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**Medical Direction and Practices Board**

**Wednesday, 17 June 2020**

**Conference Phone Number: 1-720-707-2699 Meeting Number: 345 024 1513**

**Zoom Address: <https://zoom.us/j/3450241513>**

*Members present:* Matthew Sholl, Benjy Lowry, Beth Collamore, Bethany Nash, Dave Saquet, Kate Zimmerman, Kevin Kendall, Timothy Pieh, Pete Tilney, Seth Ritter,

*Members Absent:* Michael Bohanske

*MEMS Staff:* Christopher Azevedo, J. Samuel Hurley, Jason Oko, Melissa Adams, Marc Minkler, Darren Davis

*Stakeholders:* Claire DuFort, Aiden Koplovsky, Amy Drinkwater, Chip Getchell, Debbie Morgan, Jay Bradshaw, Joanne Lebrun, Nathan Yerxa, Oliver Mackenzie, Paul Marcolini, Stephen Smith, Shawn Cordwell, Sean Tuemmler, Christopher Paré, Rick Petrie, Dennis Russell, Butch Russell, Benjamin Zetterman, Dr. Jonathan Busko

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**MDPB Agenda – Meeting begins at 0930**

**Meeting held online via ZOOM app due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

**I. Introductions**

- a. Dr. Sholl introduces new MDPB selectees who have completed the application and selection process for the new ALS Provider, BLS Provider and Pediatric Physician positions that were previously approved by the EMS Board. These personnel will have to be approved by the EMS Board at their next meeting in July, to be officially seated on the MDPB.

**II. Approval of past MDPB meeting minutes**

- a. May meeting minutes
  - i. Motion to approve the May minutes is made by Dr. Kendall and seconded by Dr. Saquet.
  - ii. Discussion – Dan Pugsley is listed twice as a meeting attendee. Dr. Zimmerman comments that the correction should reflect the double listing.
  - iii. Motion amended by Dr. Kendall. No further discussion. The motion carries.

- III. State Update
  - a. Medical Director's Resources – No report
  - b. CARES- No report
  - c. Heart Rescue - No report
  - d. RA - No Report
  - e. EMS-C – No report
  - f. Staffing and New MDPB Positions Update
    - i. Completed final BLS position interview today.
    - ii. Concluding Peds/EMS-C position.
    - iii. Hopeful we can introduce those new members to the EMS Board for the July meeting.
    - iv. Introduction of Darren Davis, new Data Coordinator at Maine EMS. His position is funded by the Opioid Action Grant, for collection of opioid data.
  - g. Gender communication project being conducted by Maine EMS: Darren Davis, Jason Oko, and Marc Minkler. Director Hurley discusses this project.
  - h. COVID-19 Update
    - i. Bulletin released yesterday regarding universal patient masking.
    - ii. Amended COVID-19 symptomatology bulletin yesterday, in accordance with CDC revised guidelines.
    - iii. Discontinued reliance on EMS service inventory survey.
- IV. Jackman Maine Pilot project introduction
  - a. Dr. Jonathan Busko
    - i. Discusses a new rural EMS healthcare pilot project, which is going to be based in Jackman.
    - ii. MDPB would be the medical body overseeing patient care, as this project would fall into the EMS scope of care.
    - iii. Dr. Pieh asks who is staffing the physician tele-medicine? Dr. Busko- St. Joseph's in Bangor is signing a contract for those services. Are there any similar programs in the US? Dr. Busko - Community Paramedicine is the closest, but the scope of practice is lower. Independent duty Corpsman is only Federal.
- V. Special Circumstances Protocol Review
  - a. None
- VI. New Devices
  - a. SAM IO
    - i. Work continuing on bringing this to the MDPB
- VII. UPDATE –Medication Shortages
  - a. Bethany Nash
    - i. Nothing specific that has come out. However, information being developed regarding dexamethasone being helpful in treatment of COVID-19.
    - ii. Dr. Sholl discusses procedure for medication supply chain issues for new physician members.
- VIII. COVID-19 discussion/updates/member check-in
  - a. Discussion of changing meeting frequency to bi-weekly, structured around the regular monthly meetings (second and fourth Mondays of the month).  
Motion made by Dr. Sholl seconded by Dr. Zimmerman to change weekly meeting schedule as above.  
Motion carried.
- IX. Protocol 2021 Revisions
  - a. Discussion regarding taking August off led by Dr. Sholl.
    - i. Dr. Sholl makes a motion to hold August MDPB meeting on the 3rd Wednesday solely to discuss protocols. Seconded by Dr. Zimmerman. Motion passed.
    - ii. Also need to consider some other sections in the protocol. Goal of possibly finishing Red section in August.
    - iii. Dr. Sholl discusses including new MDPB members in protocol discussions in a "mentorship" capacity.

- b. Dr. Sholl discusses stakeholder input to protocol development process.
  - i. Phone conferences held last update period were not effective regarding external stakeholder participation level.
  - ii. Propose the MDPB choose a time to zoom with stakeholders to get input regarding protocols while in development.
- c. Death with Dignity section
  - i. Dr. Nash- has not been able to get in touch with pharmacy but has spoken with the person who believes there is only one pharmacy available for these medications; she does not believe it would be appropriate to disclose the pharmacy in the protocol.
  - ii. Dr. Sholl screen shares protocol document which includes verbiage developed by Dr. Collamore.
  - iii. Dr. Pieh would like to suggest possible statute with mandatory documentation?
    - 1. Education – should have an example of what the Death with Dignity form looks like.
    - 2. Dr. Lowry suggests education of EM physician colleagues and OLMC  
Matt suggests that Benjy help with this – throughout our protocols and creating education and working with ACEP rep etc. i.e. the phase 2 education and by the phone resource.
- d. Yellow section
  - iv. Poisoning and Overdose – proposals of changes are on the current change document

**Old Business – 1215-1230**

- I. Operations
  - a. Rick Petrie
    - i. Ops has been meeting for an hour each week. We will be going back to meeting once a month.
    - ii. Will be picking up projects that had taken a back seat when COVID hit.
  - b. Joanne Lebrun
    - i. Liked Alzheimer’s/dementia work as well as cultural diversity and sensitivity issues.
    - ii. Dr. Pieh mentions the Hadley Center for resources in this area.
- II. Education – Chris Azevedo
  - a. Returning to EMS student Clinical rotations
  - b. IFT, AVOC
- III. QI – Dr. Sholl
  - a. Developing a project which relates Maine EMS’s experiences around COVID
  - b. Jason Oko unable to be present to give a committee report.
- IV. Community Paramedicine
  - a. Dr. Sholl was unable to attend last meeting. Jason can forward report at the next meeting.
- V. Maine Heart Rescue
  - a. No report.

**Ongoing Items for Future Discussion:**

- I. Discussion – Operational Physicians – Pieh/Sholl
- II. PIFT protocols – Tilney/Sholl

**Adjournment: Adjourned at 1300. No record made of motion to adjourn being made or seconded, if it was done.**