

EMS Leadership Conference Call
Thursday, January 5, 2012 - 11 a.m.

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The first 18 minutes or so of this call was lost due to a phone malfunction in Chris' office.

Staffing Updates

- Emily Lubell, new EMS-C coordinator, introduced herself and highlighted her goals.
- Data Manager position has been posted for several weeks and applications are being reviewed for first round interviews.
- Deputy Director position has been posted for a couple months now. 8-9 applicants have been selected for interviews.

EMS Conference

Awaiting confirmation of federal funding to supplement costs for this year. Moving forward to schedule and discussing co-sponsorship, hotel space. Likely fall of 2012. Once this next one is done, we'll reconsider the time of year. A committee of folks will assist in lining up speakers and topics.

Laptops

Contract for equipment has been awarded but funding is still pending.

Continuing Education

Planning to implement a webinar series beginning in February. Anyone interested in presenting or has topic suggestions should contact Chris. The live late afternoon or early evening 1-2 hour sessions will be recorded and available for later viewing, in addition to the "live" webinar presentation. Chris explained that viewing the "live" telecast counts as "live" CE hours; viewing the recorded webinar at a later date counts as asynchronous CE.

Workgroups

Clinical Practice and Interfacility

Chris is awaiting ED nurse/manager and medical director meetings to reschedule these two working groups.

Transition

Next meeting is January 19 at 4:30 p.m., live or via webinar. Hope to be done with decisions and make progress on developing transitional materials

Act 142 Legislative Proposal

Act 142 Committee met before Christmas, resulting in proposed legislation and a draft report. This report is due to the House and Senate by January 15th. Highlights include changing the term "certification" to "licensure" with regard to personnel. The state is

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proposing to create minimum standards for credentialing, as well as guidance around different ways agencies can meet credentialing standards. One deletion from rule addresses individuals functioning above their service's level of licensure.

A funding proposal will also be made, with a source to be determined. Any support is appreciated. If approved, funding would be directed towards education and continuing education for providers: supplemental funds toward initial education of providers and to districts to run local CE programming. The funding stream would also provide ongoing support for the conference. Federal funds will be used this year, but most likely that arrangement will be a one-time event. The goal is to expand the conference and lower the cost. Injury prevention and data collection will also see financial support.

The structure of an advisory board has also been proposed in legislation.

Practical Exams

Human Resources is in the final stages of creating proctor positions for practical exams. Ray will update the instructors of the ongoing classes as to procedures, once everything is in place.

Credentialing

Mark Considine asked what districts should be advising or working on with regard to credentialing, the development process, etc. Chris urged the districts to continue work, since the EMS Office needs to remain in a holding pattern until the legislation process is complete. Once done, a working group will be formed. Rescue Inc and others have a great starting point, and some districts seem willing to help lead development.

Tom Goddard from D13 supplied information that resulted in Chris including language into proposed legislation to allow the districts to play a role in credentialing.

Chris said that some districts have expressed interest in practical proficiency/testing. The state cannot hold recertification exams, but agencies or districts certainly can do so.

Service Renewals

Mark Considine asked if waivers would again be issued for the 2013 licensure season with regard to credentialing. Chris said the variance (not waiver) was issued for the 2012 licensure year. He said he hoped the legislative process, rulemaking and development of plans would take place in time for 2012 relicensure.

Future Calls

All agency heads and district officials are welcome to participate in future meetings; pass the word.

Anyone with topics should shoot Chris or office staff an email.