

HIGHLIGHTS of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services **Physician Commission** (EMSPC) August 8, 2014, Meeting

➤ **Medical Supervision Roundtables**

The three (3) Medical Supervision Roundtables held this year were deemed a success by those who participated. These meetings are a great opportunity to receive current information, ask questions, rub shoulders with the Commissioners and Bureau staff, and brainstorm with other EMS medical directors.

Twin Falls 5/8/14: 6 Medical Directors, 6 Agency Administrators, 7 Commissioners and bureau staff
Pocatello 7/17/14: 5 Medical Directors, 10 Agency Administrators, 8 Commissioners and bureau staff
Boise 8/7/14: 6 Medical Directors, 10 Agency Administrators, 9 Commissioners and bureau staff

The next Roundtable is scheduled on May 7th in Idaho Falls, the night before the Commission meeting there. Watch for more information and a possible roundtable in February in Boise.

➤ **Optional Modules (OM)**

- **Reporting:** The reporting is getting better. Agencies are beginning to understand that they are to report only those instances when the skill was performed as an optional module, not as a floor skill of the provider.

- **Equipment:** Agencies must have the same minimum equipment needed for an OM skill as an agency licensed to use it as a floor skill. Next year's agency renewal inspections will include an OM minimum equipment check to see that they have the minimum equipment needed for the OMs they have credentialed. This will probably result in some OMs being removed from some agencies lists.

- **Credentialing:** Agencies have a lot of "adopted" OMs that have not been credentialed, which means they are not to be used until credentialing has been submitted to the Bureau. Reporting OM usage on the agency renewal application helps find opportunities to clarify this. Recently an agency reported OM usage of a skill that should have been tested by the bureau before use, but was not. This provided an opportunity to educate and correct the error.

- **Training:** OM training requirements are to be the same as what are used for the floor skill at the higher level. It is up to the agency and their medical director to understand the curriculum and requirements and train to that. Field Coordinators continue to educate to this policy.