

May 14, 2014

TO: Sponsoring Organizations for the CoAEMSP
FROM: Doug York, NREMT-P, PS, Chair, CoAEMSP Board of Directors
RE: Highlights from the CoAEMSP Quarterly Board Meeting – May 2, 2014

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met via conference call on May 2, 2014. The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 56 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation and progress reports.
2. **By the numbers.** Currently there are **391 CAAHEP accredited** Paramedic programs and **269 programs** hold the **CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR)**. The LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation. An additional 20 programs are On Hold and do not hold either status. The CoAEMSP continues to receive 8-12 new self study reports each month.
3. **Site Visit Management Tool.** The CoAEMSP has initiated the process of achieving its long-term goal of creating a customized accreditation management system. The AMS will manage the accreditation process for all of the paramedic programs. The first module of the system is being developed now, which is focused on managing the site visit.
4. **Workshops & Webinars.** CoAEMSP is cosponsoring with the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) four workshops this year: CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Accreditation Update and Evaluating Student Competency. In addition, the CoAEMSP will offer several educational opportunities during the NAEMSE Annual Symposium.
5. **Strategic Plan.** CoAEMSP monitored its strategic plan, which was approved in 2013. Progress is being made on each of the goals.
6. **CAAHEP Standards Revision:** CoAEMSP is reviewing and revising the CAAHEP Standards. The first draft has been approved by the CAAHEP Standards Committee. In the upcoming months Dr. George Hatch, CoAEMSP Executive Director, and other members of the Board will reach out to each of the sponsoring organizations to gain feedback on the draft. In addition, Town Hall meetings will be held via web meetings to gain input from the communities of interest.
7. **Election to CAAHEP Board of Directors.** Doug York, the Chair of the CoAEMSP Board of Directors, was elected to the CAAHEP Board of Directors. His 3-year term on the CAAHEP Board will commence July 1, 2014.
8. **Next Meetings:**
2014: August 1-2 in Portland, OR | November 7 via web meeting