



June 5, 2017

TO: Sponsoring Organizations for the CoAEMSP
CoAEMSP Board Members

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RE: Highlights from the CoAEMSP Quarterly Board Meeting – May 5, 2017

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met May 5, 2017, via web meeting. The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 58 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation and progress reports.
2. **By the Numbers.** At the time of the board meeting there were **537 CAAHEP¹ accredited** Paramedic programs and **149 programs** that hold the **CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR)**; the LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation. For a current list of Paramedic programs, visit <http://www.caahep.org/Find-An-Accredited-Program/>.
3. **Annual Report (corporate).** The 2015-16 CoAEMSP Annual Report was recently published and distributed to all communities of interest. The annual report is available here: <http://coaemsp.org/Governance.htm>.
4. **Workshops & Webinars.** In 2017, the CoAEMSP is hosting three Accreditation Workshops. Each workshop is reaching maximum capacity. The workshop is geared toward Paramedic program directors of all levels of experience.
5. **Finance & Audit Committee** proposed and obtained approval for the 2017-18 fiscal year budget. (The fiscal year is July-June.)
6. **Governance Committee** is reviewing the nominations for CoAEMSP board members; elections will take place in August 2017.
7. **Site Visit & Visitor Committee** will conduct a site visitor training workshop on November 30-December 1, 2017. Attendees must apply and be selected to attend. The subcommittee reviews the quality of site visitors two times per year and assesses the level of activity for each to determine the need for additional site visitors.
8. **Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee** reviewed 513 annual reports submitted by CAAHEP accredited Paramedic programs. The committee continues to develop and revise tools to support the annual report process, including graduate and employer surveys and the Resource Assessment Matrix.
9. **Interpretations Committee** developed new interpretations of the 2015 CAAHEP *Standards*. Included with the interpretations is a list of evidence that programs may utilize to demonstrate compliance with each of the *Standards*.
10. **Research Committee** is exploring research projects to conduct.
11. **Distance Education Committee** is examining how distance education impacts Paramedic programs.
12. **Next Meetings:**

2017: August 3-5	Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek
November 3	web meeting

CoAEMSP Board Meeting Highlights

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The CoAEMSP is committed to advancing the quality of EMS education through CAAHEP accreditation in partnership with our communities of interest.

Communication Protocols. The Board 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.

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.

ⁱ **CAAHEP** = Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

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