



**Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Date:** April 2, 2025

**Meeting Time:** 2:00pm

**External Participants:**

David DeLille – Lieutenant of Emergency Medical Services – DeKalb Fire Department

Dr. Greg Conrad – Medical Director – Northwestern Medicine

Crystl Lindgren – Genoa Kingston Fire Department

Roger Scott Director of Education – A-Tech Ambulance

Karl Kuester – ATEC Ambulance

Leann Dunlap – Public member

Bill Reynolds – Sycamore Fire Department

Jacob Moser – EMS Educator, Northwestern Medicine

Sean Penn – Sycamore Fire Department, Adjunct Instructor

**Internal participants:**

Jessica Berek – Dean of Instruction

Barbara Leach – Vice President of Instruction

Sue Lencioni – Lead Instructor, NM employee

Angie Delmont – Associate Dean, Director of Nursing

Cindy Karasewski – Administrative Specialist

- I. College Updates – Jessica Berek, Dean
  - A. Costs to Kish Students
    - i. Reviewed changes that were implemented in the 2024-2025 academic year and discussed proposed changes for 2025-2026 academic year
      - 1. In 2024-25, College completed the elimination of student fees and provided clarity to students in billing; easier for students and families to prepare for the costs of college.
      - 2. Textbook costs and affordability have been a high priority for the College. For fiscal year 2026, College has proposed tuition increase. The increase would cover the costs for textbooks and digital materials for students. This would simplify the process of acquiring books. All would be available from the Kish store and will save students money during their time at the College.
    - ii. The College also provides support for students in Health Sciences programs. Health Sciences students have other costs involved with enrollment such as vaccinations, background checks, scrubs, and other



- items. Supports include reimbursement for mileage, internet access, and licensure exam preparation materials.
- iii. Strong enrollment continues to grow college wide and in many Health Science programs.
- B. Grant funding
  - i. PATH Grant - hopeful to continue into next year; in governor's budget currently.
  - ii. Other grants at the federal level (Perkins) – likely to continue
- II. Program Updates – Tony Woodson, Program Director and Sue Lencioni, Lead Instructor
  - A. Cohort updates – EMT-B and Paramedic
    - i. Paramedic class is at 7 students, started with 11; last year students all passed their exam and are now employed in the field.
    - ii. EMT B current enrollment is 22, pass rate for EMT B students was in the 60%-range last class, percentage of passing drops off with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> attempts.
  - B. The Committee on Accreditation for EMS Programs (CoAEMSP) self-study due Oct 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Anticipate that a site visit will occur in Fall 2026 or early Jan 2027.
    - i. Clinical coordinator position discussed - not mandated yet by CoAEMSP but may happen in the future.
  - C. Lencioni discussed that the program has sufficient resources but there are items for improvement to consider.
    - i. CAE Ares Manikin's warranty ends 6/21/25 – will research an extended warranty or possible replacement.
    - ii. Need for additional instructors – students most appreciate hands on skills practice but requires more part-time support to enable all students the chance to participate.
    - iii. Ambulance Simulator – would be a great addition to the program, but expensive.
      - a. A proposal is currently in development.
  - D. Preparing for summer
    - i. Prep materials from Limmer Education are being provided. Will evaluate effectiveness and student feedback after materials are used.
- III. Partner Updates – all
  - A. Employment outlook
    - i. All participants confirmed jobs are readily available. Students can choose what jobs they want in all surrounding areas of Kish.
    - ii. EMT B positions are also in demand; salaries have increased which makes it a more appealing entry level position.



- IV. Student Representative Report
  - A. Class is running smoothly. Strengths of the class reported are at least one scenario is run per day, and OR time has been very educational.
  - B. One suggestion was to offer a rotation at a Level 1 Trauma Center.
  
- V. Additional Questions or Feedback
  - A. Consistency with preceptors: Students would appreciate working with more consistent preceptors. Woodson agreed consistency is beneficial. The problem is coordinating class schedules, days off, holidays with the same shift preceptor.
  - B. Out of district ride time/supervision: Discussion concerning a student hired by Palatine Fire Department. The Palatine system has been very accommodating/willing to work with our students. Woodson hopes this may be the start to future collaboration.