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Fall 2026 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 21, 2026

External Participants:
Tony Woodson – Program Director, Northwestern Medicine
Ryan Lange - EMS Educator, Northwestern Medicine
Brian Andrus – Dekalb Fire Department
Jake Moser - EMS Educator, Northwestern Medicine
Dan Franklin – EMS, Dekalb Fire Department
Bill Reynolds - Sycamore Fire Department
Jim Ward - Sycamore Fire Department

Internal Participants:
Angie Delmont – Interim Dean of Health Sciences, Director of Nursing
Sue Lencioni – Lead Instructor, Paramedic
Melissa Gallagher - Interim Director, Health Sciences Operations
Alea Akers – Academic Advisor
Cindy Karasewski – Administrative Specialist

I. College Updates
   A. Academic Year Updates
      i. Enrollment: Overall enrollment is down 1.7%; Health Science enrollment is up 7%.
   B. Upcoming Events
      i. October 15: Health Science & Career Program Open House
      ii. November 5: Evening at Kish, including the Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting
   C. FY26 College Goals
      i. Student Outcomes: Revising outcomes to emphasize essential employability skills across all courses.
      ii. Spring 2027 Joint Advisory Committee Meeting: Opportunity to discuss workforce needs and skills employers are seeking.
   D. Digital Badging: College is exploring digital badges to document student skills.
   E. Rural Healthcare grants coming to the College
      i. ROOTS grant: Strengthening partnerships and clinical relationships with rural healthcare providers.
      ii. REACH grant: Expanding healthcare education and workforce opportunities in rural communities.
         1. Grant funding may support development of new respiratory therapy program with the goal to launch in August 2028.

II. Program Updates

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A. Change in Program Director
    i. Tony Woodson retires December 3, 2026. Jacob Moser will become the new Paramedic Program Director.
B. CoAEMSP July 2026 Site Visit Review
    i. Must use CoAEMSP agenda template – in place for this meeting.
    ii. Hospital preceptor manual needs to be updated - Lencioni has completed.
    iii. Affiliation agreement between Kishwaukee College and Northwestern Medicine needs to updated by December 1.
    iv. Reviewed program goal statement.
        a. Motion to approve made by Reynolds, Sycamore Fire Department and seconded by Lencioni, Lead Instructor.
        b. Committee unanimously approved.
    v. Need to discuss number of required Capstone leads (ALS vs BLS). Any changes to be implemented for next cohort.
C. Current Enrollment
    i. Graduating cohort: all 8 students passed national licensing exam; 7 of 8 passed on 1st attempt.
    ii. 12 students in current cohort
D. Retention/Completion Rate/Survey
    i. 100% pass rate, job placement 100%, attrition 30%
    ii. Graduate survey feedback
        a. Positive responses about the program and instruction.
        b. Felt prepared to begin working as entry-level paramedics.
    iii. Employer survey feedback
        a. Continue to report that our students are well prepared to begin working as entry-level paramedics.

III. Faculty Updates
A. Equipment Assessment – using new ambulance simulator and working on replacing current pediatric manikin.
B. Preceptor Updates
    a. Revised preceptor form – new form has been helpful and has provided additional feedback.
    b. Students continue to report positive experiences.
C. Course Content
    a. No changes in didactic content.
    b. Students need 10 BLS calls and should relay this information to preceptors.

IV. Next meeting: College wide and community partner meeting on April 7, 2027, on campus

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