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Board of EMS Meeting
Maine EMS Conference Room
November 3, 1999
MINUTES

Members Present: Jim McKenney (Chair), Leo Bouchard (Chair-elect), Richard Doughty, William Dunwoody, Steve Hayes, Peter DiPietrantonio, Penelope Stevens, Wayne Werts, Oden Cassidy, Debbie Dane, Carol Pillsbury, Steve Leach, Rebecca Chagrasulis (ex-officio)

Regional Coordinators: Donnie Carroll, Joanne LeBrun

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dwight Corning, Drexell White

1. Introductions

None needed.

2. Minutes - October 6, 1999

Jay mentioned that the August minutes which were previously approved did not include the Board's action with regard to the action involving a complaint about Richard Doughty.

MOTION: To modify the August 4, 1999, meeting to include the action relating to Richard Doughty and to approve the minutes of the October 6, 1999, meeting as distributed. (Dunwoody; second by Stevens) Carried.

3. Old Business

A. Investigations Task Force

W. Werts reported that the surveys have been mailed to those who were the recent subject of investigations. Results will be reviewed at a future meeting.

B. Rules Revisions

D. White reviewed the schedule and Board assignments for the upcoming Rules hearings. The APA timeline requires that comments be received until November 26, 1999 (10 days after the final public hearing). Following that date, staff will compile a summary of all comments received for review, discussion, and possible action at the January 5, 2000, meeting.

C. Block Grant Funding Cuts

J. Bradshaw reported that there has been a supplemental budget bill filed to make up for the shortfall in FY 2001 due to the decrease in Block Grant funding which comes through the DHS Bureau of Health.

D. Unfinished Business

None at this time.

E. Other

None at this time.

4. New Business

A. Ops Team/Committee Action Items

Jay reported that the Ops Team will be meeting with the Education Committee to continue work on drafting the roles and responsibilities of both the respective committees and their members. The goal is to make a presentation to the Board in early 2000.

B. Investigations Committee Action Items

None at this time; however, an informal conference with William George is scheduled for the December 1, 1999, Board meeting.

C. Other

None at this time.

5. Staff Report

A. Activities - Report

NASEMSD Annual Meeting

Jay reported on the NASEMSD Annual Meeting that was held in Rapid City, SD, in October. Highlights include; an update on the HCFA Negotiated Rulemaking Process which may result in improved reimbursement for services in rural areas such as Maine, the revised National Standard ALS curricula which is awaiting supplemental material being compiled by the Training Coordinator's Association, updates on terrorism training programs, and rural health initiatives. Dr. Chagrasulis reported on the Medical Director's meeting that included about 20 state EMS medical directors and discussions on the changing AHA ACLS standards, critical care transport, definitions and training for medical direction and control, and certification/decertification.

Jay was reelected to another term as secretary of NASEMSD.

Jay also reported that the MEMS web page has been updated to include the latest version of the Protocols in .PDF format.

NECEMS Annual Conference

Jay distributed copies of the program brochure for the New England Council Annual Conference which will be held in Newport, RI, November 22 & 23, 1999.

B. MDPB - Report

Dr. Chagrasulis reported that due to the NASEMSD Annual Meeting, there was no MDPB meeting in October. At the November meeting, Regional Coordinators will make presentations on their respective CQI programs. The MDPB is planning to actively work on certification/recertification/decertification issues during the coming year.

C. Other

Steve Leach reminded members that the Mid Coast EMS (Samoset) Conference will be held November 11-14, 1999. On November 12, an EMS Town Meeting will be held in conjunction with a public rules hearing. All are invited to attend.

Adjourned 10:25 AM.