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Education Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday

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0900-1130

DeChamplain Conference Room

I. Call to Order 0930

Members present: Dennis Russell, Amy Drinkwater, Mike Drinkwater, Joanne LeBrun, Steve Merrill, Brian Chamberlin, Stephanie Cordwell, Steve Smith

Members Absent: Leah Mitchell, Paul Froman

MEMS Staff: Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler

Stakeholders: Aiden Koplovsky, Griffin Bourassa, Don Sheets, Fred Porter, David Mejia, L'Easa Blaylock, Richard Smart (call-in for interview only)

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II. Introductions/Public Comments:

a. Quorum present

III. Acceptance of Minutes:

a. December 2019 and Jan 2020- Motion to accept both minutes made by Brian Chamberlin. Motion seconded by Amy Drinkwater. Motion carried.

IV. Additions to Agenda:

a. Chris Azevedo would like to move approval of Interview questions and interview of candidates for Committee vacancies to front of agenda list items.

V. Old Business:

a. Approval of vacancy candidate interview questions.
i. Discussion ensues. Discussed itemizes questions to be used and procedure list.

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- ii. Reading of new heading direction from Sam.
 - 1. Marc Minkler Reads the following new heading to the committee.
 - a. “The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this board/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”
 - 2. The above passage will be added to all future agendas/minutes and to be read at beginning of all meetings.
- b. Interviews of four vacancy candidates conducted:
 - i. 09:45 - Aiden Koplovsky (Northeast Region Representative)
 - 1. RAC Region 4 nomination to fill vacancy
 - ii. 10:00 – David Mejia (Non-Municipal Educator Representative)
 - iii. 10:20 – L’Easa Blaylock (Both vacancies)
 - iv. 10: 45 – Richard Smart (Northeast Region Representative). Mr. Smart will be a call-in via ZOOM.
 - v. Motion made by Dennis Russell to go into executive session for deliberation of interview results. Motion seconded by Mike Drinkwater. No discussion. Motion is carried.
 - vi. Motion made by Dennis Russel to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Steve Smith. No discussion. Motion is carried.
 - vii. Motion made by Mike Drinkwater to go back into executive session. Motion seconded by Amy Drinkwater. Discussion. Motion is carried.
 - viii. Motion made by Mike Drinkwater to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Dennis Russel. Motion is carried.
 - ix. Upon recommendation of the Education Committee, the following names are to be forwarded to the Chair of the EMS Board by the Maine EMS staff representative to the Committee for approval:
 - 1. Aiden Koplovsky- Northeast Region 1 Representative
 - 2. David Mejia- Non-Municipal Educator Representative
- c. Draft Committee policies for Committee review
 - i. Three policies submitted by Chris Azevedo to provide written framework for reference by committee and address components that differ from EMS Board By-Laws, are not written down, or may not already be otherwise addressed. The following three policies are only a start at providing guidance that is largely nebulous or not written down:
 - 1. Filling Committee Vacancies
 - 2. Attendance at Committee Meetings
 - 3. Education Committee Framework
 - ii. Review and discussion of all three draft policies is tabled until the March meeting.

d. AVOC Program Review Discussion

i. Instructor reciprocity and Training

1. Question was asked regarding who can update the requirements for instructor training and reciprocity. Discussion ensues regarding how to make more AVOC instructors.
2. Dennis Russell states that any method the Committee decides upon for training/approving instructors should be approved by the EMS Board.
3. Joanne Lebrun asks if the Committee can get some current instructors to review and make recommendations to update the program? Brian Chamberlin responds that Fred is online to be able to provide input.
 - a. Delta's insurance company has their own AVOC program that they use.
4. Discussion led by Brian Chamberlin regarding the possibility of being able to do away with the requirement for, specifically, AVOC, due to the plethora of other equivalent programs that can be utilized.
 - a. MFSI is running VFSI and Instructor program. This is an option.
 - b. Joanne Lebrun suggests surveying EMS services to find out which program they are all using to satisfy the requirement for AVOC.
 - c. Many municipalities have incorporated the ambulance module requirements didactic and practical into their EVOC/VFIS programs to cover all.
 - d. Don Sheets, former EMS Education Coordinator notes that Maine EMS has never had the resources to dedicate to keeping AVOC updated. Unless MEMS can supply this, the class is ALWAYS going to be a challenge. AVOC course is required by statute, so doing away with that specific course requirement, or changing it, may be difficult to accomplish. MFSI has been willing to work with instructors in the past.
 - e. Brian Chamberlin makes a recommendation to go back to respective services, find out what's being used and supported. Bring this back to the March Meeting for discussion.
 - f. Marc Minkler suggests that consideration should be made of the ability to track AVOC completion certificates on a per-provider basis. Maine EMS currently doesn't track this, even though this is required. Steve Smith states that MEFIRS has a place for this. Not utilized well enough.

VI. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Dennis Russell. Motion seconded by Ben Zetterman. Motion is carried.