

ALS Subcommittee

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Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order

The regular meeting of the ALS Subcommittee was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on May 20, 2020 by chairman Dr. Jeff Fillmore.

The minutes from January and March 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Rae Oliveira. Second by Kyle Bates. Minutes approved by mutual consent.

Old Business

State Content Renewal Courses

Release date of June 1st due to the interruptions from COVID-19. A new course has been added on Behavioral Health.

The Train-the-Trainer for the three face-to-face courses is live in the online training center. Any EMSOP that would like to have an instructor designated to teach these courses should have those individuals complete the train-the-trainer, which includes further instructions for accessing/downloading the course materials.

The face-to-face courses are part of the required hours.

National Registry Psychomotor Testing

At this time, we have not been given guidance on when National Registry Psychomotor Testing will resume. It is predicted that more guidance will be issued on this as the state begins to re-open and safety measures can be implemented.

The guidance sent in early March will be attached to these minutes as an addendum to be used as we plan for resuming testing. This guidance was issued prior to the escalation of the virus and may be updated as needed.

New business

Dr. Fillmore put out a call for new projects that our committee could or would want to take on.

No projects were volunteered. Please email Melissa Meyers with any suggestions.

Announcements

National Course for PEPP 4th Edition

New course is out now. A new set of skills has been added to the course as well as new videos for the course. The online portion was scheduled for release in July.

The Instructor roll-out has been postponed for this course. Cyndy is working on scheduling an instructor update ready for the late-summer/early-fall timeline. Partnering with D.C. and Delaware for the instructor rollout.

There is a course scheduled on October 24, 2020, but registration is not yet open. This will be a hybrid 1-day in-person and also requires online content). Hoping to host more courses at EMS conferences in the future.

The ratio is 1:6 currently for instructor:students. It is likely that the number of students in courses will be limited with the possibility of masks

being required. The schedule for the course is undergoing review to account for modifications regarding social distancing, breaks, etc.

Clinician Expiration Dates

All ALS Clinicians who did not renew prior to April 30, 2020 have been given automatic extensions until October 31, 2020. Distance education requirements for renewal will continue to follow the NCCP model with relaxed distance education until National Registry announces they are rescinding this flexibility.

Provisional Licensing

Available for reinstatement, reciprocity and students. Guidance on the Provisional licensing from the emergency regulations that were passed will be attached to the meeting minutes as an addendum.

In order for a provisionally licensed clinician to show up in EMEDS, they must have filled out a provisional affiliation application as well.

Discussions are being held regarding the ability for provisionally licensed clinicians to retain their license after the state of emergency is over.

Opioid Symposium

UMBC is working with MIEMSS to develop a grant-funded white paper on the opioid crisis that can be presented at the symposium.

The symposium will be held June 11, 2020 via Zoom. Dr. Delbridge and Dr. Chizmar will be speaking as part of the conference. Registration information should be sent out in the next few days to disseminate.

Topics include best practices for opioid management

Membership

We are looking into the bylaws from SEMSAC to see what is required for us to revamp our membership based on more equal representation from colleges and EMSOPs.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Diane Flint. Second by Tina Clark. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next ALS Meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

Appendices

A. Attendees

B. Guidance for National Registry Testing

C. Provisional Licensing

A. Attendees

Present: N/A

Go to Meeting:

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John Peach

Brian Christopher

Alex Kelley

Luis Pinet-PEralta

David Stamey

Daniel Webster

Chris Touzeau

Chrissy Barnes

Colleen Lull

Danielle Joy

Cyndy Wright

David Timms

Doug Beitzel

Jamie Philpott

Dr. Jeffrey Fillmore

Kathleen Harne

Kyle Bates

Rae Oliviera

Robert Muller

Tina Clark

From: [Melissa Meyers](#)
To: [Angel Clark Burba](#); [April Johnson](#); [Beverly Witmer](#); [Brian Christopher](#); [Bryan Selvage](#); [Chrissy Lippy Barnes](#); [Claudia \(Tina\) Clark](#); [Daniel Webster](#); [Douglas Beitzel](#); [Jon Longest](#); [Jonn A. Mack](#); [Kathleen Hame](#); [Kyle Bates](#); [Lee Silverman](#); [Robert Muller](#); [Thomas Gerber](#); [Tim Graham](#); [Trudy Booker](#)
Cc: [Melissa Meyers](#); [Terrell Buckson](#)
Subject: National Registry Exams Update to Procedures
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:54:08 AM

Hello,

I wanted to reach out to you regarding the current COVID-19 concerns and how it will affect National Registry psychomotor testing. Please keep in mind that this situation is continuously evolving, and we at MIEMSS are working diligently to find ways to ensure that your students will be able to obtain licensure and certification as the need for healthcare clinicians increases.

At this time, we going to continue to provide National Registry psychomotor testing to your students; however, we want to make sure everyone takes reasonable precautions. I am asking you to get your medical director for the program involved in these conversations now so that we can prepare, as we do not know how long or how severely COVID-19 will affect us. As healthcare professionals, we are aware the of screening methods being used to protect patients, visitors, and the general public from exposure at workplaces and hospitals. Please coordinate with your medical directors so that, if necessary, s/he (or their designee) can be on site the day of testing to provide reasonable screening of all students, evaluators and staff involved in the exam for signs of illness prior to the exam. We will rely on them to make the determination of whether or not someone is allowed to participate in testing if there is a concern this person is ill. We all know how anxious students are to complete testing, but please encourage students and staff who are sick to stay home the day of testing.

Many of you are seeing campus access restricted for students and staff, which in some cases prohibits non-essential personnel from being on campus. If this is going to affect testing, please keep me in the loop on where you stand as you discuss the situation with your college's administration. You may want to reach out to them early in case you need to find an alternative testing site. MIEMSS is not able to provide testing sites for you.

When we get to testing itself, CDC recommended social distancing precautions will be monitored closely. No more than 10 students may test at a time. If you have more than 10 students for your exam, they will be divided into cohorts, such as morning and afternoon to limit the total number of people on site. While they are in the holding area for testing, they will be asked to maintain distances of 6 feet from others. The use of the "hall passes" to go to stations will be suspended, and students will be encouraged to wash their hands after each station prior to returning to the holding area. Providing shared food and beverages is discouraged.

For testing stations, you will need to have one room for each evaluator (no combining stations in rooms with makeshift dividers). Students and evaluators should maintain

the recommended social distancing. In between testers, adequate disinfecting supplies and time will need to be provided by you for stations to be disinfected and for evaluators to wash their hands. For stations that use live patients, please review the National Registry's guidelines on using high-fidelity manikins as patients to see if you are able to eliminate personnel. For stations that require partners, please make every effort to provide them with adequate PPE.

If you are able to do so, please provide gloves for students to wear while they are at the stations as well as masks that can be worn throughout the day for respiratory concerns. MIEMSS is unable to provide supplies for medical screening, disinfecting, etc.

As the situation evolves, I'm sure that we will receive more guidance on how to proceed.

Thank you,

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Please note that The Office of Licensure and Certification is on mandatory telework due to COVID-19 concerns. The best way to contact me at this time is through email.



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Changes to Maryland EMS Licensing and Certification in response to the COVID-19 Emergency

I. MIEMSS is now issuing Provisional Status licenses and certifications to:

- (A) applicants who are licensed / certified as EMS clinicians in another state (reciprocity),
- (B) students in EMS educational courses conducted between January 2020 – July 2020 who have successfully completed the course, but have not yet completed testing, and
- (C) individuals with expired Maryland licenses / certifications, if BLS certification expired within past 10 years or ALS license expired within 5 years.

Candidates for Provisional status do not need a current affiliation with an EMS Operational Program to receive Provisional status. Once Provisional Status licenses / certifications are issued, they remain valid until 30 days after the state of emergency is terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. Provisional status EMS clinicians must function under appropriate medical direction and must notify MIEMSS once they obtain any EMS affiliation or other employment using their Provisional license or certificate.

II. Inactive Maryland EMS clinicians may quickly re-activate their license or certification.

Inactive EMS clinicians do not need a current affiliation with an EMS Operational Program to reactive their license or certification. Re-activated clinicians must function under appropriate medical direction and must notify MIEMSS once they obtain any EMS affiliation or other employment using their Provisional license or certificate.

Information and further details are on the MIEMSS webpage, along with links to the applications. See www.miemss.org