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BOARD OF EMS MEETING
APRIL 5, 2017
9:30 AM
DE CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
FINAL MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Rowe, Mike Senecal, Kate Zimmerman by phone, Judy Gerrish, Tim Beals, John Martel, Joe Conley, Greg Coyne, Denys Cornelio, Carolyn Brouillard, Scott Susi, Laura Downing, Lori Metayer, Julie Ontengco

Members Absent: Julie Ontengco

Staff: Shaun St. Germain, Alan Leo, Jason Oko, Timothy Nangle

Office of the Attorney General: Katie Johnson, AAG

Regional Coordinators: Rick Petrie, APEMS; Ben Zetterman, AEMS; Joanne Lebrun, TCEMS

Guests:

Meeting Called to Order: 9:35

1. Introductions are made.
 - a. Shaun St. Germain introduced the newly hired Data & Preparedness Coordinator for Maine EMS, Timothy Nangle
2. Minutes April 6, 2016
 - a. ***MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes as amended from February 2017 - unanimous***
3. Public comments – There are no public comments
4. Maine EMS Update
 - a. Budget – Shaun gives a report on the budget.
 - b. Legislation –
 - i. LD 67 an act to approve insurance coverage for first responders (workers’ compensation for first responders in line of duty) Shaun will keep the board posted
 - ii. LD 478 – act to implement the Health and Human Services rate study
 - iii. LD 848 An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

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- iv. LD 998 – act to adequately pay for emergency medical services; will require Maine Care to reimburse for Community Paramedicine? It doesn't appear that governor will support due to an increase to Maine Care; the hearing is Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. on April 7, 2017
 - v. LD 1050 – firearms law – enables municipalities to enact ordinance to prohibit firearms in an ambulance; Department of Public Safety doesn't have position
 - vi. LD 1240 – act to provide immunity to medical professionals who provide free healthcare services to underserved and underinsured
 - c. Community Paramedicine – No hearing scheduled on the Community Paramedicine Bill yet
 - d. Ops – The committee met yesterday. Ben Zetterman advised that Dr. Ewing will not be able to attend MDPB on a monthly basis, that Dr. Cullamore agreed to attend the meetings
 - i. **MOTION: Motion to change Dr. Cullamore to the regional Medical Director for Aroostook (Region 5), unanimous**
 - e. Staff Update – Timothy Nangle has begun working as the Maine EMS data & Preparedness Coordinator on April 3, 2017.
5. Medical Director Report
- a. MDPB –
 - b. QA/I –
6. Investigations
- a. March Committee Minutes and Recommendations
 - i. **MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes as amended; Michael Senecal/Greg Coyne; unanimous vote Investigations Committee members.**
 - ii. Alan Leo presented the cases and minutes to the Board.
 - Case #17-003, Jeff Rowe and Brad Chicoine recused themselves from this investigation
 - Kate Zimmerman brought up concerns over the provider's care; these were addressed by the investigations committee.
 - AAG Katie Johnson reviewed the available options for discipline to the board.
 - iii. **MOTION: Motion for a 30 day emergency suspension; offer a consent agreement for the surrender of the providers' paramedic license; allow the provider to work as an advanced EMT; if the provider chooses to take a new paramedic licensure course, it would include the requirement to take the practical and cognitive exams to be re-licensed. Joe Kellner, Julie Ontengo; Unanimous**
 - iv. **MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes as amended; Joe Kellner, Laura Downing; unanimous.**
7. Old Business
- a. Draft Rule Changes
 - i. Sub Committee Report – Committee met on Monday, the meeting was then postponed due to attendance, another meeting has not yet been scheduled.
 - b. Awards Committee

- i. Alan Leo reported there were many worthy submission, the name of the recipients were not being released today as the Governors' award nominee has not yet been approved by the Governor, and the recipients have not yet been informed.
 - ii. The awards Ceremony is May 25, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the Hall of Flags of the State House.
 - iii. Jeff Rowe Reported that he would introduce Mike Senecal as the new Chair of the Maine EMS Board at the awards Ceremony
 - c. Regional Access to Medical records for QI Purposes
 - i. A discussion regarding ways patient data can be shared under certain conditions including; research, public health surveillance and linkage with a patient electronic medical record. If the release has been authorized by the EMS Board, the MDPB and the Director of the agency. The information must be de-identified, unless it is deemed necessary for the purposes of the research, public health surveillance or linkage with patient electronic medical records.
 - ii. Nate Yerxa – spoke on behalf of the regions and asked if the system would be able to de-identify the data “on the fly”
 - iii. Michael Senecal inquired if this could be included with the contract with the region.
 - iv. Joanne Lebrun spoke in regards to the regions QI plans as well as the confidentiality agreements they currently have and agreed they should be reviewed. Without access to the data, their practice of assisting agencies with in their regions would be restricted.
 - v. Joe Kellner requested the Maine EMS Office to seek out information from Image Trend to ascertain the ability of the system to perform QA/QI with de-identified data.
 - vi. ***MOTION: Motion to table the discussion until the June Board Meeting Joe Kellner, Tim Beals; unanimous***

8. New Business

- a. Northeast Mobile Health Data request
 - i. Joe Conley recused himself from the discussion at the recommendation of AAG Katie Johnson.
 - He disagreed, however, recused himself, and left the room.
 - NEMHS is requesting the Maine State Board of EMS allow ImageTrend to release data submitted and created by Maine EMS licensed services to service specific computer servers. Any costs above and beyond the contract with ImageTrend would be borne by the service requesting such data transfer. This data transfer would include only data created by the requesting service, and done mutually through the service, or designated IT professional, and ImageTrend. Maine EMS would be a cooperative party, as needed in the transfer process. All data transfers would follow current medical health record laws and requirements.
 - ii. ***MOTION: Motion to allow services access to identifiable data that they input for purpose of linkage of electronic medical records; (recollection of data from Image Trend) Motion tabled***
- b. Election for Chair Elect

- i. Judy Gerrish reported that the committee had conversations with four interested parties and requested they speak at today's board meeting for five minutes. Things had changed and today there is one member willing to address the board.
 - Scott Susi addressed the board
 - ii. ***MOTION: Motion to elect Scott Susi as Vice Chair elect Tim Beals; ; unanimous***
 - c. EMS Memorial
 - i. Discussion to bring the EMS memorial under the control of the board, the committee was made up of Judy, Julie, and Lori.
 - ii. Will discuss the topic again in June
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Education – Committee met, the largest part of the meeting was intended to look at the protocol education to assist providers entering the Maine EMS community from elsewhere.
 - ii. Data committee has not met for some time, Tim Nangle has expressed an interest in re-instating the committee
 - iii. Exam committee has not met
 - iv. EMD committee report not available.
 - e. AMSI Report
 - i. Joe Kellner reported on the work of the subcommittee
 - The group has met twice with Maine EMS Staff, the regional coordinators and several guests to discuss how to process the ASMI report, as well as to address unfinished items from the EMSSTAR report.
 - The categories the recommendations fit in were reviewed
 - a. System design
 - b. Finance
 - c. Medical Direction
 - d. Quality Improvement
 - The recommendations that the Maine EMS Board can be involved in the categories they are interested in as well as stake holders from the system and outside of the EMS Community.
 - The group would bring back to the board how they should approach each of the thirty recommendations
 - The Board could then discuss the recommendations from the four categories.
 - Need to meet, possibly, one more time to discuss who is going to help with which group.
 - a. Need to address two issue
 - i. How to find facilitators
 - ii. How to find outside participation
9. Other
 - a. The Fire Chief's Position is open on the board
 - b. Nancy Jackson is stepping down off the board from the Emergency Nurse position
 - c. Next Meeting will be June 7, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

10. Meeting adjourned