

*Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00pm Meeting called to order by Anthony Woodson & Chase Budziak*

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## In Attendance

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### Members Present:

Tony Woodson – EMS Program Director, Northwestern Medicine Kish Health  
Greg Conrad – EMS Medical Director, Northwestern Medicine Kish Health  
Todd Turner – Deputy Fire Chief, Sycamore Fire Department  
Ashton King – EMS Educator, Northwestern Medicine Kish Health  
Susan Lencioni – EMS Program Lead Instructor, Northwestern Medicine Kish Health

### KC Members Present:

Chase Budziak – Dean of Instruction

### Update of Last Advisory Meeting Minutes and Opening Remarks

- Previous meeting minutes deemed accurate by committee members.

### Spring 2021 Enrollment & Financial Information

- College enrollment for spring 2021 semester is down -14.4% over spring 2020 semester
- College Online/Hybrid credits up 212.7% over spring semester

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## Student Outcomes

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### a. Final 2019 Class Results

- i. Previous class pass-rate on the EMT national exam first-pass success rate is approximately 50%. Will reevaluate students' scores after the spring 2021 semester.
  1. National first-time pass rate average is 70%
  2. Testing/Assessment may be one of the areas to improve. Test banks vary by publisher for two different tests, EMS Testing and MyBrady
  3. Students would need to access and complete exam online at a cost.
  4. Application-based assessment is one of the areas of concern. One solution is to utilize EMS Testing
- ii. 6 of the EMS 107 students completed the EMT-B have not been registering for the test.
  1. Students have been encouraged to register and complete the exam. Handbook and registration materials are provided to students to register.

### b. Resource Assessment Matrix – Woodson

- i. This report is an annual survey of various stakeholders including educator and student input.
- ii. Assessment results will be brought to fall 2021 Program Update.

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- a. EMS Program 2021 Virtual Site Visit scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Advisory Committee will be required to meet virtually for the site visit.
  - ii. Woodson believes that the program has addressed significant concerns that have been identified prior to the redesign of the Paramedic Program.
  - iii. College and hospital team coordinating items for visit, document review, and accreditation.
- b. EMS High Fidelity Simulator
  - a. College will be purchasing a high-fidelity simulator for the program prior to the end of the fiscal year.
  - b. College and EMS Center have begun discussions with the City of DeKalb to identify continuing education training for currently licensed paramedics. In addition to continuing education, the simulator can be a resource to simulate scenarios that paramedics need for training.
  - c. Discussed a tentative rotation for the simulator. September – April for EMS Students. May-August for Continuing Education.
- c. Woodson and Lencioni: Continued need to provide training to preceptors at our clinical sites.
  - i. Lencioni has developed a training manual and has started to conduct training.
- d. Clinical and Field Sites
  - i. On average current students in Paramedic Program are on-pace to complete required hours in various clinical applications.
  - ii. Pediatrics continues to be an area where students are challenged with appropriate exposure time. This is a national trend discussed at an accreditation meeting.
- e. Public Member needed to fill a position on the Advisory Council
  - i. Woodson: Will ask City Manager of DeKalb about representation.

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#### Discussion & Opportunities

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- a. There is a Paramedic shortage, which is a great opportunity to expand the Paramedic program. One of the challenges to expansion is clinical placement for students. Outside of Sycamore, Genoa, DeKalb, and Sandwich, clinical spots are limited and other sites do not generate call volume that will enable a student to complete.
  - i. It would be difficult to increase paramedic cohort beyond 12 students at this time, but Tony will continue to identify potential clinical partners for the future.
- b. Sycamore Fire Department may be able to accommodate additional clinical students by fall.
- c. Discussion of various competing Paramedic Programs including class size and job placement.
- d. Applications are due May 7<sup>th</sup> for the fall 2021 Paramedic Cohort

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Next Meeting October 20, 2021 | 2:00pm

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