

# **BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

## **Education Committee Meeting**

October 1, 2008 at 3:00 pm.

Committee members present: Linda Swisher, Karen Chamberlain, Daniel Griffin, Greg Rubin, and John Scott. Chairperson: Linda Swisher, Scribe: Karen Chamberlain

Meeting called to order by Linda Swisher at 3:00pm.

Bureau report-Rickey Stone: EMT and Paramedic testing scores were distributed, including scores for individual modules. Rickey discussed requests for information and information readily available. Requested review for student accuracy. Scores allow schools to identify areas of weakness. Would like to explore those school with high scores, to explore how they do things. Will put on EMS Bureau web site. Rickey requested please review scores prior to arrival at meeting, so any questions or discrepancies may be addressed individually. Rickey distributed a Time Line (see hand-out). There was extensive discussion of the time line, including expected future issues. Regulatory issues were discussed, including clarifying State cannot lobby for a Bill. Discussion of previous National Registry issues. There were numerous obstacles, including budgetary issues, practical portion, and subjective vs. objective measurements involved with this process.

Linda Swisher commended Rickey Stone and staff as well as the EMS Bureau on increased data information available at these meetings, which is very appreciated and expressed a 'thank you' to all those involved.

Report from MQA-Betsey Hines: Scores available on-line, as they are no longer mailing results. An on-line status check is close to completion. Re-certification's were mailed out, as well as Survey for Visions Committee.

Report from Florida EMS Educators-Danny Griffin reviewed the morning meeting (see minutes). Also thanked Steve for his assistance in gathering data needed for this group.

Discussion of Critical Care Paramedic project. This document is to establish minimum standards that can be verified as a person is knowledgeable of, even though they may not be able to actually perform, certain interventions. Medical Directors are very involved in this process. There was discussion of designation vs. credentials, and the State's ability to recognize this discipline. The Education Committee will continue to monitor progress of this project.

Planning for achievement of 2008-2010 Strategic Plan: Corey reported on Strategic Plan challenges. Discussed location on web site. Site will include Action Plans, which was also discussed.

Goal 3-Education is Lead: Linda Swisher clarified Education Committee will continue present format of allotting time at end of Education Meetings to work specifically on identified Goals.

Linda Swisher thanked all those who attended.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm