

# State of Louisiana EMS Certification Commission

## Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2017

### Commissioners

Commission Member	Present	Commission Member	Present
Dr. Jeff Elder	Yes	Travis Schulze	Yes
Dr. Jeff Kuo	no	Tammy Gray	Yes
Mark Majors	Yes	Jeff Watson	Yes
Chris Mixon	Yes	Barbara Sellers	Yes
Ryan Brown	Yes	Dr. Lance Stuke	No
Dr. Cristina Zeretzke	No		
Quorum	Yes		

### Bureau of EMS

Staff Member	Present		Present
Traci Travis	No	Rose Johnson	yes
Stephen Phillipe Sr.	Yes	Rochelle Grayer	Yes
Stephanie Borghardt	Yes		

### Agenda

#### New Business

1. Dr. Elder presented information on the adoption of VAN training for large vessel occlusion stroke.
2. EMSC was asked to endorse the Statewide Minimum Patient Care Guidelines developed by the LA EMS Task force. After some discussion it was decided that the draft presented to the commission was incomplete since it only addressed some components of the equipment list used to inspect and approve EMS vehicles in the state. At this time, *"The EMSC endorses the current content of the Statewide Minimum Care Guidelines"*
3. Bob Brakeline presented a request to expand the scope of practice for EMT/ EMR providers to allow the use of IM Narcan. This brings EMS providers in line with legislative changes that allow law enforcement and citizens to administer the medication. He has included a suggested course outline.  
*The EMSCC approves expansion of the EMT/ EMR scope of practice to include the administration of IM naloxone in the approved scope of practice as an optional module."*

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4. The EMSCC was asked to expand the scope of practice of EMT/ EMR responders to allow the administration of epinephrine IM for severe allergic reaction.  
*The EMSCC approves expansion of the EMT/ EMR scope of practice to include the administration of IM epinephrine in the approved scope of practice as an optional module.*

#### Old Business

1. The EMSCC and representatives of the National Registry of EMT's met to discuss conflicts in how the commission and the registry handle disciplinary sanctions and suspension of licensure and registry. Dr. Severo Rodriguez and Amanda Broussard attended to represent NREMT. Dr. Elder and several of the Commissioners provided an overview of some of the challenges that have been created where the EMSCC was not consulted or a decision of the commission was overridden at the NREMT.
2. Dr. Rodriguez presented the processes and procedures used by the NREMT which led to a discussion of how the EMSCC and NREMT could avoid conflicts. One suggestion was the introduction of an NREMT representative at the Commission but this requires changes to EMSCC policy since the deliberations of the commission are private. Another was the establishment of a "hotline" to coordinate and communicate between the two agencies as needed during a deliberation to align the EMSCC and NREMT. Discussion continues on how to improve and assure communications between the two agencies.

#### Formal Disciplinary Proceedings

No formal hearing were conducted during this meeting. Stephen Phillipe presented information on four cases where there has been no response to communications and requested to lock the accounts where there has been no response to EMSCC/ BEMS communication.

Locked in the Portal:

1. Jason Schwebel
2. Steve Gaskin
3. David Adams
4. Cori Heider

#### Next Meeting

August 11th, 2017 at 0900

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