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**EMD Committee Meeting  
Thursday July 16, 2020**

**Zoom** <https://zoom.us/j/2076263862>; Dial In +1 646 558 8656, meeting ID 2076263862

**MINUTES**

**i. Call to order at 09:31 by Chairperson Stephanie Gibbs**

**ii. Introductions**

- a. Committee Members: Dakota Turnbull, Stephanie Gibbs, Brian Gregoire, Dan Mayotte, Laura Downing, Melinda Dyer, Tara Doe, Adam Clement, Cindy Rossi
- b. Staff: Melissa Adams
- c. Guests: Tim Hall, Martin Fournier

“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.”

**iii. Meeting Minutes**

- a. MOTION to accept January meeting minutes and June interview minutes by Downing, seconded by Gregoire; approved unanimously.

**iv. EMS Office Update**

- a. Maine EMS staffing
  - i. Welcome EMS Licensing Agent Griffin Bourassa and Data Coordinator Darren Davis, Jason Oko has been transferred to a Data Coordinator position as well.
- b. Maine EMS proposed rule changes
  - i. The Maine EMS Rules sub-committee met earlier this week to review the Secretary of State and Attorney General comments on the last draft of the proposed rules changes. Because of significant modifications this draft will again need to go out for a public comment period. There are no significant changes

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made to the EMD Center or EMD Personnel licensing chapters in this last review, only an extension of the dates for changes to take effect.

- c. Legislation (<http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>)
  - i. LD: 1873, An Act to Improve Response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest by Requiring Training in the Delivery of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Methods by Telecommunications Technology – Dissolved, DPS Communications and EMS worked with ESCB to educate the AHA on our current practices to satisfy this proposed legislation.
  - ii. LD: 1169, An Act to Provide Ready Access to Defibrillators in Businesses and Pharmacies (Sen. Susan Deschambault) – Passed Committee with modifications including voluntary participation, waiting to be heard in session.
  
- v. **ESCB Update** – Cory is on vacation
  - a. IAED and ProQA
  - b. EFD-Q rules changes
    - i. ESCB adopted the EFD-Q rules changes in March and sent out an email with the new rules that include less EFD-Q random case review requirements and the addition of focused review requirements. This does not affect EMD-Q case reviews.
  
- vi. **Old Business**
  - a. Membership
    - i. Aside from a physician representative (we received no applications during the recent membership recruitment period), our membership is at full capacity. Welcome Melinda Dyer, Adam Clement, Dakota Turnbull, and Tara Doe.
    - ii. Guide: A draft of the proposed Membership Guide was distributed for review; the purpose of the guide is to document expectations and standardize the process for membership going forward – this is being done within each of the EMS Committees along with an attendance policy which will be proposed to the EMS Board and standardize these expectations across all Committees. Members are asked to review the Guide and prepare comments and suggestions for the next meeting to revise and vote to adopt a final document.
  
  - b. QA/QI
    - i. Reports (ImageTrend): Data Coordinators have recognized that the submission of Q data in the ImageTrend system is causing some verification errors to our EMS data. They are looking into other platforms for Q data submission that will be both easier to work with for EMD Centers and meet our goals of using objective data to complete the

feedback loop for the QA/QI process going forward. Darren and Jason will be invited to discuss these options at our next meeting.

- ii. Cindy offered that after the break in Q reviews from March to May she saw compliance numbers go down and had concerns that it may be because people knew they weren't being evaluated. Melinda advised that they have done Q evaluations right through this time, but she also noticed dips in compliance numbers and contributes this to the stress of the pandemic related changes in the job. Stephanie advised that they have also been doing Q evaluations during this time and noticed some improvement in compliance.
- iii. Random review and Focused review: There will be consideration from Maine EMS going forward to maintain consistency with the ESCB's rules change for focused review requirements. This requirement is established in compliance with the IAED QA recommendations. We should continue to talk about what this means for Q reviews and how it may impact EMD Centers.

**vii. New Business**

- a. EIDS tool
    - i. Discussion about confusion stemming from back to back changes regarding congregate care facilities. This question was added to immediately address the "false negative" U21 codes found during QA review of calls dispatched as negative U21 but assessed by EMS on scene as positive PUI based on their congregate living situation. The question was removed in the next change, recognizing that the on-scene EMS were actually incorrect, according to CDC criteria, in their risk assessment based on living situation alone. Screening questions were modified to continue to assess actual risk factors of exposure to a positive COVID patient rather than perceived risk factors based on living situation.
  - b. Training
    - i. Denise Amber Lee Foundation has free webinars at <https://www.deniseamberlee.org/en/Denises-Story>
    - ii. IAED Supervisor access and assigned Academy Courses
- viii. **MOTION to adjourn** by Mayotte, seconded by Turnbull; approved unanimously at 10:14.  
Next meeting is October 15, 2020 at 09:30