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Maine Board of EMS
Minutes of October 3, 2018 Board Meeting
Held in the Champlain Conference Room at 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scott Susi called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Susi, Fire Chiefs Association Rep.
Joseph Kellner, Northeast EMS
Richard Kindelan, Southern Maine EMS
Greg Coyne, Mid-Coast EMS
Laura Downing, EMD Rep.
John Martel, Emergency Physician
Joseph Conley, For-Profit Rep.

Brad Chicoine, Municipal EMS Rep.
Judy Gerrish, Public Rep.
Heidi Cote, Emergency Professional Nurse
Brent Libby, Fire Chief
Dennis Russell, Not-For-Profit Rep.
Nathan Allen, Aroostook EMS
Timothy Beals, Kennebec Valley EMS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Julie Ontengco, Hospital Rep
Vacant, Region 2 Rep.

Carolyn Brouillard, Non-Transporting Rep.

STAFF PRESENT

Shaun St. Germain, Director
Jason Oko, Licensing Agent
Tim Nangle, Data Coordinator
Marc Minkler, EMS-C Manager
Alan Leo, Licensing Agent

Don Sheets, Education Coordinator
Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Katie Boynton, Project Manager
Janet Joyeux, Assistant to the Commissioner

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PUBLIC PRESENT

Jay Bradshaw, MAA
Jim MacDonnell, Lisbon Fire
Joanne Lebrun, Tri-County EMS

Ben Zetterman, Aroostook EMS
Rick Petrie, Atlantic Partners EMS
Butch Russell, NEMHS

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No members disclose a conflict of interest.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of September 5, 2018.

In a motion by Allen, seconded by Coyne to table the minutes until November. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Bradshaw asks letter from the MAA regarding crew staffing and service license levels would be on the agenda; and the Board answered that it would not be on the agenda per se, but that it would be addressed as the Board went through the Rule changes.

MAINE EMS UPDATE

Budget

Shaun St. Germain reports that we are 26% through the fiscal year and slightly ahead in the budget.

Legislation

Shaun St. Germain reports on the proposal for the upcoming legislature, including revocation of licenses, EMS for Children priorities, and amendments to the positions and names of MDPB.

Regional Offices Updates

Aroostook Region V EMS

Ben Zetterman provides the Board with an update for Aroostook EMS. They have created an Education and QA Committee. He has attended LEPC, and is a district rep for public health emergency council. There are two EMT courses, one in Houlton and one in Caribou.

Atlantic Partners EMS

Rick Petrie provides the Board with an update for the four regions. He informs the Board of EMMC's accreditation site visit which was successful. They have received a Department of Labor grant. The EMS Seminar is November 7 – 11, 2018. They are working with the island services regarding use of the ferries in patient transport. They are also working on getting invoices and work plans set with Maine EMS.

Tri-County EMS

Joanne Lebrun provides the Board with an update for TCEMS. The Airway QI project has been their focus since 2009. They look at any airway that exceeds use of oxygen. The loss of data in 2017 has limited the scope of the research. They are also looking at cardiac arrest calls. In

August, all stroke patients who arrived at the hospital via ambulance had prehospital activation on stroke protocols. Diversion of patients due to resources is still an issue.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

MDPB

Dr. Matt Sholl informs the Board that the primary focus has been on protocols. MDPB and Maine Stroke Alliance have been working together, to get people with suspected large vessel occlusions to the right place at the right time. Starting this month, they will begin yellow section of the protocols. The goal is to have the work completed by April 2019. All of the completed materials are available on the Maine EMS website under the MDPB section of the publications tab. Dr. Sholl talks about what happens when a patient leaves the scene and then dies on route to the hospital. This occurred where the hospital refused the deceased patient and the family didn't know what was going on. They are working with the Maine Hospital Association and Maine Ambulance Association to have a plan in place for what happens in these situations.

QA/I

Dr. Matt Sholl talks about the fits and starts of the committee over the last months. There were issues with access to data and the need of MDPB to use that time. They have begun meeting again. In the past, the group has been based on projects that are state wide and reviewing these processes; more recently they are talking about committee specific projects. They have also talked about having the committee be the leaders of education on quality improvement. They may be hosting trainings on using MEFIRS to educate on QI.

INVESTIGATIONS

Jason Oko presents information about the investigation committee. Joe Kellner recuses himself from all cases.

Motion by Beals, seconded by Downing, to approve the investigations committee minutes.

Motion carries unanimously by members of the investigation committee.

Cases 18-020, 18-025, 18-022, 18-023, 18-024

Jason Oko presents the cases. Libby asks for additional information on case 18-024. In a motion by Russell, seconded by Beals, to approve the cases. Nate Allen opposed, Joe Kellner recused, motion carries.

Additions to a Consent Agreement Case #15-072

Katie Johnson provides a case summary. Alan Leo and Katie have asked for a clarification on the consent agreement. How often does the Board want the reports from the licensee's service chief? In a motion by Tim, seconded by Conley, to ask for quarterly reports, unanimous.

Case 18-035

Katie Johnson believes this has been resolved, temporarily. Jason Oko informs the Board he has a photocopy of the signed consent decree and is waiting on the original by mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Regional Medical Control Quality Improvement Plans

Atlantic Partners EMS

Rick Petrie presents his regional QI plans for each of the four regions.

Motion by Coyne, seconded by Beals to approve the four regional plans as submitted by Rick. Brent Libby states he will not vote on the plans without reading them first. Gerrish, Russell, Kindelan, and Libby opposed. Chicoine abstains. Motion carries.

Data Retention Policy

Tim Nangle provides the Board with clarification on the options going forward. From ImageTrend, .05-.10/record (run sheet). 100,000 calls statewide/ year, \$50,000/year after 10 years. MEMSRR has 2.6 million records. The state requires records maintained 4 years. They have a product called ImageTrend Vault. We will need to do something with the records in MEMSRR. They will need to be moved. Shaun asks for thoughts from the Board on how they would like to proceed. There is ongoing discussion regarding options.

Draft Rule Changes

Jason Oko presents the draft rule changes by each chapter.

Discussion on line 320, 417, 440-442, of Chapter 2. Discussion on line 753, 1101, 1107 and section 7 which is not currently in any copy of the document of Chapter 3. Discussion on line 1490 of Chapter 3-A. Discussion on lines 2165, 2167, 2266 and restricted response in Chapter 4. Discussion of line 2697, 2704, 2736, 2817, 3245 in Chapter 5; Don Sheets provides clarification for questions and apprentice requirements. Chapter 5-A will be picked up next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

EMS for Children Committee Request

Marc Minkler presents his request for an EMS for Children Committee. In a motion by Kellner, seconded by Beals, to authorize the committee as written with the addition of both a BLS and ALS provider. Motion carries unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As this meeting has extended past noon, committee reports will be written and submitted.

Education

Exam

Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)

Community Paramedicine (CP)

Dennis Russell presents handouts including Maine Community Paramedicine Designations, services, committee members, and a test MEFIRS report.

Paramedic Interfacility Transport (PIFT)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourns at 12:09 PM. The next Board meeting will be held on November 7, 2018, at 9:00 AM for a full day meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katie L. Boynton, Project Manager