MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

August 5, 2026 – 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacy Pokorny, AMR
Brandon Miles, MA
Chris Stachyra, CA
Ryan Young, PIMA
Troy Tuke, MVHPI, Chair
Derek Cox, LVFR (alt)
John Lansing, NLVFD
Rebecca Carmody, CCFD
Kim Moore, HFD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Deb Dailey, EMSTC
Mario Perkins, Guardian Flight
Terran Leavitt, MFR
Braiden Green, CSN

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

John Hammond, EMSTS Manager
Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Med. Director
Roni Mauro, EMSTS Field Representative
Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor
Dustin Johnson, EMSTS Field Representative
Devin Atwood, Senior Admin. Assistant

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Tim Gundersen
James Whitworth
Maddison Proctor
Joshua LoMonaco
Sandra Horning, MD
Todd Ford
Jon Wiercinski
Lloyd Jensen, MD

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Education Committee convened via Teams on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Chair Troy Tuke called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor, stated the Affidavit of Posting was posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. All committee members joined the meeting via teleconference. Ms. Palmer noted that a quorum was present.

II. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are allowed to speak on Action items after the Committee's discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given two (2) minutes to address the Committee on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Committee on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Committee on behalf of the group. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted. Chair Tuke asked if anyone wished to address the Board concerning items listed on the agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

III. ADOPTION OF THE August 5, 2026 AGENDA

A motion was made by Chief Lansing, seconded by Mr. Stachyra, and carried unanimously to adopt the August 5, 2026 agenda.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Tuke stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Education Committee that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately by Committee member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

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A motion was made by Chief Lansing, seconded by Ms. Carmody, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

V. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion of the SNHD Mentorship Program and Preceptor Education

Chair Tuke asked the Committee for feedback on the finalized version of the Mentorship Program paperwork. Ms. Pokorny stated that the FTOs seem to struggle a bit if there is an extension to the internship, but one of the staff at PIMA have assisted with resolving spreadsheet issues. Ms. Palmer said the item was added to the agenda to discuss the concept of formalized preceptor education across the county, as there is not a current continuing education hours requirement for the maintenance of the EMS Instructor endorsement. Those hours had been previously removed due to multiple complaints from providers about the lack of available continuing education for instructors. Chief Lansing spoke about the formalized program that North Las Vegas Fire Department has developed. They began the process with a written examination composed of both protocol and general knowledge questions. Those who passed the written test then went on to a three-part oral testing, with two scenarios and an interview based on their preceptor handbook. Of their three initial candidates, one person was successful. They plan another test in March, and welcome other agencies to come and examine their process.

Mr. Cox said Las Vegas Fire would prefer that there be some sort of educational requirements for EMS Instructors in addition to their normal recertification hours. He feels these hours help providers with their personal growth and helps them keep up on the educational trends in EMS. Chief Lansing suggested possibly partnering up with some of the local hospitals who are already putting on symposiums and have large space for meetings. The group agreed that issues like conflict resolution and managing a difficult student are excellent topics for upcoming educational opportunities, but that simply waiting for an instructor symposium to take place is not the answer. The agencies need to work together and come up with material. Ms. Pokorny expressed interest in developing something similar to what NLVFD has done for their preceptors. She feels a testing process for new preceptors would be beneficial. Chief Moore stated it is much easier for agencies to get instructors to do continuing education if it is mandatory and would like to see the system move back to an hours requirement. Chair Tuke asked all members to examine their own programs and identify strengths and weaknesses in their preceptor group. With these items identified, the committee can look at the system as a whole and identify the needs, tailoring future instructor education to meet them.

B. Discussion and Approval of Education on Pediatric Medical Devices

Dr. Sandra Horning prepared a quick reference for pediatric medical devices for providers. She acknowledged that there is a growing population of children with special needs, so seeing the specialized medical devices will become a more common occurrence for EMS crews. The group thanked Dr. Horning for the development of the handout, as well as her hard work on the pediatric continuing medical education she developed. All agencies present requested copies of the education for their providers.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

No report.

VII. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments, about matters relevant to the Committee's jurisdiction will be held. Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. If any member of the Committee wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Committee by majority vote. Chair Tuke called for public comment. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 08:36 a.m.