

# BLS COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

November 16, 2018

0900 hrs

Location: GoToMeeting  
**ONLY**

Attendees:

### AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
✓ CTO & Minutes		
✓ <b>Correction: The NR(is looking at) but has not gone to 2 year completion process as of now.</b>	Tiemersma	5 min
✓ EMR Programs	Fiackos	5 min
✓ <b>Reminder for renewal application</b>		
✓ EMT Programs	Fiackos	10 min
✓ <b>Reminder for renewal application</b>		
✓ Licensure Update		
✓ <b>NREMT for Maryland EMT / EMR Recertification issue</b>		
✓ <b>Working on a new proposal for this process. The proposal will be forwarded to the committee in the near future. We will be looking for discussion on this at the next meeting January 18, 2019</b>	Fiackos	5 min
✓ NREMT Update	Fiackos	5 min
✓ <b>No report</b>		
✓ Old Business	Fiackos	15 min
✓ <b>No old business</b>		
✓ New Business		
✓ <b>Issues with the MIEMSS evaluators has been brought to our attention. In an effort to correct these issues the following steps are being placed into operation immediately.</b>		
✓ <b>1. As often as possible there will be two (2) MIEMSS officials' at the coordinators desk.</b>		
✓ <b>2. The candidates will now be asked to evaluate the station evaluator upon return to the staging area.</b>		
✓ <b>3. These will be reviewed on site. And any issue that may be identified, will then be investigated at that time.</b>		
✓ <b>4. The evaluators will receive a copy to review what the candidate's evaluation comments of them.</b>	Fiackos	20 min
✓ <b>Effective 12/1/18, any candidate needing to retest will have to go through their portal in the miemss licensure system. There they will find the current practical locations and can register. (See attachment) The directions on how to register, will be emailed to their instructor along with a copy of their retest form</b>		
✓ <b>Evaluators beginning December 1, 2018 will now select the evaluation dates by coming in through the portal. Directions will be sent out to them also.</b>		



### **BLS Committee Meeting – November 16, 2018**

Those attending: Terrell Buckson, Wayne Tiemersma, Jack Hulet, Danielle Joy, Chris Haber, Jody Bullock, Matthew Fifer, Luis Pinet Peralta, Peter Fiackos.

Welcome and roll call at 09:00 - Wayne Tiemersma-chair & Peter Fiackos

Review minutes from the meeting September 21, 2018

- Motion to accept with Changes: Jack Hulet
- Second: Chris Haber
- Approved with All In Favor

EMR Programs: Peter Fiackos

- Programs were asked to remind providers that each must go online to the Licensure System and submit an application for renewal or for an extension prior to expiration date.

EMT Programs: Peter Fiackos

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Licensure Update: Terrell Buckson

- The bulk upload function for course completions was having some technical issues. These have now been repaired and course completions can now be submitted to Licensure using the CSV file.
- NREMT for Maryland EMT/EMR Recertification Issue:
  - o MIEMSS is working on a new proposal for this process. Mr. Buckson reported that the problem lies in the fact that someone who is a MD EMT and expiring on 12/31/18 (for example) could possibly renew with a NREMT certification that expires in March, regardless of whether they have completed any continuing education, essentially getting a 3 year certification based upon a 3 month certification. MIEMSS is working on refining a new policy and is looking for feedback.
  - o Several members participated in the discussion, admitting that there is a gap that is unaccounted for with the current practice. The group asked if MIEMSS should follow the lead of PM certifications and require the maintenance of National Registry certification and make recertification every two years.
  - o The committee requested that Mr. Buckson and Mr. New circulate the proposed changes to policy to the group prior to the January meeting of the BLS committee. A further discussion of the change and the implications would be discussed at that time.

NREMT Update: Peter Fiackos

- Peter discussed that the National Registry would be the instructors for this year's EMS Educators Symposium in January at Chesapeake College.

Old Business- Peter Fiackos



## Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

- No Old Business to discuss

### New Business: Peter Fiackos

- Issues with the MIEMSS evaluators
  - o Issues with the practical exam evaluators for the EMT practical examinations has been brought to the attention of the BLS office. In an effort to correct these issues, the following steps are being placed into operation immediately:
    - As often as possible there will be two (2) MIEMSS officials at the coordinator's desk.
    - The candidates will now be asked to evaluate the station evaluator upon return to the staging area.
    - These will be reviewed on site. Any issue that may be identified will then be investigated immediately.
    - The evaluators will receive a copy to review what the candidate's evaluation comments of them.
  - o Discussion: Committee felt that this was a good step forward.
- Students registering for practical exam retesting
  - o Effective 12/1/18, any candidate needing a retest will have to go through their portal on the MIEMSS Licensure System. There they will find the current practical locations and can register. The directions on how to register will be emailed to their instructor along with a copy of their retest form.
  - o No discussion
- Test evaluators registering to work exams
  - o Beginning 12/1/2018 will now select the evaluation dates by coming in through the portal. Directions will be sent out to the evaluators.
  - o No discussion
- Relocation of the EMT and EMR Protocol Quizzes
  - o The EMT and EMR protocol quizzes in the MIEMSS Instructor's Corner have been moved to a folder which has access reserved for EMS education program coordinators. These coordinators can then access and distribute the quizzes for classes as they feel necessary.

Motion to adjourn at 09:45: Jack Hulet

Second: Chris Haber

Meeting 45 minutes

Next meeting: January 18, 2019 @ 9:00 am,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of odd months