



EMT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 3rd, 2023 * Time Unknown
Northwest Regional Training Center – Board Room

Members Present: Paul Bennett, Camas-Washougal Fire Department; James Eagon, CRESA; Jason Jensen, ;Tim Kienitz, Fire District 6; Ryan Preston, TEMS (proxy for Drue Russell); Jennifer Bethke

Members Absent: Kendon Fisher, SphereMD; John Griffith, AMR; Robert Milano, Vancouver Police Department;

Clark College: Joe Copolla, EMT Program Director; Jennifer Obbard, Associate Dean – Health Occupations; Renee Schiffhauer, Advising; Cathy Sherick, Associate Director of Programming and Innovation; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist; Patricia Atkinson; Tasaday Turner

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No minute appear to have been reviewed in this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be scheduled via email.

CERTIFICATION UPDATES

Clark and the fire district met together previously to talk about some of the certification issues. Discussed how EMT is displayed in the class schedule, the class timing, and having better notes for students to understand that they must register 2 weeks in advance. Fire districts were asked to open registration 2 weeks earlier to align with Clark enrolment. There was an opportunity for alignment between fire districts and Clark College with certificates of completion. Currently both Clark College and fire district 5 offer a certificate of completion but have different requirements. It would be beneficial to align the certification requirements. Jennifer suggested sharing students' transcripts between Clark and fire district 5. Clark having access to transcripts might aid in certification processes. Tricia requested a list of available advisors from SueAnn to schedule a spring meeting with advisors to complete the approval of the change in certification process. An additional EMT advisory committee meeting will be scheduled this term to allow more members to attend. There are currently 7 committee members and bylaws currently require 5 members for voting. With having reduced committee membership, the bylaws should be voted for change to reflect the 51% current maximum attendance traditionally used. SueAnn will be sending out a doodle pole to members to schedule

another meeting. Requirements for adding and removing members were discussed and who performs which tasks for recruitment. Transcripts sharing request will be sent to credentials for review. Hospitals are not an option for ride outs currently due to COVID-19 protocols. However, Tim has been identifying opportunities with local fire districts for ride outs and working through liability difficulties. Metro West was suggested for contact as a ride out opportunity. SueAnn will send Member handbook, PowerPoint training, and the bylaws for the committee to all participants.

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