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Medical Direction and Practices Board
July 17, 2019
Conference Phone Number: 1-720-707-2699
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Members Present: Dr. Pieh, Dr. Collamore, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Nash, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Sholl, Dr. Tilney, Dr. Ritter, Dr. Kendall

Members Absent: Dr. Opacic, Dr. Saquet

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Marc Minkler, Don Sheets

Stakeholders: Nathan Yerxa, Dr. Dinerman, Dr. Klein, Chip Getchell, Joanne Lebrun, Ben Zetterman, Dr. Skjerli, Dennis Russell, Eric Hutchings

REMINDER – The MDPB is sharing the October meeting with the LifeFlight of Maine Clinical Practice Committee and will therefore begin at 0900, instead of the usual 0930.

MDPB Agenda – Meeting begins at 0900

- 1) Introductions –Sholl – 0900-0905
- 2) June 2019 MDPB Minutes – Zimmerman/Sholl – 0905-0910 Dr. Collamore motioned to approve as submitted, Dr. Zimmerman seconded- Unanimous
- 3) State Update – 0910-0925
 - a. CARES – Working through contract information and confidentiality items to continue work.
 - b. Heart Rescue/RA – A small group met to discuss lessons learned from the New England Academy. Big items we took away was the need for a core group of instructors and infrastructure.
 - c. EMS-C – Starting on the 23rd services statewide will be getting a survey from NEDARC about pediatric education, service level champion etc. This is intended to give us a picture of what is happening and where there are needs across the state and country. Marc has also been involved in some pediatric discussions with hospitals regarding surge capacity and disaster planning. There is additional work target pediatric behavioral health as this is 26% of the pediatric calls we see currently.
 - d. Biospatial – presentation July 17th at 1300
 - e. Legislative Wrap UP – The legislature found a mechanism to fund Mainecare at the level of Medicare for EMS. The department bill which made some technical changes as well as adding an EMS-C rep to the Board and a Pediatric physician to the MDPB. Other bills regarding EMS funding are likely to be voted down during the next session as they are now handled through the action of the legislature making them unnecessary.
 - f. Emergency rules hearings were held for the Community Paramedicine with some comments and questions for the Board. The remaining chapters will go through the normal hearing process in the future.

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- g. ET3 – Maine EMS is closely watching the pilot project and is awaiting the official guidance from CMS. Maine Health Access Foundation is interested in funding a grant writer to help Maine EMS and services apply to participate. There will be further discussion for the MDPB in the future as there may be protocols necessary to support these programs.
 - h. New director hiring process – 6 candidates will be interviewed tomorrow for this position. With the hope that the Board will be able to appoint the next Director at the August 7th meeting.
- 4) Special Circumstances Protocols – NONE
 - 5) New Devices – NONE
 - 6) UPDATE –Medication Shortages – Nash /Zimmerman/All – 0925 - 0940
 - a. Bicarb – rolling shortages
 - b. Decadron occasionally
 - c. New epi pens coming out – similar to the original branded one –Uncertain of the cost...
 - d. D10 is being distributed instead of D50 in some locations as there are shortages.
 - e. New national guidance on dosing and concentration of NOREPInephrine, and Epinephrine.
 - 7) 2019 Protocol Update – Sholl/Zimmerman /All – 0940-1020
 - a. Timeline review – Zimmerman/All – 0945 – 0955
 - b. Review Process – updates and discussion re: timing of the final document
 - c. Education Committee update on education product
 - d. Review 2019 Protocol Edits
 - i. IO – adding language to recommend humeral head as the preferred site.
 - ii. Added pediatric dosing in post intubation pain control/sedation
 - iii. The hospital consultation – Discussion where to put an alert for cardiac arrest
 - 1. Added to sepsis and restraint as we already have language
 - iv. Postictal patients and ketamine – There have been a number of incidence where patients have received ketamine when postictal. The discussion included the fact that there are many med errors, misapplication etc.
 - 1. Nate recommended using the app to push out QI newsletters
 - 2. Dr. Sholl proposed that we add a review of ketamine in the education. Additional PEARLS being created. Dr. Nash and her students will put together a dose chart. Consensus that this was appropriate.
 - v. Restraint discussion – lots of discussion about the language and authority to restrain a patient.
 - 1. Dr. Sholl proposed some edits and addition of some language to the gray section. Consensus to adopt edits.
 - e. Education sessions are being scheduled. Dr. Sholl will distribute dates to MDPB members ASAP
 - 8) Next MDPB Projects – Open Discussion 1020-1050
 - a. What projects does the MDPB want to/need to work on in the near future?
 - i. Tabled for the next meeting. Dr. Sholl took a moment to remind the group that they should have other projects that they remain engaged in as it would be easy to focus entirely on protocols.

Old Business – 1050-1100

- 1) Ops – Contract discussions and reporting for the deliverables.
- 2) Education – Stephanie Cordwell has been nominated as the new Chair with Myles Block as the assistant/cochair which needs to go to the Board Chair for formal approval which will happen as part of the annual report being given to the Board at their August meeting.

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- 9) QI – Stroke care will be the next report that the group is working on. Cardiac Arrest will be worked on after that.
- 10) Community Paramedicine – New chair is being selected but has not happened yet.
- 11) Heart Rescue – A state report was given to the National Heart Rescue Foundation. Also, there is work already beginning on the next Northern New England Resuscitation Academy which will be held the Thursday and Friday after Memorial Day.
- 12)
- 13) Adjourned 1102 – Dr. Kendall Dr. Pieh