

Medical Direction and Practice Board
15-October-2008
Minutes

In Attendance Members: Jonnathan Busko, Tony Bock, Matt Sholl, David Ettinger, Tim Pieh, Kevin Kendall, Peter Goth, Steve Diaz

In Attendance Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Alan Leo, Jan Brinkman, Dawn Kinney, Ben Woodard

In Attendance Guests: Jeff Regis, Rick Petrie (Ops Rep), Ginny Brockway, Warren Waltz, Joanne LeBrun Norm Dinerman, Mike Senecal, David Robie, Joe LaHood, Lori Metayer (Board Rep), John Kooistra, John Whittier, Robert Dumont, Tom Judge, John Brady, Doris Laslie, Dan Batsie (Ed. Rep), Dan Britten, Casey MacVane

| Topic | Discussion | Action(s) |
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| 1) Introductions and Announcements | Introductions | None |
| 2) September minutes | No discussion | Motion by Kendall to accept with second by Ettinger with unanimous approval |
| 3) Legislative/Budget | Nothing on legislative and fiscal woes are being discussed at the highest levels of Maine government | None |
| 4) Destination Follow-up | Nothing to report—letters are out to services | None |
| 5) Specialty Program | Nothing new | None |
| 6) Medical Direction Overview Course (MDOC) | March 7, 2009 with Sugarloaf conference with Maine ACEP—this is the NAEMSP one day program to provide an overview for physicians on EMS medical direction. | None |
| 7) OLMC | Web-based class; question if AMA credit can be obtained though MMA and if ME ACEP will host | Busko & Goth will follow-up on these issues. |
| 8) Disaster Program | We have all scripted drafts for Rad-Nuc, biologics, chemicals, environmental, blast, and MCI. Query of it we should add a communications piece per LeBrun. | LeBrun will discuss with Petrie to see if they wish to draft something around communications. This group will continue to refine their product. |
| 9) Wilderness Program | This group met October 2, 2008. They looked at outlines and processes from other states including Alaska. They crafted a statement of purpose and content. There are potentially a large number of protocols but they are looking more closely at paring this down. | None—this group will continue to refine their product. |
| 10) MEMS QI | 1) Continue to discuss mental health transport with state group of AG office and DHHS needing input. LeBrun continues to shepherd a process of finding and sharing documents to help services with this process; also looking at creating a template for such transfers; also looking at crafting a policy statement; she is also looking at legislative potential of supporting a bill for EMS providers to have limited liability for eloped patients; and she is also looking at EMTALA | Presentation next month on MEMSRR from Woodard to this group. |

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| | <p>provisions for transfers and elopement. EMTALA is a little confusing in this realm given receiving hospital input can influence the transfer. (2) 12- lead documents recirculated and we are looking to implement QI forms and process and see if MEMSRR can help us here; (3) Airway QI – data issues and group looking to see if MEMSRR can help us; (4) Protocol QI: paucity of data and again wondering if MEMSRR can help us—need check boxes if using MEMSRR to help us here (for result of intervention); (5) All the references to MEMSRR requires all EMS providers to be diligent in run form completion and we may need a process of helping with continuing education around all documentation. Woodard is going to present to us next month perhaps a powerpoint on paper vs electronic documentation and success/pitfalls of PI.</p> | |
| 11) MEMS Education | Brinkman presented that they are focusing on the Training Center Approval Process document, which has sub-components of Clinical-Behavioral Objectives, Evaluating Equipment Lists, Reviewing Job Descriptions and Definitions, Reviewing Instructor levels and Definitions, and Scope of Practice | None |
| 12) MEMS Operations | They did not meet since our last meeting. They have weekly conference calls regarding projects, funding and state fiscal issues and how to meet the state 10% cut | None |
| 13) Next Roundtables | November 2008: MEMSRR by Woodard; December 2008: How to read literature by Busko and Diaz; January 2009: MAST by Pieh; February 2009: Spine by Goth | None |
| 14) Roundtable: Shotgun Approach to Respiratory Distress | <p>1) <i>Association between Inhaled β-agonists and the risk of unstable angina and myocardial infarction.</i> Chest, 2002 Au, David <i>et al</i>; 121:846-851. (2) <i>Risk of Mortality and Heart Failure Exacerbations Associated with Inhaled β-adrenoreceptor Agonists among Patients with known Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction.</i> Chest, 2003 Au, David <i>et al</i>; 123:1964-1969. (3) <i>Effects of Prehospital Medications on Mortality and Length of Stay in Congestive Heart Failure.</i> <i>Annals of Emergency Medicine</i>, June 1992, 21:6; 669-674. (4) A Student's Guide to the Medical Literature</p> | Good Discussion |
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10) Next Meeting: November 19, 2008