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**Minutes**

**Members Present** – Dr. Pieh, Dr. Ritter, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Nash, Dr. Collamore, Dr. Kendall, Dr. Tilney, Dr. Opacic, Dr. Saquet, Dr. Sholl, Dr. Zimmerman

**Members Absent** – None

**Staff** – Don Sheets

**Stakeholders** – Ben Zetterman, Joanne Lebrun, Rick Petrie, Chip Getchell, John Kooistra, Alan Henschke, Stephanie Cordwell, Dr. Dinerman

**MDPB Agenda – Called to order at 0915**

- 1) Introductions –Sholl – 0900-0905
- 2) March 2019 MDPB Minutes – Zimmerman/Sholl – 0905-0915 Tabled to next month.
- 3) State Update – 0915-0930
  - a. Staff changes – Dr. Sholl discussed Shaun resigning and what the process has been thus far to fill the position.
  - b. Legislative Update –
    - i. LD 915 – Act to increase MaineCare base rate to the same level as Medicare. The request for the MDPB is to contact their legislators to support this.
  - c. NASEMSO – Dr. Sholl discussed the meeting
    - i. Biospatial – Is a group that manages a surveillance program that can cull data and monitor it. They also can present data in a consumable and graphical manner.
- 4) Special Circumstances Protocols – NONE
- 5) New Devices – NONE
- 6) UPDATE –Medication Shortages – Nash /Zimmerman/All – 0930 - 0945
  - a. Sodium Bicarbonate will be an issue until fall
  - b. Ketamine – there has been difficulty with concentration locally.
  - c. Autoinjectors for epi have been on backorder and will likely continue
  - d. Emergency syringes are still short.
- 7) 2019 Protocol Update – Sholl/Zimmerman /All – 0945 - 1045
  - a. Timeline review – Zimmerman/All – 0945 - 0955
  - b. Red Section: 0955 - 1045
    - i. Mechanical CPR Device protocol “manual CPR should...”
    - ii. Should we remove the requirement for medical control for the use of metoprolol to avoid the personal choice issues that providers report?
      1. Should we add PEARL of items that should be considered before treatment
      2. Dr. Zimmerman asked the question of what the benefit is of treating these patients vs the risk of profound hypotension.

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3. Dr. Tilney reflected on the risk and that LFOM has this as OLMC due to the experience with improper use at outlying hospitals.
4. Dr. Ritter is concerned that he has seen more poor outcomes from patients being treated who shouldn't than patients who don't get treated in the field.
5. Dr. Dinerman discussed the challenge of putting an EMS provider in a situation where a clinician may be upset due to the lack of conversation.
- iii. Motion to leave the protocol as is by Dr. Bohanske, seconded Dr. Nash, Unanimous
- iv. Polymorphic wide complex tach – remove OLMC from giving mag and make it a FYI. Consensus to do this.
- v. Bradycardia – vasopressor use via OLMC and should this be EPI instead of NOREPINEphrine.
  1. Dr. Zimmerman motioned to remove OLMC for Brady (Red 15) Dr. Kendall seconded, Unanimous
  2. Tim motioned to change the pressor in Red 15 to Epinephrine by copying anaphylaxis Dave seconded – Unanimous
- vi. Vasopressor will replace catecholamine infusion
- vii. Remove Atropine asterisk
- viii. Cardiogenic shock – should we remove OLMC?
  1. Dr. Bohanske motioned to leave as is Dr. Kendall seconds Unanimous
- ix. Change language in red gray and where appropriate to reflect biphasic language to update from monophasic this will reflect the AHA recommendations.
  1. Dr. Bohanske covered what the changes would be. Consensus to include these changes.
- c. WHAT DOES FYI MEAN? Come back to this idea. What is the difference between OLMC and this new thing?
  - i. Is this an FYI or medical consultation?
  - ii. What is the difference between this and our current OLMC symbol?
  - iii. How to we anticipate providers use the consultation/FYI?
- d. Final Review of White Paper & FAQ
  - i. M-CPR – Dr. Bohanske
  - ii. Portable CO Monitors accuracy – Dr. Zimmerman/Dr. Collamore
  - iii. Use of Naloxone with overdose – Dr. Collamore/Dr. Zimmerman
  - iv. Burns – Dr. Pieh/Dr. Sholl
  - v. Dexamethasone PO of IV dose in kids with croup... - Dr. Nash/Dr. Saquet
- e. FAQ
  - i. Cardizem vs. Beta Blockers – Dr. Bohanske
  - ii. Portable CO Monitors accuracy – Dr. Zimmerman/Dr. Collamore
  - iii. Medication shortages – Dr. Sholl/Dr. Nash
  - iv. Shelf life of warmed IV Fluids – Dr. Nash
  - v. Cuffed tubes in kids – why? What has changed? – Dr. Saquet and Marc Minkler
- 8) Maine EMS Awards Ceremony – May 20, 1430 – Hall of Flags
  - a. The presence of as many MDPB members as possible is requested to show support for the importance of this ceremony and the work that EMS providers do.

#### Old Business – 1045 - 1055

- 1) Ops – EMS Week awards, LODD manual for those agencies that would not be covered by the group managing Fire Fighter LODD, EPCR survey follow up for hospital staff Joanne has been managing this project and is putting the survey together.

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- 2) Education – protocol education has been the focus of the group with some sections already having been drafted.
- 3) QI – Meeting today
- 4) Community Paramedicine – Continuing to move forward and has a workplan that was approved by the board.
- 5) Maine Heart Rescue

Motion to Adjourn by Dr. Kendall, Seconded by Dr. Pieh, Unanimous