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## **BOARD OF EMS MEETING**

August 2, 2017 9:32 AM DE CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM FINAL MINUTES

Members Present: Joe Conley, John Martel, Tim Beals, Judy Gerrish, Jeff Rowe, Kate Zimmerman, Matthew Sholl, Scott Susi, Mike Senecal, Lori Metayer, Laura Downing, Brad Chicoine, Denys Cornelio, Joe Kellner

Members Absent: Carolyn Brouillard, Julianne Ontengco, Greg Coyne

Staff: Shaun St. Germain, Don Sheets, Tim Nangle, Jason Oko, Alan Leo, Katie Boynton

Office of the Attorney General: Katie Johnson

Regional Coordinators: Benjamin Zetterman, Joanne Lebrun, Rick Petrie

Guests: Nate Yerxa

Meeting Called to Order: 9:32 AM

- Introductions are made.
- 2. Minutes April 6, 2016
  - a. MOTION: Motion to table the minutes to the October 2017 meeting; Tim Beals/Jeff Rowe; unanimous
- 3. Public comments There were no public comments.
- 4. Maine EMS Update
  - a. Budget The budget passed after a one-day shutdown.
  - b. Legislation The license plate bill and the Community Paramedicine bill have passed.
  - c. Community Paramedicine The Community Paramedicine group will meet in September.
  - d. Ops Rick Petrie Drexell came to the meeting. Guidebook for EMS services was discussed.
  - e. Staff Update No staff updates.
- 5. Medical Director Report
  - a. MDPB Dr. Matthew Sholl gave report for MDPB about protocols, PPE for Carfentanil, etc.

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- b. QA/I Dr. Matthew Sholl gave report for QA/I committee. MEFIRS, Phase III Data Review,
  - i. MOTION: Motion to appoint Tracy Jalbuena as the Region 6
    Representative to the QA/I Committee to replace Whitney
    Randolph; Rowe/Gerrish; Unanimous
- 6. Investigations Investigations Committee did not meet in July.
  - a. Jason Oko gives a report about an interim Consent Agreement against a provider who was indicted by a Grand Jury for Gross Sexual Assault.

### 7. Old Business

- a. Work Plan Update There was no update.
- b. Draft Rule Changes
  - i. Sub Committee Report Jason Oko provided the Board with an update.
- c. Region Access to MEFIRS
  - i. Tim Nangle provided information about the QA access to MEFIRS. Statute Change/Contract Language. Discussion.
  - ii. MOTION: Motion to allow all of the hospitals in Maine access to Identifiable Patient Data; Kellner/Susi; Motion Retracted
  - iii. MOTION: Motion to allow hospitals in Maine access to Identifiable Patient Data from the MEFIRS system for purposes of data linkage with electronic patient records when the destination is that hospital; Kellner/Susi; unanimous
  - iv. MOTION: Motion to have the Maine EMS Staff draft legislation to change statute to allow the Maine EMS access to and the ability to delegate access to Identifiable Patient Data for the purpose of QA/QI; Kellner/Rowe; unanimous
  - v. The Regional Offices will sign confidentiality agreements regarding access to Patient Data.

### 8. New Business

- a. EMS Apprenticeship Program Development
  - i. Don Sheets made a presentation. The Ops Committee made suggestions for implementation. The Board discussed how to implement.
- b. Discussion of Community Paramedicine rules promulgation process
  - i. Dennis Russell presented a proposed committee makeup. There is no timeline to establish CP rules; however they would need to go through the rule making process.
  - ii. MOTION: Motion to establish the Maine EMS Community Paramedicine Committee with the positions listed on the form plus ME Hospital Assn, ME Medical Assn, Home Health; Kellner/Rowe; unanimous
- c. ASMI workgroup discussion to follow in the afternoon
  - i. Shaun St. Germain reported on the workgroups.
- d. EMS Memorial Committee
  - i. Rick Petrie reported on the decision of the committee to form a 501c(3) charity.
  - ii. MOTION: Motion to disband committee; Downing/Susi; unanimous

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# 9. Committee Reports

- a. Education
  - i. Committee Representation: Don Sheets provided the Board with information regarding the history of the committee makeup.
  - ii. Don Sheets provided the Board with the status of the committee.
- b. Data
  - Tim Nangle provided information regarding his trip to ImageTrend and the HealthInfoNet.
- c. Exam
  - i. Don Sheets provided information regarding the status of the Exam Committee.
- d. EMD
  - i. Jason Oko provided information regarding the status of the EMD committee.
- 10. Other
  - a. Next Meeting October 4, 2017
- 11. ASMI Workgroups will begin at 1:00.
- 12. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

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