



Highlights from the Program Directors Focus Group (PDFG) Meeting

July 20, 2026, 1:00P-2:30P Central Time

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Program Directors Focus Group (PDFG) met via Zoom on July 20, 2026, for its quarterly meeting. The highlights from the meeting follow.

- 1. Program Director Focus Group (PDFG).** The members of the fourth PDFG since the initiative's launch in May 2023 gathered for the first time. The group indicated a main theme of further developing support for program directors when conveying what they hope to accomplish.

The 24 members of the PDFG represent a broad cross-section of the nation, with members from each NASEMSO Region – East, South, Great Lakes, Western Plains, and West. Members of the group are volunteers and will serve for one year. The PDFG is not a governing body, does not set policy, and does not participate in accreditation decisions.

2. Review of CoAEMSP Board Meeting Highlights.

- a. CoAEMSP Board Meeting Highlights (April 30-May 1, 2026).
- b. Strategic Plan 2026-2028.
 - i. Shape the future of EMS programmatic accreditation through evidence-based research and data.
 - ii. Expand leadership development opportunities for program directors and educators.
 - iii. Build and leverage internal resources and infrastructure to optimize operations and support quality program outcomes.
 - iv. Continue to strengthen the peer review process.

- 3. PDFG Feedback/Discussion.** The members of the fourth PDFG gave suggestions for ACCREDITCON 2027 presentation topics. Suggested topics included operationalizing item analysis, navigating/enforcing affective domain student challenges, proactive policy development, addressing attrition, faculty and preceptor development (beyond preceptor training), best practices for receiving Graduate/Employer surveys, "upcoming site visit" half-day workshop, curriculum mapping, and navigating Title IV and ADA scenarios.

Next Meeting: October date TBD via web meeting