



March 19, 2015

TO: Sponsoring Organizations for the CoAEMSP
CoAEMSP Board Members

FROM: Tom Brazelton, MD, MPH, FAAP, Chair, CoAEMSP Board of Directors

RE: Highlights from the CoAEMSP Quarterly Board Meeting – February 6-7, 2015

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met in Tampa, Florida, on February 6-7, 2015. The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 65 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation and progress reports.
2. **By the numbers.** Currently there are **460 CAAHEP accredited** Paramedic programs and **215 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.
3. **Bylaws.** CoAEMSP has transitioned to becoming a corporation organized under the non-profit corporation laws of Texas and Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.
4. **Nomination and Election of future Board members.** The new bylaws provide a more formal structure for the nomination and election of Board members. Sponsoring organizations are asked to advance two (2) nominees for each open seat and provide an opportunity for the Board to be part of the vetting process for new members. The Board's needs for specific skills and experience, related both to accreditation decisions and governance matters, can now be part of the overall consideration in seating new Board members. This, together with new provisions for public members on the Board, support independence in accreditation decision-making that is required for CHEA recognition.
5. **Communication Protocols.** The Board is also interested in enhancing the engagement of sponsors and has adopted protocols that permit more predictable, consistent, and deliberate communications with sponsors about the work of the Board. The Board will continue to provide official updates via the Board Highlights to sponsors within 30 days of each Board meeting.
6. **Budget Approval Process.** The Board approved a new budgetary approval process, providing added structure to approving budget expenditures.
7. **Workshops & Webinars.** CoAEMSP continues to sponsor workshops with the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) focusing on Evaluating Student Competency. In 2015 there will be 3 educational offerings: March in Dallas, August in Nashville, and December in Chicago.
8. **CAAHEP Standards Revision.** The public comment period ended December 31, 2014. The Board reviewed the comments collected. Two of the 14 sponsors have not yet endorsed the proposed Standards; however, anticipate those endorsements arriving in Spring 2015. Upon receipt of all 14 sponsors' endorsements, then the CoAEMSP will request from CAAHEP an Open Hearing. This may occur as soon as July 2015.
9. **AEMT Programs.** Upon request from several State Offices of EMS, the Board had a conversation about accrediting AEMT programs. A task force was created to explore the feasibility of offering accreditation or recognition of AEMT programs. No decision was made.

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10. **Distance Education.** Explore best practices and issues related to synchronous and asynchronous delivery. In addition, developing guidelines to assist site visitors when conducting a site visit on a program delivered via distance education.
 11. **Site Visitor Training.** With the increase in Paramedic programs and the natural attrition of volunteer site visitors, up to 30 new site visitors will be trained in 2015. The last site visitor workshop was held in 2012.
 12. **A picture is worth a 1000 words.** Attached is an infographic created for illustrating to the CoAEMSP Board the workload of 2014. You may find it insightful, too.
 13. **Next Meetings:**
2015: May 1 via web meeting; July 31-August 1, Minneapolis; November 6 via web meeting
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CAAHEP = Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

CoAEMSP = Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions

The **Mission Statement** for the CoAEMSP

The mission of the CoAEMSP is to advance the quality of EMS education through CAAHEP accreditation.

The **Vision Statement** for the CoAEMSP

CoAEMSP is recognized as the leader in evidence based standards for accreditation.

LSSRs
66

ISSRs
51

CSSRs
87

ARs
430

LoRs
230

634

REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION SERVICES

455

PERSONNEL CHANGE FORM

1,577

INVOICES

63.4

STAFF HOURS REVIEW TEAM CALLS



2014



588
Participants in Workshops & Educational Sessions

77
INITIAL VISITS



113
SITE VISITS

36
CONTINUING VISITS



74,615



34,974*

91
DAYS



12,516*

127
DAYS



3,973*

96,797
AIR MILES

5,874
CONTACTS



72
POSTS



107
TWEETS



38
eUPDATES



225**
WEBSITE UPDATES



** Outgoing emails artificially low due to George, Gordy & Jennifer sending via smart phones. * First 5 months' of calls not available. Estimation based on past 7 months of calls. Outgoing calls artificially low due to George, Gordy & Jennifer sending via smart phones. ** Estimation per records on hand.*

