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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 – May 3, 2019

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met on May 3, 2019, via web meeting.

The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 66 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation and progress reports.
2. **By the Numbers.** At the time of the board meeting there were **629 CAAHEPⁱ accredited** Paramedic programs and **67 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 <https://www.caahep.org/Students/Find-a-Program.aspx>.
3. **ACCREDITCON.** The inaugural ACCREDITCON, a new conference focused only on the accreditation standards, debuts May 31-June 2, 2019 to support its mission “to advance the quality of EMS education through accreditation” and respond to the needs of nearly 700 Paramedic educational programs. [Annually there are about 160 program directors that change.] At the time of the board meeting, there were more than 400 people registered. For more information, visit www.accreditcon.org.
4. **Finance Committee** is developing policies to strengthen the organization’s policies on investments and reserves.
5. **Site Visit & Visitor Committee** will offer a Site Visitor Workshop in 2020, and opened the application period in March 2019.
6. **Governance Committee** presented and gained approval for revised policies on Annual Reports required by CoAEMSP Letter of Review programs and CAAHEP Accredited programs and the definition of satellite.
7. **Quality Improvement** has received annual reports from nearly 700 programs and reviewing them at this time.
8. **Next Meetings:**

2019:	July 24-25-26-27	Salt Lake City, UT
	November 1	web meeting
2020:	February 5-6-7-8	TBD
	May 1	web meeting
	July 29-30-31-August 1	TBD
	November 6	web meeting

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Prior to the board meeting, the board members met in smaller teams via web meeting for several 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. Each board member has stated that it has taken them two to three years to feel comfortable with the business of the board and to feel as though they are ramped up. The CoAEMSP is grateful for each board member's dedication to the mission – to advance the quality of EMS education through accreditation.

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.

The **Goals** of the CoAEMSP

GOAL #1: To conduct scholarly inquiry of relevant topics related to accreditation and EMS Education.

GOAL #2: Foster diverse instructional methodologies.

GOAL #3: Explore expanding scope of quality assurance/improvement activities to EMT and AEMT and internationally.

GOAL #4: Continue to strengthen the engagement and effectiveness of the CoAEMSP Board of Directors.

ⁱ **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 31 health science professions. [caahep.org]