



Spring 2024 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Meeting Time: 2:30pm

Location: NM Offices in DeKalb

External Participants: 7

Anthony Woodson – Program Director, NM

James Ward – Chief Sycamore Fire Department

Jake Moser – EMS Educator, NM

Dave Delille – EMS Lieutenant Dekalb Fire Department

Ryan Lange – EMS Educator, NM

Roger Scott – Director of Education A-TEC Ambulance

D. Shaun Penn – Sycamore Fire Department/Adjunct Instructor

Internal Participants: 4

Dr. Jessica Berek – Dean of Instruction

Susan Lencioni – Lead Instructor

Austin Reidl – Student Representative

Cindy Karasewski – Administrative Specialist I

- I. College Updates - Dr. Jessica Berek, Dean of Health Sciences
 - A. Student costs for next academic year
 - i. Course fees and tuition: College Board of Trustees approved a variety of changes to reduce student costs, specifically regarding fees. The removal of course fees will be very helpful for EMS students. In the Fall 2024 semester, EMT-B students would likely save \$190 for the semester and Paramedic students would likely save \$342 for the semester.
 - ii. Textbook costs: Continuing to work on textbook affordability at the College level
 - B. PATH Grant will likely continue for next year. The official amount from the state has not been approved and may be decreased.
- II. Program Updates – Anthony Woodson, Program Director and Sue Lencioni, Lead Instructor
 - A. Cohort updates
 - i. There are 9 students currently enrolled. Students doing well and are almost done with clinical hours. Major testing (critical fail exams per CoAEMSP) starts tomorrow; there are three exams before the end of the semester.

- ii. Applications are available for the next Paramedic cohort and are due April 12. There has been significant interest from both in and out of district students.
 - B. Capital investment planning
 - i. Ryan Lange (NM staff) visited Lake Forest, Illinois to tour the NM Simulation Center. It offers simulation training for paramedics as well as many other professions (nurses, surgeons, doctors, schedulers, etc.), with working exam rooms, surgical suite, ambulance, and simulation/digital environments.
 - ii. The College has been continuing research for a donated or simulation ambulance. Grant funds may be able to support this; finding a suitable location at the College will be key.
 - C. Preparing for summer graduation/pinning
 - i. Planned date: Thursday, August 1 at 5pm on Kishwaukee College campus
- III. Partner Updates – all
 - A. Employment outlook
 - i. No change - many employment opportunities are available
 - ii. Local departments shared that there are more spots than eligible candidates.
- IV. Additional questions or feedback?
 - A. Austin, student representative, shared ideas and suggestions brought to him by fellow students. One highlight was a request for additional opportunities to collaborate with the Nursing department/student nurses to practice handoffs and skills.
- V. Planned next meeting: Wednesday, September 18th at 2pm on Kishwaukee College campus.