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BOARD OF EMS MEETING
 AUGUST 3, 2016
 9:30 AM
 DE CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
 MINUTES

Members Present: Roger Audette, Joseph Kellner, Laura Downing, Lori Metayer, Nancy Jackson, Jeff Rowe, Mike Senecal, Matt Sholl, Judy Gerrish, Tim Beals, Greg Coyne, Joe Connelly, Brad Chicoine, Carolyn Brouillard, Scott Susi, John Martel, MD

Members Absent: Julie Ontengo

Staff: Shaun St. Germain, Alan Leo, Jon Powers, Don Sheets, Jason Oko, Katie Boynton

Office of the Attorney General: Katie Johnson, AAG

Regional Coordinators: Rick Petrie, Atlantic Partners EMS; Joanne Lebrun, Tri-County EMS; Ben Zetterman, Aroostook EMS

Guests: Jim MacDonnell, Tony Attardo, Alex Wood

Meeting Called to Order: 9:30 AM

1. Introductions are made.
2. Minutes June 1, 2016
 - a. There were the discussion regarding the assessment survey and the comments at the end of the previous board meeting minutes. Board chair Rowe clarified the intent of the statement was that the body of the board should not have influence as to the questions in the assessment, however that board members would have the opportunity to submit answers to the questions in the assessment.
 - b. **MOTION: Motion to approve minutes as amended; Tim Beals, Judy Gerrish; motion passes, unanimous.**
3. Public comments
 - a. There are no public comments.
4. Maine EMS Update
 - a. Budget – Shaun St. Germain states that he is in the process of preparing for the 2019. The budget is in progress we will have another update by the next board meeting

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- b. Legislation – Shaun St. Germain states that we’re working on draft legislation to get Community Paramedicine into permanent status, work also continues on drafting legislation for background checks. The EMD Program Coordinator position has been sent to the Governor’s Office for approval to be posted.
 - c. Community Paramedicine – Shaun St. Germain states that DHHS and MaineCare have been directed to look into funding sources for the program. Cumberland fire has submitted an application to join the community Paramedicine pilot project and is in the review process at this time. The community Paramedicine administrators met in June, among the items discussed were adherence to their guidelines and data collection.
 - d. Ops – Joanne Lebrun reported that Four items were discussed at the meeting yesterday, the plan for EMS Services to interface with public health agencies regarding the services available to EMS Services, Infection control training program, CISM training program was held in June - 43 providers attended, and getting the Medical Director Guidebook into the hands of the providers that will be offering medical direction.
5. Medical Director Report
- a. MDPB – Dr. Matt Sholl reported that Protocol review continues, the MDPB is attempting to coordinate with northern New England Setae Agencies to provide a commonality to the protocols across state lines, a pilot project for Video Guided Direct Laryngoscopy has been approved and the MDPB has selected the candidates for the new positions they are as follows:
 - i. Kate Zimmerman has been selected as the associate medical director the app but if that they hope
 - ii. Dave Saquet has been selected as the app large Physician
 - iii. Bethany Nash has been selected for the pharmacist/toxicologist position
 - b. ***MOTION: Motion to approve the candidates for the new MDPB positions; Lori Metayer/Laura Downing; unanimous***
 - a. Continued – Work continues with the CARES Registry there will be four individuals attending the fall session of the Resuscitation academy.
 - b. QA/I – Dr. Matt Sholl reported that the committee has not yet selected the next project and that the work on the Patient refusal study has been completed and the education will be available in the coming weeks.
6. Investigations
- a. Committee Minutes and Recommendations
 - i. ***MOTION: Motion to approve minutes as presented; Tim Beals recused himself, Mike Senecal/Laura Downing; Investigations Committee passes motion with one change, unanimous***
 - ii. Jason Oko presented the case summaries to the Board.
 - iii. ***MOTION: Motion to approve case #16-066 with recommended changes; Joseph Kellner/Mike Senecal; motion passes, 11 for 3 opposed, 1 abstention.***
 - iv. ***MOTION: Motion to approve remaining cases; (Requires Calrification) unanimous with 1 abstention one recusal (Beals).***
 - v. Executive session entered to review case 16-053

- vi. ***MOTION: Motion that the original offer of the Consent Agreement stands with no changes; Joseph Kellner/Tim Beals, unanimous one abstention, Judy Gerrish***

7. Old Business

- a. Work Plan Update – No report
- b. Draft Rule Changes
 - i. Jason Oko Reported that the intention is to have a draft document to the board for review. Meetings are continuing to be held. The recommendation is that the board goes to Formal rule making after the completed document is ready. Goal is to be completed by May or June of 2017.
- c. Maine EMS Assessment –
 - i. Joseph Kellner proposes a subcommittee of three board members from diverse backgrounds to work with the Maine EMS office and the consulting organization. The role of this committee would be to preliminarily review any correspondence that will be distributed to the EMS community to assure that it is delivered with the goal of evaluating and improving the entire system. This committee would be called upon to meet ad hoc, with a target of monthly, to assist in the continuation of the assessment and to provide initial feedback, and review of all data prior to public release.
 - There was discussion amongst the board
 - ***Motion was withdrawn***
 - ii. Shaun offered to have Board Members join him on the Assessment Survey Public Forums.
 - iii. There was further discussion regarding Joseph Kellner’s motion with Matthew Sholl
 - iv. Matthew Sholl discussed the Interfacility Transport Committee
- d. Board Review of License Denial – Andrew Pratt
 - i. Mr. Pratt submitted a request to withdraw his appeal of the Maine EMS Staff denial to issue his Maine EMS Paramedic License
 - ii. Assistant Attorney General Katie Johnson reported that the board has two options, 1 grant his appeal, 2 deny the motion and consider the continuation of the appeal
 - iii. The board voted unanimously to grant MR. Pratt’s motion to withdraw his appeal of the staff denial.

8. New Business

- a. License Cards -
 - i. Shaun reported that the office has held discussions to move towards issuing license cards in an electronic format in a PDF
 - ii. The board was in favor of the proposed change in the office workflow
- b. REPLICA
 - i. Shaun reported the program is a few years away, however, other state are moving towards this model
 - ii. Summary: This Compact is intended to facilitate the day to day movement of EMS personnel across state boundaries in performance of their EMS duties as assigned by an appropriate authority and authorize state EMS offices to afford immediate legal recognition to EMS personnel licensed in a member state. Also key: “Any member

state may take adverse action against an individual's privilege to practice in that state based on the factual findings of another member state, so long as each state follows its own procedures for imposing such adverse action."

- iii. This would require an FBI Fingerprint based Background check for providers
 - c. Shaun reported that there has been a change in the office functions
 - i. Drexell White has accepted a new position with DHHS as a Public Health Liaison
 - ii. Jason Oko will be assuming the EMD functions
 - iii. Don Sheets will be assuming the Exam functions
 - d. Interfacility Transport –
 - i. Joseph Kellner's Recommendation to develop a subcommittee to include board members as well as MDPB members to discuss Interfacility Transport
 - ii. Matthew Sholl will report back with the current makeup of the QA/QI committee
 - e. Video Guided Laryngoscopy Project
 - i. John Martel presented the plan for the pilot project
 - ii. ***Motion: Motion by Tim Beals/Joe Kellner to approve Video Guided Laryngoscopy Pilot Project with the proposed changes, unanimous.***
9. Committee Reports
- a. Committee reports will be addressed by email from Don Sheets
10. Other
- a. Dan Batsie (formerly of APEMS) has accepted the position as the Director of Vermont EMS
 - b. Next Meeting will be October 5, 2016 at 9:30 AM
11. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM