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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2021, 09:00-11:15

ZOOM: <https://maine-ems-gov.zoom.us/j/91542570561>

MINUTES

Call to Order at 09:04

Members Present: Tim Beals, Joe Kellner, Judy Gerrish, Amy Drinkwater, Laura Downing, Joe Conley

Staff: Melissa Adams, Griffin Bourassa

Office of Attorney General: Ron Guay

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Case Reviews

- 1. Informal Review (09:00) – Case 21-162

Summary 21-162: Licensee failed to comply with the terms of the consent agreement from case 20-116.

MOTION: The Committee recommends resolving this case by offering a new consent agreement for probation consistent with the duration of the following terms and a reprimand for violating a lawful order, rule or consent agreement of the Board; terms of the agreement include completion of a CEH course on patient refusals identified by staff within ninety (90) days and quality assurance review of 100% of the licensee’s

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patient care reports for a period of twelve (12) month by a qualified individual, not affiliated with a service that the licensee works for, and pre-approved by staff; failure to meet all or any of the terms will result in a ninety (90) day license suspension and may lead to additional discipline within the Board's authority. A suspension may be temporarily waived by staff upon good cause shown by licensee. All incurred costs are the responsibility of the licensee. (Gerrish, second by Downing)

Roll call vote:

Kellner - yes

Gerrish – yes

Downing – yes

Drinkwater – yes

Conley – yes

Beals – yes

Note: Kellner left following this case for legislative testimony on L.D. 2105

2. Informal Review (10:20) – Case 20-147

Summary 20-147: Maine EMS received a complaint alleging treatment was delayed to a victim of a house fire by an EMS service for fire suppression measures and that the patient outcome may have been a result of the alleged delay.

Note: Kellner returned to the meeting during discussion of this case but refrained from entering into discussion or participating in the motion.

MOTION: The Committee recommends dismissing this complaint; finding there was no delay in patient assessment or in the care provided, and that the patient's final disposition was not a result of, or negatively impacted by, the assessment or care provided. (Drinkwater, seconded by Gerrish)

Roll call vote:

Gerrish – yes

Downing – yes

Drinkwater – yes

Conley – yes

Beals – yes

Kellner – abstain

Old Business

1. Delegation Orders

Note: This discussion was taken up between the conclusion of the review of Case 21-162 and the start of the review of Case 20-147. Kellner was absent during this time.

- a. Proposal to add a violation of 10-day rule reporting requirements (32 M.R.S. §90-C) to the LOG delegation order.

***MOTION to recommend the proposed delegation order revisions to the Board.
(Drinkwater, second by Conley)***

Downing - yes

Gerrish - yes

Drinkwater - yes

Conley - yes

Beals – yes

Kellner - absent

New Business - None

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 9:00

MOTION: To adjourn. (Gerrish, seconded by Conley)

Adjourned at 11:13