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Quality Assurance & Improvement Committee
Draft Minutes for December 19, 2018

1. Call to Order 1:30 P.M.

○ Introductions

- Matt Sholl, Kate Zimmerman, Brian Chamberlin, Beth Collamore, Ben Zetterman, Rick Petrie, Nate Yerxa, Butch Russell, Joanne LeBrun, Chip Getchell, Steve Smith, Tim Nangle

○ Additions and deletions to the agenda

▪ Open positions

- Process discussion
- Two open at large positions, advertise through the Friday prior to the February QI meeting, bring all interested parties to the February meeting.

- Matt and Kate need to leave today at 2:30 today.

▪ QI Newsletter

- Matt Sholl – Is this a strategy we want to continue
 - Yes, the consensus was that it is good to share with the state what the MDPB, the QI committee, and the board is looking at.
 - Nate asked will this be going out electronically, in a csv?
 - Feels this is a good way for a capable service to benchmark compared to the state.
 - How often should we do this?
 - Starting with quarterly, and re-evaluate in a year or two, commit to doing it for the next two years.
 - Nate asked if the QI Newsletter went out one quarter, could the education committee release a newsletter on the same topic on an alternating schedule?
 - What would the group like for content
 - Naloxone
 - Stroke

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- Airway
- Cardiac arrest
 - Chest pain, time to 12 lead, aspirin provision
 - Educate services how to run the report for their agency on their own information.
 - Joanne asked about making the cardiac arrest issue include other cardiac related reporting information (time to 12 lead, aspirin administration), to have a “Cardiac” issue.
 - Refining the data dictionary over time. How do providers document specific procedures, or events in MEFIRS.
 - When we collect the data, should we train on how to document what we are looking for.
 - Small changes then re-measure.
- Joanne brought the group back to the idea about the newsletter, and the difference between the newsletter and a QI project
- Process regarding the QI Newsletter
 - Drafts done by a few, edits by the committee
 - The committee agrees to a template
 - Should we re-run the airway data for the last 4 months of 2018, bring it back in January for review, then review naloxone in February.
 - Run Naloxone data for the first newsletter.
 - Matt, Jason, Nate, and Chip will work on the first newsletter.
 - First week of 2019.
 - Product due back to committee at January Meeting.
 - Who would this get sent to electronically,
 - Can we do a sign-up list for this?
 - Like a list serve, or constant contact.
 - Would we be able to measure the rate of people opening the newsletter, to determine the impact.
 - Can we link this back to MEFIRS? Yes, we can we are due a custom login screen for MEFIRS and we could add a link to this if needed.

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- Tim will review the list serve, how to distribute the newsletter.
 - Ketamine data
 - Kate reviewed the ketamine with the group.
 - Always recall medical control is needed
 - It is ketamine or midazolam, not both,
 - And no one over 65 is to get ketamine
 - Highest use was for pain control 76
 - 53 patients
 - 36 administrations for behavioral
 - 29 patients
 - Patients are receiving sub-dissociative doses, and multiple of so.
 - What is agitation vs excited delirium
 - Asking for correct dose
 - OLMC being familiar with correct dose
 - Polypharmacy
 - Age of patient
 - 3 patients received a single dose for airway assistance, 1 CPAP, 2 post biad/intubation
 - Inability to contact medical control allows you to use the protocol if the patient's life or limb is threatened, not for comfort level.

2. Review and approval of meeting minutes

- October minutes
 - Motion by Ben, second by Brian, one abstention, Getchell, motion passed
- November 21, 2018 meeting
 - Motion by Yerxa, second by Rick second, unanimous

3. Next Meeting

- January 16, 2019 @ 1:30 P.M.

4. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn at 2:48 by Ben, second by Chip, unanimous.

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5. Committee Members

Name	Position
Matt Sholl, MD	Chair - State EMS Medical Director
Kate Zimmerman, DO	Medical Direction and Practice Board
Vacant	Medical Direction and Practice Board
Ben Zetterman	Aroostook EMS Region Representative
Brian Chamberlin	Kennebec Valley EMS Region Representative
Matt Opacic, MD	Mid Coast EMS Region Representative
Rick Petrie	Northeastern Maine EMS Region Representative
Nate Yerxa	Southern Maine EMS Region Representative
Joanne LeBrun	Tri County EMS Region Representative
Chris Pare	Hospital Quality Improvement Representative
Pete Allan	Non-Transporting Service Representative
Chip Getchell	Transporting Service Representative
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Jason Oko	Maine EMS Staff
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