IDHS will then assign certification tests to individuals as indicated for the certification status.
 - c. Fire Instructor – Primary Instructor integration – textbooks have been requested so that content can be prepared. There are 5,000 fire instructors and 529 primary instructors in Indiana.

V. Project Committee Reports

a. PROJECT: Indiana Practical Exam

- i. Committee information
 1. Chair: Kraig Kinney
 2. Committee members: Jeff Quinn, George Schulp, Robin Stump, Terri Hamilton, Jeff Szostek, Jodi Bondy, Jana Szostek, Debra Taylor, Mike Ross
 3. This committee will compile the information we developed on selecting State Representatives and create an application. These materials will be e-mailed to our group for input before sending it to IDHS.
- ii. Skill sheet changes
 1. Several changes were made to the EMT/EMR skill sheets and approved by TAC and the Commission
 - a. Language regarding oxygenation and shock management
 - b. Dropped c-spine consideration from medical assessment
 - c. Airway management on the EMR form
 - d. All rates were changed to reference AHA standards
 - e. Ventilations language was changed to reference AHA standards
 - f. Bleeding management changed to stress tourniquet application
 - g. Sample scenarios were watermarked with “sample” and are not to be used for the EMT psychomotor exam. They can be used for EMR exam AT IDHS DIRECTION.

b. PROJECT: PI Continuing Education Committee

- i. Committee information
 1. Chair: Jeff Lawley
 2. Committee members: George Schulp, Sara Brown, Mike Hunter
 3. This will be a standing committee and will plan continuing education opportunities to take place at the conclusion of our meetings (beginning at 1:30 pm).
- ii. No report.

c. PROJECT: IDHS Newsletter Assistance Committee

- i. Committee information
 1. Chair: George Schulp
 2. Committee members: Vicki Lemmel, Jana Szostek.
 3. This committee will be a resource for IDHS and provide content for the IDHS newsletter.
- ii. No report.

d. PROJECT: Emerging Trends Committee

- i. Committee information
 1. Chair: Elizabeth Westfall
 2. Committee members: Chris Scheumann, Jeff Quinn, Mark Mangrum, Jeff Szostek, Nikki Lowry, Seth Bard, Michael DeShong
 3. This committee will stay abreast of changes in the EMS field, including new technology, equipment and evidence based changes to current treatment standards and bring these emerging trends to the group’s attention.
- ii. No report.

VI. New Business

- a. Our chairperson, Kraig Kinney, has moved to a new position and will no longer be able to attend meetings during the day. Discussion ensued as to whether we could change our meeting times to accommodate his schedule. Those in attendance felt that evening meetings would not be well attended and IDHS staff advised against evening meetings. We also discussed our group's evolving role in Indiana EMS. These topics were ultimately tabled to the December meeting, with the following goals being expressed:
 - i. Who will lead the group? Jeff Quinn is willing to step up to the Chairperson role, if the group decides to do so. At the December meeting, we need to discuss nominations of a new officer. Anyone interested in serving as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson can add his or her name to the ballot by e-mailing Jeff Quinn or Jana Szostek.
 - ii. What will our continuing role be? We discussed several projects that our group could be working on. Another option is to eliminate our standing committees and have everyone focused on one project at a time.
 1. LMS course list
 2. Manual review
 3. Resource list for instructors
 4. Review state practical stations/skills (are some stations obsolete?)
- b. Announcements from group
 - i. Indiana Ambulance Association Conference will be held November 11 and 12. Cost is \$25, students are free. Hotel is \$99. Wyndham West, Indianapolis.

VII. Meeting schedule

- a. December 14, 2016 at 10 am at Ivy Tech Lawrence
- b. Meeting space at the 2017 FDIC and IERC are confirmed.

VIII. Adjournment