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EMD Committee Meeting
Thursday November 20, 2014 9:30 a.m.
Teleconference
Minutes

Members: Stephanie Gibbs – Chair, Laura Downing, Brian Gregoire,
Carolyn Dodge, Peter Daigle, Bill Holmes, Cindy Moore-Rossi, Dave Gardner

Staff: Drexell White

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

A. Introductions – None Required

B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None

Drexell reported that Kathy Blagdon sent her regrets that she would be unable to attend the meeting

2. Minutes – June 19, 2014

Members reviewed minutes from September 18, 2014 meeting, for approval.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting (Gardner; Dodge – Motion Carries)

3. Staff Reports

A. Maine EMS Update

Drexell reported:

- Ebola preparedness has been taking up everyone's time over the last couple of months. Maine EMS is working on a follow-up teleconference for Maine EMD Center Directors and Doctor Matt Sholl, State EMS Medical Director to discuss EMD Center use of the Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Tool that was activated on October 30, 2014.

There was discussion about how quality assurance review is done concerning the EID Tool. Standards 9a consider the tool a "list" that is not subject to case review, although Maine's use of the tool could fall into the "level 2 diagnostic" category. Staff will follow up with the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) to get its opinion.

- Upcoming EMD –Q meetings:
 - December 9, 2014 – DPS-Bangor, 9:30 a.m.
 - December 16, 2014 – Maine EMS, Augusta, 9:30 a.m.
 - December 13, 2015 – Cumberland County RCC, Windham, 9:30 a.m.

4. Old Business

A. Determinant Code Implementation

Maine EMS sent clarification about using EMD determinant codes to EMS services on 11/5/14. The letter explained when a service could create service-level policies to govern red lights and siren use, resource allocation and “automatic Advanced Life Support. It also explained when a full response assignment plan would be required (e.g., response by personnel licensed lower than the service license level; non-ambulance EMS response to medical calls; Use of Omega protocols for non-EMS response).

B. Maine EMS Online Licensing

EMD Centers will be able to renew their licenses online. Drexell has sent information to Centers about how to complete online applications.

C. Protocol 33 – Acuity Levels - No Report

D. EMD Refresher – No Report

5. New Business

6. Next Meeting - Set Agenda, Date and Time

The next EMD Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

7. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted - Drexell White