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TO: Sponsoring Organizations for the CoAEMSP  
CoAEMSP Board Members

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RE: Highlights from the CoAEMSP Quarterly Board Meeting – November 3, 2017

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The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met November 3, 2017, via web meeting.

Prior to the web meeting, which lasted nearly three hours, the board members met in smaller teams via web meeting for two to six hours each. The members of the CoAEMSP Board of Directors are dedicated and give a great deal of their talents to advancing the mission of the CoAEMSP and the education of future Paramedics. The CoAEMSP is grateful for this.

The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 108 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation and progress reports.
2. **By the Numbers.** At the time of the board meeting there were **563 CAAHEP<sup>i</sup> accredited** Paramedic programs and **125 programs** that hold the **CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR)**; the LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation. For the most recent quarter, there were 10 programs that withdrew from the accreditation process. For a current list of Paramedic programs, visit <https://www.caahep.org/Students/Find-a-Program.aspx>.
3. **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 with all levels of experience.
4. **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018.** Next year the CoAEMSP will celebrate it's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
5. **Finance & Audit Committee will present the 2018-19 budget during the February 2018 board meeting..**
6. **Governance Committee** continues to revise polices as well as reformat and reorganizes the CoAEMSP Policy and Procedure Manual. The policy manual can be found here: [http://www.coaemsp.org/Policy\\_Procedures.htm](http://www.coaemsp.org/Policy_Procedures.htm).
7. **Site Visit & Visitor Committee** will conduct a site visitor training workshop on November 30-December 1, 2017. The current calendar year will include 140 actual site visits to Paramedic programs seeking or maintaining accreditation. The committee continues to review the site visitor policies and make revisions when necessary. The committee is reviewing all of the documents used by programs and site visitors for the site visit process and streamling those documents to better support the users.
8. **Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee** revised the evaluation tools used to support the Resource Assessment Matrix and hosted a webinar on resource assessment tools. The Annual Report tool is transitioning from the CAAHEP Annual Report online tool to an Excel based annual report developed by CoAEMSP; piloting of the new annual report with 200 programs will occur in 2018 Q1 or Q2.
9. **Distance Education** is drafting a set of guidelines and recommendations for distance education based site visits

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10. **Interpretations Committee** is drafting an interpretation of the CAAHEP *Standards specific to Advanced Placement or Credit for Prior Learning*.
11. **Research Committee** members will attend the Fisdap Research Summit in Minneapolis on February 9-10, 2018.
12. **Next Meetings:**

<b>2018:</b>	February 2-3	San Diego
	May 4	web meeting
	July 27-28	TBD

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

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**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 of the CoAEMSP**

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

### **The Vision Statement of the CoAEMSP**

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

### **The Core Values of the CoAEMSP: CLARITY**

**Commitment:** Dedication of time, talent and resources toward the achievement of CoAEMSP's mission.

**Leadership:** Inspiring others to advance the vision and goals of the CoAEMSP.

**Accountability:** Advancing the mission of the CoAEMSP with integrity, honesty, professionalism and high ethical standards.

**Respect:** Honoring the perspective of any individual or organization.

**Integrated:** Carrying out the work of the CoAEMSP in collaboration with EMS stakeholders.

**Quality:** Consistently meeting or exceeding established standards and expectations in all CoAEMSP activities.

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<sup>i</sup> **CAAHEP** = Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

CAAHEP is a programmatic postsecondary accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and carries out its accrediting activities in cooperation with its Committees on Accreditation. CAAHEP currently accredits over 2000 educational programs in 28 health science professions. [caahep.org]