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TO: Sponsoring Organizations for the CoAEMSP

FROM: Doug York, NREMT-P, PS, Chair, CoAEMSP Board of Directors

RE: Highlights from the CoAEMSP Quarterly Board Meeting – November 1, 2013

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met via conference call on November 1, 2013. The highlights from the meeting:

- 1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 85 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation, and progress reports.
- 2. **By the numbers.** Currently there are **370 CAAHEP accredited** Paramedic programs and **273 programs with the CoAEMSP Letter of Review**. The LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation. In additional 27 programs are On Hold and do not hold either status.
- 3. **Accreditation Update.** CoAEMSP cosponsored 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 will continue its partnership for the workshops in 2014.
- 4. **Strategic Plan.** CoAEMSP monitored its strategic plan, which was approved earlier this year. Progress is being made on each of the goals.
- 5. **Airway Management Recommendation.** A webinar with record attendance was held September 11, facilitated by Dr. Murray Kalish (ASA) and Mr. Gordy Kokx (NAEMT). Resources to support and publicize the airway management recommendation are available www.coaemsp.org.
- 6. **CAAHEP** *Standards* **Revision**: CoAEMSP continues to review and revise the CAAHEP *Standards*. The first draft will be reviewed by the CoAEMSP Board during its February 2014 meeting.
- 7. Next Meetings:

2014: February 7-8, 2014 in New Orleans | May 2 via web meeting | August 1-2 in Portland, OR | November 7 via web meeting

