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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 – February 7-8, 2014

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met in New Orleans February 7-8, 2014. The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Fiduciary Responsibility.** The CoAEMSP Board participated in a professional development session on fiduciary responsibility and how it relates to accrediting agencies.
2. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 67 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation and progress reports.
3. **By the numbers.** Currently there are **375 CAAHEP accredited** Paramedic programs and **274 programs** hold the **CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR)**. The LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation. An additional 20 programs are On Hold and do not hold either status. The CoAEMSP continues to receive 8-12 new self study reports each month.

In 2013, the CoAEMSP read more than 300 self study reports for the CoAEMSP LoR and CAAHEP accreditation.

4. **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 four more workshops in 2014.
5. **Strategic Plan.** CoAEMSP monitored its strategic plan, which was approved in 2013. Progress is being made on each of the goals.
6. **CAAHEP Standards Revision:** CoAEMSP is reviewing and revising the CAAHEP *Standards*. The first draft was approved by the CoAEMSP Board during this meeting. The next step is for the CAAHEP Standards Committee to review the draft. At the time that CAAHEP and the CoAEMSP have a mutually agreeable draft Standards, each of the sponsoring organizations will receive a draft to provide feedback on. More information will follow in the coming months.
7. **Audit.** An audit was conducted by an outside CPA firm. The results showed the organization is in good standing with no concerns noted.
8. **Next Meetings:**
2014: May 2 via web meeting | August 1-2 in Portland, OR | November 7 via web meeting