

Education and Standards Meeting

Date: 28/04/2015

Present

Valerie Small
Shane Knox
Brian Bruno
Sarah Cain
Maeve Donnelly
Roísín McGuire

Apologies

Dave Hick
Ray Lacey
Glenna Woods

In Attendance

Pauline Dempsey
Barry O'Sullivan
Jacqueline Egan
Brian Power
Deirdre Borland

1. Chairs Business

The Chair welcomed the assembled members and apologies were noted.

1.1 Governance

The Acting Director delivered a presentation to the members regarding Governance.

1.2 Minutes and matters arising

Mr Knox noted that discussion items and individual names were not recorded in the minutes. The Chair referred to the governance guidance provided at the last Council meeting and today.

There were no matters arising.

Resolution that the minutes of the Education and Standards Committee of 27/01/2015 be approved

Proposed: Maeve Donnelly

Seconded: Sarah Cain

The Acting Director left the committee meeting after this item.

1.3 Membership

The Chair informed the group that Dr David Menzies will join the committee to fulfil the role of an expert in Education and Training - medical.

The committee noted the position of an expert in Education and Training – nursing vacated by Prof Martin McNamara is still outstanding.

A request to accommodate an additional place on the committee for the voluntary sector was made. It was noted that membership is not representative and was a matter for Council.

2. Education and Training Standards leading to PHECC awards

2.1 CFR and PHECC – a position paper

The Executive briefly outlined and invited comments and observations on the document included in the meeting papers. Mr Knox asked about the remit of PHECC in creating CFR materials. The Executive clarified that Council has always supported the use of emerging technology, education and training and the formulation of experimental curricula.

There was general agreement on the following items:

- a. That PHECC, in line with ILCOR 2015 and new CPGs (by the medical advisory committee) shall revise the CFR Community and CFR Advanced education & training standards.
- b. That PHECC shall produce training materials for standardised delivery of CFR Community and separately CFR Advanced courses and make available for distribution in 2016. The materials will include an instructor DVD with manual and student handbook.
- c. A more simplified poster style product may be considered for CFR Community (BLS).
- d. There was support for continuing the inclusion of specific CFR 'add-ons' as listed.
- e. There was no support for revising the CFR on-line course.
- f. There was good interest in a CFR campaign for school – theme and scope yet to be determined, but handouts, cards, an interactive child friendly website and Apps were suggestions.
- g. There was support to progress the concept of "coordinated team CPR" as a standard of operation.

2.2 Course activity

A revised document detailing the number of responder level certificates for years 2010-2015 was tabled for the committee's information.

2.3 Critical care paramedic training – a discussion paper

The paper included in the meeting papers was discussed. The committee suggested an alternative multidisciplinary approach to train, assess and certify paramedics, doctors and nurses in the necessary critical care skill set. Mr Knox stated that NAS was not consulted and that this type of training was not on its immediate agenda. The committee suggested that the group could engage the Irish Colleges to design a programme for multidisciplinary training.

Brian Power agreed to convey the committee's feedback to the retrieval and transfer operations group.

3. Recognition of Institutions and exams

3.1 Council policy for NQEMT examination viewing and recheck (EMT and P)

A broad outline of the policy and procedure was provided by the Executive. The committee noted the policy and agreed to recommend to Council that a successful candidate be refunded the recheck fee when the complaint about a question (test item) is upheld.

3.2 HSE NASC and UCD CEMS Paramedic assessment schedule

This items was included for information purposes only and was noted by the committee.

4. CPC

4.1 Paramedic and AP preview of Survey Results

The preview of results was noted by the committee. The Executive noted that the results must next undergo qualitative analysis and reporting. This report will be viewed by the committee and will inform the development of the CPC standards for both AP and Paramedic. It was noted that renewed consultation with the registrants is also planned.

4.2 EMT Survey

The committee were informed that the EMT survey was still open and a report of results will be made available at a future meeting. The results of this survey will also be considered when the CPC standards for P and AP levels are being drafted.

The committee requested that notice of consultations e.g. surveys with registrants should be communicated on the PHECC website and the Executive agreed to comply with the request.

5. AOB

There being no other business the meeting was concluded.



Valerie Small
Chairperson

24th Nov 2015

Date