

MDPB Minutes November 15, 2000

Members present: C St. Pierre-Engels, J. Burton, P. Liebow, D. Ettinger, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, D. Stuchiner, E. Smith

MEMS Staff: J. Bradshaw

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun

Guests: J. Regis, B. Dunwoody, P. Marcolini, Laura Yustak Smith (atty to the AG), Alan Azarra, Rick Petrie

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 9/20/00	None	Adopted	None.
<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>1. PA's/NP's in ems</p>	<p>Provider in Jackman has offered no further interest in PA position within Maine EMS. Query to group as to whether this issue should be considered further.</p> <p>Further discussion, following Stuchiner proposal discussion, that this question should be decided and placed on the January agenda. Diaz will circulate info prior to that meeting to the MDPB members. Diaz will also contact Downeast PA group for a position statement and representation. An option might be to limit PA participation in EMS to rural designated areas.</p> <p>Discussion with AG attorney Laura Yustak Smith. Discussion covered many topics: due process for decertification, consent agreements in regional offices, ability of regions to share information, QI process standardization, does the AG rep need to sign consent agreements with medical directors who are "agents of the state", standardization of consent agreement between regions.</p>	<p>Proposal (Stuchiner) to require PA's practice within Maine EMS to be allowed only through Maine EMS licensure. No second.</p>	<p>Diaz will work on this issue offline and develop discussion to be disseminated to MDPB. <u>Item for January Agenda.</u></p>
<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>1. Recert/Dec/Cert</p>	<p>Discussion with AG attorney Laura Yustak Smith. Discussion covered many topics: due process for decertification, consent agreements in regional offices, ability of regions to share information, QI process standardization, does the AG rep need to sign consent agreements with medical directors who are "agents of the state", standardization of consent agreement between regions.</p>	<p>None. Plan is to standardize the QA/QI process, standardize decert process with consent agreements, standardize due process within the consent agreement, standardize consent agreement document.</p> <p>Bradshaw, Burton, Yustak Smith will work</p>	<p>Scheduling of retreat for March. Plans should be presented to MDPB at that meeting for debate and resolution.</p> <p>Burton will communicate information and request to</p>

<p>3. Addition of TPN to interfacility transfer list.</p>	<p>Discussion involved addition to list. Need for tpn in transport versus paramedic providers' concern that certain transferring physicians "demand" continued tpn en route.</p> <p>Discussion also to greater process of addressing the interfacility list – additions or deletions. What should be the process and when? Should the list be added to the current ems protocol book?</p> <p>Discussion regarding the needs of certain exceptional patients throughout the state and the desire to accommodate needs and desire of patients personal physician with local ems system.</p> <p>List of questions should be developed to standardize this process for any physician wishing to petition the MDPB for needs of any exceptional patients.</p> <p>Separate question of continuing meds of patients who have ongoing meds at home that are "off protocol."</p> <p>Biphasic AED's have been approved</p>	<p>offline on these issues. Regions should all forward information regarding current consent agreements and due process and decertification process to Jay and Laura for review.</p> <p>Motion (stuchiner, 2nd Liebow) to reject tpn proposal – 2 in favor, 4 against, 1 abstention.</p> <p>Motion (Kendall, 2nd St.Pierre Engels) to schedule review for interfacility drug list, additions or deletions to the list, annually and to coincide with the protocol review, tpn proposal would be reconsidered at that time – 7 in favor, 0 against.</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>Dinerman/Petrie that a written response to Mr. Carroll's letter be formulated by Meridian. Item will remain off the agenda pending this action.</p> <p>Burton will draft list of questions to be addressed to standardize the process for adding/deleting meds.</p> <p>Burton will draft list of questions to be addressed to standardize the process. Will forward to Liebow for comments.</p> <p><u>December agenda: continuation of meds off protocol for exceptional patients.</u></p>
<p>4. MDPB policy re: exceptional patients requiring off protocol meds.</p>	<p>Biphasic AED's have been approved</p>		

<p>5. Biphasic manual defibrilators.</p>	<p>previously. The new AHA guidelines suggests biphasic technology to be equivalent to monophasic wrt outcomes and use.</p> <p>Discussion regarding new energy levels – most of these are automatic within the defibrillators and come in either low energy escalating energy delivery or non-escalating higher energy.</p> <p>No compelling outcomes data in ems has been reviewed to demonstrate outcomes to be improved with biphasic; however, outcomes appear to be at least as good as previous monophasic and higher energy deliveries.</p>	<p>Consensus agreement among group to adopt Biphasic manual defibrillators for use in Maine EMS. No preference for device or technology at this time. Further review in the future.</p>	<p>Decision will be communicated to interested parties for consideration in acquisition.</p>
<p><u>Other Business</u> 1.Samoset</p>		<p>None.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Protocols</p>			
<p>Next meeting 12/20/2000 (0930 - 1230)</p>			

