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TO: Sponsoring Organizations for the CoAEMSP

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RE: Highlights from the CoAEMSP Quarterly Board Meeting – August 2-3, 2013

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met in Bloomington, Minn., August 2-3, 2013. The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 48 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation, and progress reports.
2. **By the numbers.** Currently there are 365 CAAHEP accredited Paramedic programs and 244 programs that hold the CoAEMSP Letter of Review. The LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation. In addition 31 programs are On Hold and do not hold either status. The CoAEMSP continues to receive 5-10 new Self Study Reports each month.
3. **Accreditation Update.** CoAEMSP is cosponsoring with the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) four workshops in 2013: CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Accreditation Update and Evaluating Student Competency in Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Chicago. Attendance has been strong and a need is being met. The CoAEMSP is evaluating the need for similar workshops in 2014.
4. **Strategic Plan.** CoAEMSP monitored its strategic plan, which was approved earlier this year.
5. **Annual Reports.** A process has been developed and implemented for reviewing threshold measurement as reported in the Annual Reports. Thresholds include: Written National or State credentialing examinations; Programmatic Retention; Graduate Satisfaction; Employer Satisfaction; and Job (Positive) Placement. Initial review was for the Written National or State credentialing examinations. For the 2012 annual reporting year, programs not meeting the 70% threshold were required to submit a standardized progress report with an action plan to meet the threshold. For the 2013 annual reporting year, the additional threshold of Retention will be added to the review and progress report/action plan process
6. **Airway Management Task Force.** The airway management subcommittee continues to refine the airway competency/requirement interpretation. A webinar will be offered September 11 for anyone interested. There is no fee to participate. You will find more information on this at www.coaemsp.org.
7. **Distance Education.** The Distance Education Task Force is tackling the issues surrounding the various distance education options that continue to develop and are working with CAAHEP.
8. **CAAHEP Standards Revision:** CoAEMSP continues to review and revise the CAAHEP *Standards*. Each sponsor organization will be asked to review and comment on the drafts. The first draft will be ready in Spring 2014. At that time sponsor organizations will be asked to review and endorse the *Standards*. Upon endorsement from the 14 organizations that sponsor the CoAEMSP, it can be presented to CAAHEP for final approval. After the *Standards* have been revised and approved, the associated documents will be revised: self-study report documents, site visit report, and any documents that relate to the process.
9. **Next Meetings:**
 - 2013: November 1 via conference call
 - 2014: February 7-8, 2014 in New Orleans | May 2 via web meeting | August 1-2 in TBD | November 7 via web meeting