

Hudson Valley Regional



Hudson Valley REMSCO Education & Training Committee Meeting

March 11, 2008
10:00 AM

Facilitator:

Michael Murphy, Chair

Attendees:

Michael Murphy (Chair), Raphael M. Barishansky (HVREMSO) Nelson Machado (HVREMSO), Susan McCarl (SCCC), David Violante (SUNY DCC), Joe Poptanich (UCAA), Ritch Parrish (Woodstock Rescue Squad), Kevin Gage (NYS DOH), Richard Robinson (NYS DOH), Ruth Ackermann (SCBOCES), Mike Chanut (SUNY Ulster), Peter Andryuk (SUNY Rockland), Susan Prezzano (NDP), William Black (Alamo EMS), Michael Walton (Orange County EMS)

Meeting Minutes

Attendance / Call to Order

M. Murphy

Meeting was called to order by M. Murphy at 10:00am

A motion was made to accept minutes from previous meeting. Motion made by S. McCarl, seconded by R. Parrish

Minutes approved.

Notice of Excused Absences:

E. Horton, A. LaMarca, F. Deschino, K. Lippes, D. Leone, D. Theyson

State Training and Education Report	M .Murphy
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Discussion:

Mr. Murphy and other members brought up several issues that were discussed at the most recently held SEMSCO meeting including:

Under the NYS DOH Education Unit Staff Report,

- Ms. Meggenhoffen assured Chairman Murphy that the Spinal Immobilization protocol, completed and approved by both SEMAC and SEMSCO in December of 2006, was just getting finishing touches and would be available in May
- The NYS DOH BEMS will now allow for one 1 failure at one station with 1 retest and no remediation at the CLI pre-screening.

Additional topics discussed at the State meeting included:

- CLI Curriculum TAG is moving toward a re-write to emphasize more safety in lifting and moving as well as more “hands on” skills.
- The Safety TAG, which will consist of members from each of the SEMAC and SEMSCO subcommittees is still opened
- The on-line CME/Certification TAG has polled many states to ascertain who is doing what with regard to on-line CME.
- The “aging instructors” TAG touched on the fact that that all Instructors must be active in an EMS agency and have been the CIC of record on a full class in the past 3 years. There was discussion in various related items.

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Regional Office Staff Report	R. Barishansky
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Discussion:

Mr. Barishansky stated that all critical items will be reported involving the Regional EMS office will be reported later in the meeting.

Old Business	M. Murphy
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Mr. Murphy brought up the topic of a Course Sponsorship application that was received from the County of Orange and tables at the last Training Committee meeting in January. Mr. Murphy read the results of a survey sent out to all affected EMS agencies. Motion to approve the Course Sponsorship application and move it on the entire Regional EMS Council was made by Peter Andryuk and seconded by Ruth Ackermann. Motion approved with 1 abstention.

Upcoming classes to include:

- CIU – this class will be held on March 18th and 25th with Mike Murphy as Regional Faculty and the location to be the Orange County Fire Training Center. Topics will include a “safety” presentation by Paul Bishop one evening and a review of NYS DOH educational update/initiatives by Gene Taylor of the NYS DOH BEMS on the second evening.

Discussion on root causes of why the two most recently scheduled HVREMSCO CLI classes have been cancelled. M. Chanat mentioned that, as a possibility, Course Sponsors could get completed Course applications from students to the Regional office to hold onto until enough to hold a class were received. Possibility of holding a CLI class during the summer of 2008 was discussed.

Mr. Murphy distributed a draft document outlining the various possible changes that were discussed regarding the HVREMSCO/REMAC CME process. Ensuing discussion regarding Medical Control hours, who should be able to deliver Medical Control contact hours, the inclusion/exclusion of certain classes from CME requirements, the need for a re-credential exam every three years as well as the over impact on the Regional EMS office ensued. Mr. Violante will be incorporating any changes as discussed into an amended draft document and distributing to the entire Training Committee.

New Business:

M. Murphy

Discussion:

Mr. Murphy read a letter received from SUNY Ulster regarding the expansion of their existing Course Sponsorship to encompass Paramedic-original classes at Orange County Community College. The SUNY Ulster consortium proposed to utilize an interactive video system to assure that all classes on all campuses were receiving the same content. Chairman Murphy asked if this was going to include BLS level classes and was assured by SUNY Ulster representatives that it would not. Discussion ensued regarding the various logistical realities of this endeavor, as well as other facets. Motion made by R. Parrish and seconded by D. Violante to table any vote on the SUNY Ulster Course Sponsorship expansion until DOH BEMS issues with SUNY Ulster are resolved and proof is provided that the Ulster/Rockland communications issues have additionally been resolved. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by M. Murphy at 11:25 AM.

Next Meeting: May 13th

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Letters/emails from excused absences
- A copy of the results of the OCEMS Course Sponsorship survey
- Attendance Roster
- Minutes from January 2008 meeting