

**Emergency Medical Services Program**  
Fall 2022 Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022

**Time:** 2:00pm – 3:10pm

**External Participants: 5**

Roger Scott – Director of Education and EMS A-Tec Ambulance

Dr. Greg Conrad – NM Kishwaukee Hospital EMS System Medical Director

Anthony Woodson – Program Director

James Ward – Sycamore Fire Department/EMS

Dave Delille – Dekalb Fire Department

**Internal Participants: 4**

Dr. Jessica Berek – Dean of Instruction

Susan Lencioni – Lead Instructor

Joe Przybyla – Instructor/Paramedic NIU Police

Cindy Karasewski – Administrative Specialist I

**I. College and Program Updates**

*College Updates:* The College has seen an increase in enrollment for the first time in 11 years and continues to work on a variety of college goals. The Health Sciences Division was the recipient of the PATH grant which is covering all costs associated with a variety of short-term programs including EMT-Basic Training (EMS 107). Additionally, the College is holding a Health Sciences Open House on Wednesday, November 2 from 5-7pm featuring all allied health programs.

*Program Updates:* Curriculum remains based on national standards and seems to be well aligned with employer needs. Based on employer feedback, recent graduates perform well on the job. One area for improvement is to increase pass rates for both EMT-Basic and Paramedic students on their licensure exams; our pass rates are aligned with both state and national averages.

*Pass Rates and Current Enrollment*

- a. Current enrollment: 10 students in the paramedic program, 8 in the EMT-Basic course
- b. Paramedics enrolled from 2021-2022: 10 students graduated, 8 passed on first or second attempt, 80% average
- c. Paramedics enrolled from 2022-2023: 4 students graduated, 2 passed on first or second attempt, currently 50% average

## **II. Strategic Planning and Discussion**

*Employment Outlook:* Partners shared that the job market is bright, and many partners are hiring. Group shared concerns about attracting and recruiting individuals to the field; despite having openings not all positions are being filled.

*Supporting instruction and licensure:* Discussion occurred regarding low test scores (although aligned to state and national averages). Suggestions including professional development for instructors to help improve instruction around test taking strategies, introducing test preparations earlier and more frequently in the program, and seeking insights from other programs.

*Equipment needs:* Partners felt the College's equipment and facilities are well-suited for instructional purposes. Discussion occurred regarding high-fidelity simulation manikins. Kish has one but has had issues with frequent error messages, malfunctioning components, and poor customer service from the vendor. Kish is following up with the vendor to clarify concerns regarding the manikin.

## **III. Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 2pm on campus (proposed)