



Highlights from the Program Directors Focus Group (PDFG) Meeting July 22, 2025, 1:00P-2:30P Central Time

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Program Directors Focus Group (PDFG) met via Zoom on July 22, 2025, for its quarterly meeting. The highlights from the meeting follow.

- 1. Program Director Focus Group (PDFG).** The members of the third PDFG, since the initiative's launch in May 2023, gathered for the first time. The group indicated a main theme of support for program directors when conveying what they hope to accomplish.

The 24 members of the PDFG represent a broad cross-section of the nation, with members from each NASEMSO Region – East, South, Great Lakes, Western Plains, and West. Members of the group are volunteers and will serve for one year. The PDFG is not a governing body, does not set policy, and does not participate in accreditation decisions.

2. Review of CoAEMSP Highlights

a. CoAEMSP Board Meeting Highlights (May 2-3, 2025).

b. Strategic Plan 2023-2025.

- i. Expand accreditation services with the implementation of voluntary AEMT accreditation.
- ii. Develop an overarching data management strategy that results in efficiency and value for staff and constituents.
- iii. Develop resources and programs to support (new) program directors with the accreditation process.
- iv. Launch a communications program that promotes and strengthens relationships through a variety of targeted interfaces.
- v. Provide accreditation services for paramedic educational programs globally, taking deliberate.

- 3. PDFG Feedback/Discussion.** The members of the third PDFG reflected on their reason for joining the PDFG and what they hope to gain from the experience. Discussion included ideal program length for Paramedic programs and a common desire to help support new program directors.

Next Meeting: 2025: October date TBD web meeting