

NC-CME MILESTONES, 2005-2007

The National Commission for Certification of CME Professionals (NC-CME) has accomplished a great deal as a volunteer organization, toward the goal of developing a credentialing program for CME workers.

Fostering the development of a certification initiative in cooperation with other stakeholder organizations is NC-CME's highest priority for 2007. We welcome your suggestions about how the Board of Directors might work with your organization to bring about this important initiative. Contact us at info@NC-CME.org

Here's a list of milestones accomplished:

2005

- Feb Conducted a 2-day retreat with individuals interested in pursuing a certification initiative:
- Researched existing certification programs
 - Drafted Vision, Mission & Goals Statement and Concept Proposal
 - Formed an Executive Committee; elected a President
 - Decided to move forward
- Mar- Presented the Concept Proposal to 18 stakeholder groups and invited them to
Jun participate
- Jun Formed an Advisory Board; convened the Board of Directors and Advisory Board in NYC
- Aug Created a Website: www.NC-CME.org
- Sep Drafted a 3-year Budget and Plan of Work

2006

- Jan Formalized a Board of Directors; elected Officers
- Held an open forum during the Alliance Annual Conference
- Created a database of >100 interested volunteers
- Formed committees to recommend action items to the Board of Directors
- Feb Incorporated NC-CME as a non-profit corporation
- Mar Submitted an abstract to present at the 2007 Alliance Meeting [accepted in June]
- May Approved by IRS for tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3), allowing donations to be tax-deductible
- Sep Published an article on the need for certification in the Alliance Almanac
- Joined NOCA [National Organization for Competency Assurance]

Oct Presented at NTF Conference, Baltimore: "Pathways to Competence for CME Professionals"

2007

Jan Presented at ACME conference: "Progress Toward a National Credentialing Program"; Exhibit Booth - collected names/email addresses of 200+ interested persons

Mar Held 2-day Board Retreat to clarify objectives; decided against grandfathering

May Adopted NCAA Standards for Accreditation of Certification Programs;
Hosted a Luncheon Meeting for leaders of key CME organizations, Chicago

Sep RFP process: search for a company to develop & administer a valid, legally defensible exam

Oct Contracted with Schroeder Measurement Technologies [SMT] to deliver pilot in May, validated exam in June 2008