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Examination Committee

Tuesday

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0930-1130

Online Zoom teleconference, due to COVID-19

Minutes

Members Present: Amy Drinkwater, Joanne LeBrun, Sally Taylor, Jeremy Damren, Kelly Roderick, Rick Petrie, Cheri Volta, Ben Zetterman

Members Absent:

Staff: Chris Azevedo, Darren Davis, Jason Oko

Stakeholders: Heather McGlaufflin, AJ Gagnon, Debbie Morgan, Stephen Smith, Michel Mullin, Eric Wellman, Dennis Russell

“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.”

I. Call to Order

- a. Introductions- Roll call

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of May 2020 minutes
 - i. Discussion of discrepancies with the May minutes by the Committee. Amy Drinkwater highlights the discrepancy. Joanne Lebrun made the motion to accept the May minutes as amended by Amy Drinkwater. Jeremy Damren seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion is carried.

III. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- a. None

IV. State Update

- a. Chris Azevedo
- b. Staffing- Darren Davis is introduced to the Committee as the newest staff member at Maine EMS. He is the Opioid Data Coordinator, a position which is paid for by a grant.

c. NREMT

- i. A pathway for NREMT certification for physicians has been created by that organizations. The impetus for creation of this pathway was the increased desire from physicians to be able to function operationally in the field, on scene as part of the EMS response. Creating such a pathway for certification might assist many states with enabling this action. The NREMT studied EMS physician training and determined that both EMS fellowships and Board Certification as an EMS Physician addressed all aspects of the National EMS Education Standards for all levels of certification. The concept of licensing physicians in the state of Maine will require action by the EMS Board, with advisory action by the Exam Committee and likely the Education Committee.

d. PSE Clinical Checklist Update

- i. The checklist has been approved by the state and will be distributed to the PSE Administrators, as well as training provided for them on the COVID modified testing materials and the Exam User's Manual.
- ii. Committee sending final copies of testing manuals and materials, skills sheets for distribution to the PSE Admins

V. **Old Business**

a. Psychomotor skills portfolios

- i. Eric Wellman and Dennis Russell lead discussion on skills portfolios at the EMT level.
- ii. Next steps?
 1. Establishing minimum skills set to be included in portfolios?
 2. Psychomotor skills as listed by NREMT for minimum coverage. Idea being to develop portfolios for these skills and then substitute these for the state PSE.
 3. Eric Wellman suggests keeping a spinal assessment/spinal motion restriction skill in that portfolio list to cover that area .
 4. Cheri Volta makes the motion that the committee begins identifying skills that should be included in a psychomotor skills portfolio, based on NREMT minimum skills areas and state scope of practice for the EMR/EMT level. Ben Zetterman seconds. Discussion. Joanne Lebrun objects because it includes state scope of practice. Discussion of objection by the Committee ensues. Cheri Volta withdraws her motion.
 5. A motion was made by Rick Petrie to begin process of development of phased plan for implementing skills portfolios plan consisting of designated skills , with the caveat for the Exam Committee to review the process annually. Amy Drinkwater seconded the motion. Details of the motion are as follows:

- a. Motion: Motion - To begin the process of developing a portfolio process for the following:
 - Patient Assessment/Management of a Trauma Patient
 - Patient Assessment/Management of a Medical Patient
 - Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
 - BVM Ventilation of an Apneic Patient
 - Long Bone Fracture Immobilization
 - Joint Dislocation Immobilization
 - Bleeding Control/Shock Management
 - Upper Airway Adjuncts/Suction
 - Mouth-to-Mask Ventilation with Oxygen
 - Supplemental Oxygen Administration
 - Maine EMS Spinal Assessment and Spinal Motion Restriction
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 - b. With the caveat for Exam Committee to review the process annually.
 - c. No discussion. Motion carried.
6. Eric Wellman discussed his proposed a suggestion for the specific phases, which he wrote the online ZOOM chat, and is detailed below for the meeting minutes:
- a. PHASE ONE:
 - Patient Assessment/Management of a Trauma Patient
 - Patient Assessment/Management of a Medical Patient
 - Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
 - BVM Ventilation of an Apneic Patient
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Maine EMS Spinal Assessment and Spinal Motion Restriction

b. PHASE TWO:

Neonatal Resuscitation

Delivery – Normal

Delivery – Abnormal

c. Medication Administration Routes (All Specified by Standard and Maine EMS)

7. PHASE THREE:

a. Full Skills Review

iii. Work plan development

1. Joanne Lebrun suggests work be led by Dennis Russell and Eric Wellman, and that work be done in Committee meetings with this being the sole agenda item for the meetings.
2. Committee consensus agrees with Joanne Lebrun's suggestion.
3. Sally Taylor comments that members will review skills items to be developed by training centers to be presented to the state for approval.

b. Current list of PSE Administrators

- i. Discussion on training new PSE Administrators.
- ii. Region 5 has shortage of Administrators and is in need of them in their area.

iii. Discussion of plan to train PSE Evaluators

1. Kelly Roderick suggests that the first round of PSEs not be used for training new Admins due to need for existing Admins to learn new exam adjustments. Discussion on this topic.
2. Maine EMS can advertise the position. Short discussion of eligibility criteria by the group.

c. ALS Testing in Maine

- i. Discussion of having NREMT give Administrator training in Maine.
- ii. August agenda item: for components necessary to do ALS exams in Maine.

VI. New Business

- a. None

VII. Next Meeting

- a. Date and Time: Tuesday, 21 July 2020

VIII. Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Joanne Lebrun. Seconded by Ben Zetterman.
Adjourned at 1151 hrs.