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Maine EMS for Children Advisory Committee Minutes

July 23, 2020

930 am

Via Zoom

Committee Members: Heidi Cote, Marc Minkler, Kate Zimmerman DO, Rachel Williams MD

MEMS Staff: Jason Oko

Stakeholders: Courtney Cook, Thomas (Pennisula Ambulance(?)) - did not identify further)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Conflicts of Interest
 - a. None disclosed
- III. Maine EMS Statement
 - 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 committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.*
- IV. Minutes Approval/Web Resources
 - a. Minutes approved from January 23, 2020 with no changes
 - b. Reminded folks of resources available on Maine EMSC website
- V. Maine EMS Update
 - a. Jason Oko is now Data Coordinator/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
 - b. Griffin Bourassa is Licensing/Investigation Agent
 - c. Darren Davis is Data Manager focusing primarily on opioid data
- VI. Program Update
 - a. Maine EMSC Medical Director
 - i. Introduction of Dr. Rachel Williams as new Maine EMSC Medical Director
 - ii. Fills role on Maine MDPB Board as pediatric rep as well
 - b. COVID
 - i. Role of EMSC Manager (Minkler) has been tasked and approved by HRSA to also take on some temporary duties assisting state office with COVID planning and

supporting office staff – have continued to perform EMSC duties as well but did result in July EMSC meeting cancellation (along with committee members being tasked with work duties)

- c. NEDARC Peds Readiness Survey
 - i. Maine EMSC worked with NEDARC to test the survey for rest of country
 - ii. EMS results (Maine and National) from 2020 are available on website on EMSC page
 - 1. Maine had 118 EMS services participate in the survey
 - iii. Sample of data results shown to the committee
 - d. HRSA Annual Report
 - i. Grant report has been submitted to HRSA
 - ii. Requesting approximately \$17,000 of money to be carried forward (unused for budgeted medical director and travel due to COVID)
 - e. Perinatal Systems of Care
 - i. Statewide committee looking at maternal/newborn care across the state
 - ii. Maine EMSC is on steering committee and heavily involved in multi-disciplinary approach, looking at OB resources and EMS transport
 - f. Pediatric Education
 - i. Discussion of carryover money and directed skills education and PECC development across the state
 - ii. Pediatric Seizure program on MEMSEd
 - iii. COVID presentation from Harvard/Boston Childrens on pediatric COVID management
 - iv. Work continues on BRUE presentation for MEMSEd
 - g. NASEMSO East Region Pediatric Council
 - i. Marc is chair for the East Region for NASEMSO, working on meeting with all states
 - h. NAEMSP Equipment Publication
 - i. Being reviewed by various groups for support/consensus (AAP, NASEMSO, others)
 - ii. From the NAEMSP Ground Ambulance Equipment
 - iii. Planning publishing late fall in Prehospital Emergency Care
- VII. New Items / Further Discussion
- a. Hospital Recognition Standards
 - i. COVID has significantly delayed this process
 - ii. Will revisit with Dr. Williams and Director Hurley for further refinement
 - b. Maine EMS Protocols
 - i. Maine EMSC program is submitting some recommendations for consideration for 2021 protocols including IN Midazolam, OB emergency guidance, cardiac management, pedi chest decompression/crics, newborn warmth management, pedi endotracheal intubation
 - c. Stork Pins
 - i. Awards continue, have seen an increase in prehospital deliveries
 - d. Statement of Health Equity
 - i. In need of developing a statement relevant for Maine EMSC program
 - e. NPRA
 - i. National survey of all hospitals for pedi readiness
 - ii. Postponed due to COVID, awaiting dates for resuming
 - iii. Previous results are posted on Maine EMSC website page
 - f. Reminder of other Maine EMS meetings and calendar on web site homepage

- g. Discussion of seeking courses/classes we can put on MEMSEd

VIII. **Adjournment:**

- a. Next meeting planned for September 24, 2020
- b. Meeting adjourned at 1116 am