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Education Committee Minutes

Wednesday

13 Nov 2019

09:30 am

DeChamplain Conference Room

I. Call to Order 09:30

Members present: Stephanie Cordwell, Amy Drinkwater, Mike Drinkwater, Dennis Russel, Brian Chamberlin, Kevin Gurney, Joanne Lebrun, Steve Smith, Ben Zetterman

Members Absent: Paul Froman, Leah Mitchell

MEMS Staff: Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Sam Hurley, EMS Director

Stakeholders: David Mejia, Steve Merrill (nominated by Region 1 for Rep)

II. Introductions/Public Comments:

III. Acceptance of Minutes:

- a. June: Motion by Stephanie Cordwell to accept, seconded by Kevin Gurney. Motion passed.
- b. July: Motion by Stephanie Cordwell to accept, seconded by Amy Drinkwater. Motion passed
- c. August: Motion by Kevin Gurney, seconded by Dennis Russel. Motion passed
- d. September- These are working notes, not minutes. Motion made by Kevin Gurney to accept as working notes, seconded by Amy Drinkwater. Motion passed.

IV. Additions to Agenda:

- a. Region 1 nominated Steve Merrill for Region 1 Representative
 - i. Motion made by Brian Chamberlin to accept Region 1 RACs nominee as the Region 1 Representative on the Education Committee. Motion seconded by Dennis Russell.
 - 1. Discussion on RAC selection of nominees for Committee
 - a. There is a lack of clarity in present process for selection of committee members. Process is inconsistent between RACs vs municipal and non-municipal representatives, and also between different committees. We should revisit this

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process paradigm and make a policy for the Education Committee.

- b. This should be put this on future agenda for discussion.
- ii. Motion to accept Steve Merrill as Region 1 RAC representative to the Education Committee passed.

V. State Update:

- a. Marc Minkler reports information obtained from his attendance at the NASEMSO conference in Vermont:
 - i. Effective mid-December, NREMT is removing seated and supine spinal immobilization from testing at AEMT and NRP level
 - 1. NR feels that those who had already failed the station prior and need to re-test, should still have to pass the station.
 - 2. Skill sheets that we use for BLS testing that have NR logo on them will no longer be supported or produced for any stations. Cannot validate anymore. Production will be left up to states.
 - 3. Dennis states this may be an opportunity for Maine EMS to discontinue PSE for BLS, in favor of ensuring practical competency at the level of the teaching institution.
 - 4. 89% of those who last took both PSE and CBT identified as millennials.
 - 5. Discussion of having a joint Ed/Exam committee meeting regarding testing changes, and possibility of advancing from PSE's for BLS.
 - b. Staffing
 - i. New Director- Sam Hurley
 - ii. New Licensing agent- Melissa Adams
 - c. Protocol Updates
 - i. Chris Azevedo
 - 1. Hotwash for the 2019 Protocol Update live "Train-the-Trainer" courses
 - a. Some students have reported their attendance is not being reflected on training records. MEMS will check completion data in Image Trend and ensure this is being shown
 - 2. MEMSEd presentation- current status
 - a. Numbers who have completed the online update
 - b. Check completion data in Image Trend and ensure this is being shown
 - 3. Protocol Update Process
 - a. Hotwash- Agenda item for next meeting
 - b. Next cycle planning- TBD
 - i. Joint MDPB-EdComm meeting for discussion
 - ii. Maine EMS to put out a hotwash form to EdComm for members to fill out. Forms to be brought to

December meeting for hotwash of process. 1 Dec deadline for submission of forms back to MEMS.

iii. Template discussion for December agenda

VI. Old Business:

- a. Open Committee positions
 - i. Region 4 RAC has put open position announcement out. Should hear results/feedback from them in January.
 - ii. Co-chair- Brian?? Joanne motion for Brian, Dennis second. Passed.
 - iii. Non-municipal rep will be open after December

VII. New Business:

- a. Curricula
 - i. PIFT
 - 1. Current curriculum is out of date
 - 2. Matt and Pete working on this (MDPB).
 - 3. Don Sheets and Chris Pare worked on revisions.
 - a. 3 years ago
 - b. Committee initiated process
 - c. Updated the slides for curriculum in use at the time.
 - d. Never got presented to MDPB after being presented to one or more members of the committee. The MDPB members formed their own ad hoc committee.
 - e. **Add to December Agenda**
 - ii. AVOC
 - 1. Same concerns as with PIFT
 - 2. 2009 last update to material
 - 3. Update or adopt some other standard that can be updated (or already has a process for update)
 - 4. Discussion to continue at next meeting.
- b. PSE Administrators
 - i. Concerns expressed that there have not been any training opportunities for new PSEAs.
 - ii. The state is running short and is due to lose an additional PSEA at the AEMT level.
 - iii. Both Exam and Education committees need to look at this in the near term.
- c. NREMT
 - i. Removal of seated and spinal immobilization for PSE
 - ii. NCCP requirements

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Brian Chamberlin and seconded by Dennis Russell. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1130hrs.