



Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

External Participants:

Tony Woodson - Program Director, Northwestern Medicine

Danny Franklin – DeKalb Fire Department

Bill Reynolds - Sycamore Fire Department

Dr. Gregory Conrad – Medical Director, Kishwaukee Hospital

Crystl Lindgren - Genoa Kingston Fire Department

Internal Participants:

Jessic Berek - Dean of Health Sciences, Interim Associate Vice President of Instruction

Angie Delmont - Associate Dean of Health Sciences, Director of Nursing

Susan Lencioni - Faculty, Paramedic

Christian Koczwarra - Student Representative

Cindy Karasewski – Administrative Specialist I

- I. College Updates – Dr. Jessica Berek
 - A. Spring 2026 College enrollment saw a decrease of around 1%. Health Sciences was up 14%.
 - B. Planning for next academic year
 - i. Board approved \$160 college tuition again for next year (no increase).
 - ii. Working on capital projects plan for updating areas of the college.
 - C. News from the College: All-in Tuition received national recognition; Aspen Prize Finalist.
- II. Program Updates – Anthony Woodson, Program Director and Susan Lencioni, Lead Instructor
 - A. Review and Approval of CoAEMSP Student Minimum Competencies
 - i. Minimum competencies were reviewed. Woodson motioned to approve; Lindgren seconded. Committee voted unanimously in favor.
 - ii. Category hours progress is 64.25% and skills progress is 92.91%.
 - B. Program Enrollment
 - i. EMT-B – current class is 18 students. NREMT pass rate is 52% after two attempts.
 - ii. Paramedic – current class is 8 students. NREMT pass rate within 3 attempts since 2021 is 89%. 7 of 8 are ready to progress to summer capstone. 18 students have applied for next year’s cohort.

- iii. Lencioni mentioned staff at Northwestern is providing excellent feedback and helping the program.
 - C. CoAEMSP Accreditation Updates
 - i. Site Visit scheduled July 13-14, 2026.
 - ii. Woodson handed out information and discussed how the site visit will work. Information for relevant committee members will follow.
 - D. Summer Paramedic Pinning will be held on Thursday, August 6 at 5pm.
 - E. Student Representative Report
 - i. Discussed new ideas for uniforms, specifically the polos. Would like to move to T-shirts for summer for the classroom and polos at the Fire Department. Will check with all departments but committee supported uniform change.
 - ii. Requested access to Platinum Planner adaptive testing. Confirmed they have access. Lencioni will show class how to access it.
- III. Partner Updates – all
 - A. Employment Outlook – Committee shared that the outlook remains very positive and many openings are available in the region.
- IV. Additional questions or feedback?
 - A. Conrad, Northwestern, Any more thought of transition program from EMS to Nursing? College is exploring possibilities and will continue to look for growth opportunities for Health Sciences for FY27.
 - B. Franklin, DeKalb Fire, discussed how he helped create a course at Waubensee that helped bridge from EMT-B to Paramedic.
- V. Tour of new EMS Space
 - A. Open House to be held in the Fall on September 8, 2026
 - B. Committee toured new space and asked questions regarding new simulator. Committee shared enthusiasm for space and appreciation for College investment in the program.