ALS Subcommittee

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November 20, 2019

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the ALS Subcommittee was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on November 20, 2019 by chairman Dr. Jeff Fillmore.

Old Business

None to present.

New business

New ALS Program Manager

Melissa Meyers was introduced as the new MIEMSS ALS Program Manager by Dr. Filmore.

Ethan Saylor Alliance (Montgomery County)

LeadAbility LLC provides training through self-advocate educators for persons with intellectual disabilities. They are currently under contract to provide an hour of continuing education at Montgomery County twice per year.
LeadAbility LLC. is currently partnering with the ARC of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Disabilities working with multiple jurisdictions throughout the state for training (mostly police and fire at this time). New contracts are available for jurisdictions.

They create role-play training scenarios with the company they are partnering with so that the content is more tailored to the jurisdiction. Role-plays take 15-30 minutes with discussion. We can go to the self-advocate educator training to observe to attend a class to see if this may be relevant, such as Montgomery County.

Self-advocate educators are all over 21 years old and have a range of disabilities, such as autism, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy. They are recruiting self-advocates to be able to facilitate training who are trained using improv techniques for more authentic interactions during training with a focus on characteristics and communication techniques. Train-the-trainer opportunities are available.

The curriculum is provided by the state (not currently MIEMSS-approved), but can be used nationally. Will discuss further the possibility of working with this company to provide EMS ConEd.

LeadAbility LLC has been collecting data for the state around this education. Providers report a higher level of sensitivity in interactions with people with disabilities when they learn from people with disabilities.

Contact information for Lisa Schoenbrodt and Leah Saal of LeadAbility LLC:

Email: lschoenbrodtslp@gmail.com
Phone: (410) 241-0874

Contact Luis Pinet-Peralta <Lpinetperalta@miemss.org> for those in the Southern Maryland area (jurisdictions) who are interested in collaborating on a training.

**State/Local Content for ALS Renewals**

On May 1, 2020, the new State/Local content topics for ALS renewal will be effective. For this recertification cycle, there will be 10 hours of state content and 5 hours of local content. Of the state content, up to 7
hours will be distributive, and of the local content, up to 3 hours may be distributive.

All ALS providers will be required to take the state-developed courses for recertification after May 1, 2020.

The agreed upon topics can be found in the appendix of these minutes.

A survey was disseminated to collect feedback on possible topics and subtopics as well as to see who is available/interested in helping develop this content.

If you are interested in serving in a development or review role, please contact Melissa Meyers <mmeyers@miemss.org>. Those currently interested include:

- Danielle Joy
- Bev Witmer
- Bill Dewar
- Angel burba
- Jon Longest
- Chris Touzeau
- Gary Williams
- Diane Flint
- James Clopein

The estimated timeline for development is:

- Appointment of lead developer for each topic by November 27, 2019
- Lead developer presenting content outline to ALS Subcommittee at January 15, 2020 meeting
- Developed content and ancillary materials to MIEMSS for conversion to online content or to create train-the-trainer by mid-February
- Review of final materials by March 18, 2020 ALS Subcommittee meeting
- Approval of course by Dr. Chizmar in April
- Release of course materials May 1, 2020
- Conduct train-the-trainers for in-person courses during March/April
ALS Protocol Exam

MIEMSS is in the process of transitioning away from the current ALS Protocol Exam to certify providers with consensus from the ALS Subcommittee. The project is being headed by Melissa Meyers, Terrell Buckson, Pete Fiackos, and Dr. Chizmar.

The project needs to be approved internally prior to releasing any information. If approved, information will be disseminated. Input from relevant stakeholders will be solicited as well as those interested in serving in development or review member roles.

Montgomery County is looking for an Ultrasound Program

Shock Trauma currently has an ultrasound program: Dr. Galvano. Many jurisdictions have worked with them to develop and implement for their own use.

Announcements

National Registry EMT-I Exam

The deadline to test or retest for National Registry EMT-Intermediate is December 31, 2019. After this date, the National Registry exam will no longer be available.

Open NREMT-P Testing

Many colleges throughout the state do not allow students from outside their program to test or retest. We would like to get a list of programs that will allow outside candidates as well as the dates of the exams for programs to share so that students do not have to travel outside the state, when possible. Please email <mmeyers@miemss.org> if your program is willing to participate.

- UMBC is hosting a Paramedic Psychomotor Exam on January 11, 2020 that will be open to outside candidates. Kyle Bates, Program Director is the contact.
- Chesapeake is holding a Psychomotor Exam on December 18, 2019 that may be able to test outside providers.
We may be able to use a component of ImageTrend that is in development to simplify this testing process. More information to follow as it becomes available.

**BLS Renewals**

Approximately 1800 BLS providers still need to complete their renewal process prior to December 31, 2019. Please also encourage applicants to complete the 3-question survey when submitting application.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Gary Williams. Seconded by Luis Pinet-Peralta. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

**The next meeting of the ALS Subcommittee with be Wednesday, January 15, 2020.**

**Appendices**

A. Attendees

B. State/Local Content for ALS Renewals
A. Attendees

Present:
Dr. Jeff Fillmore
Terrell Buckson
Melissa Meyers

Go to Meeting:
Matt Larrabee
Jamie Philpott
Jon Longest
Luis Pinet Peralta
Michael Parsons
Rae Olivera
Kathleen Harne
Gary Williams
Doug Bietzel
Danielle Joy
Chris Touzeau
Bev Witmer
Lisa Schoenbrodt, Guest from Loyola University
Leah Saal, Guest from Loyola University
B. State/Local Content for ALS Renewals

State Content:

- Yearly Protocol Updates - 2.0 hours
  - The mandatory protocol update that providers complete each year will account for 1.0 hour each for a total of 2.0 hours in a recertification cycle
- Anaphylaxis - 0.5 hours
- EtCO2 - 1.0 hour
- Alternative Destinations - 0.5 hours
- Patient Technology - 2.0 hours
- Transgender Patients - 1.0 hours
- Sepsis Identification 1.0 hours
- Pediatric seizures and neuro assessment - 1.0 hours
- Mental health and EMS wellness - 1.0 hours