

Community Paramedic Sub-committee
Teleconference/BTWAN
February 3, 2014
Quality Inn – Jamestown/Teleconference 10 AM-2PM
MINUTES

Present – Ken Reed, Tom Nehring, Kelli Sears, Curt Halmrast, Lynette Dickson, Lynn Hartman
Sherm Syverson, Tim Meyer, Karalee Harper, June Herman, Jan Franklund

Ken welcomed all to the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Approval of meeting minutes from 1/06/2014 -

June Herman motioned to approve the minutes. Karalee seconded. Minutes were approved.

Pilot Project Progress – Ken

- The first Community Paramedic class at Hennepin Technical College began February 3, 2014. This class will graduate in May and the next class will begin in August.
- Eight students are enrolled - Five from F-M Ambulance; three from Rugby EMS.
- The state submitted a letter to Hennepin indicating they would be financially responsible for tuition and Hennepin accepted this.
- Costs for books and travel can be submitted to Tom at the DEMST.

At this point the two identified sites are FM Ambulance and Rugby EMS.

- FM and Rugby EMS will have proposals to submit in 30-60 days.
- The interest is high – Ken had 7 inquiries 72 hours after the email and letter introducing the program went out.
- The first phase will consist of education.
- Ken will visit interested sites to help direct them and assist with crafting their proposal.

There is misconception by some that CP is intended to increase the scope of practice for EMS.

Community Paramedic:

- Will not increase the scope of practice in EMS
- Will expand responsibilities
- Will work to fill the gaps in communities
- Will make EMS viable in your community

Educating Community Paramedics In-State –

Look at accredited training institutions as the basis for teaching

Goal would be to have one entity statewide through technology

Collaborate with instructors to do the skills part and share resources

Need to be a paramedic before you become a community paramedic

Second Stakeholder Meeting –

Review of 1st Stakeholder Meeting – Tom

- Tom gave a recap of the First Stakeholder Meeting which was held in 2012.
- Tom feels there will need to be at least two more stakeholder meetings.

- After discussion the two meetings were scheduled with lunch included and venues to be decided.
 - Bismarck – March 19, 2014 – 10AM - 2PM
 - Fargo – April 16, 2014 – 10 AM – 2 PM

EMS Association will assist in –

- Finding the venue
- Arrange for catering
- Provide the invitation list
 - Include Roberta Young from the Nurses Association
 - Nurse Practitioner’s Association
 - Jo Burdick from Sanford (Home Health)
 - 3rd Party Payers
- Invite 50-75 per meeting
- Monitor the registration
 - Curt will email Ken the link so he can monitor registration on a daily basis as the stakeholder meetings get closer

Other Logistics -

- Tom will investigate whether the lunch will be paid for by state funds
- If the state won’t pay, Ken will solicit sponsors
- Ken will develop the agenda

Decision on speakers -

- Suggested having both Medical Directors speak in support of the CP program
 - Dr. Sather for Rugby EMS and Dr. Lako for F-M Ambulance
- Others who have suggestions for speakers, please bring them forward
- Agreed not to bring in national people at this time
- Have 1 or 2 students who are in the CP program speak

Topics -

- Suggested it would be helpful to have scenarios to help people understand
 - This is how CP could affect this individual in your community
- What has to be in place in a community for a CP program to exist
- Talk about the gap in Western North Dakota where CP would be advantageous
 - Occupational health area

Long Term Program Planning -

Community Paramedic needs to become a recognized licensure level with the state.

- This would require Administrative Rules.
- Possibly legislative law?
- Tom, along with Tim, will write the language for Administrative Rules for the Committee’s review.
 - CP must maintain their Paramedic licensure signed off by a medical director
 - Will not require additional continuing education

Potential conflict with home health regulations –

- Needs to be researched

Other –

- Ken will develop a suggested timeline of what we want to accomplish through certain periods of time.
- This timeline can be a tool to be shared during testimony at the upcoming Legislative Session to make legislators aware the CP program is moving forward.
- Others that could be valuable on this committee
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Physician Assistants
 - Mid-levels

Next Meeting – February 24, 2014 – 1 PM – 3PM/WebEx/Teleconference

Meeting Adjourned