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LD 2105 Sub-Committee Meeting
July 31, 2020 at 9:00 AM
Zoom
Meeting Minutes

“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 should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

1. Call to order- 0903

a. Attendance:

i. **Members present:** Tony Fournier, Rob Hillman, Tom Judge,
Kristine Ossenfort, Katherine Pelletreau, Andrew Turcotte.

Excused: Holly Doherty, Tim Beals

ii. **Public present:** Karynlee Harrington, Butch Russell, Colleen
McCarthy Reid, Ed Morsehead, Sam Hurley (Maine EMS
director), Jay Bradshaw, Jeff Austin, Kristin Battis, Steven
Larrabee, William Ferdinand, Wendy (Aetna), Ben Zetterman,
Rich Kindelan

2. Reading of the Maine EMS mission statement

3. Acceptance of the July 7 meeting minutes.

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- a. Tom Judge made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 7, seconded by Kristine Ossenfort with suggested changes to be made by MEMS Staff and the AAG.
 - i. In favor: Tony Fournier, Rob Hillman, Tom Judge, Kristine Ossenfort, Katherine Pelletreau, Andrew Turcotte. Accepted unanimously by members present.
4. Public Comment. None.
5. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. Item 6.g to be taken first as the presenter, Karynlee Harrington, was not available for the entire meeting.
6. Old business
 - a. MAA in and out of network survey. Jay Bradshaw discussed the results of this survey. Many services are in or out of network due to “legacy issues.” MAA is unable to share the name of specific services because they agree with the survey participants to keep the results anonymous. Some billing agencies answered this survey, so there may be some double counting of some services.
 - b. MAA response to legislature letter
 - c. Colorado regulation regarding out of network ambulance rates. Jay shared this report for informational purposes, but it is unknown what methods were employed in arriving at the final results shown in this report.
 - d. Maine EMS annual report- 2018. No discussion.
 - e. IFT transfer reason question in MEFIRS. No discussion.
 - f. Chargemasters. No discussion.

g.MHDO supporting data- Katherine. Karynlee Harrington from the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) presented on data collected about ambulance providers in Maine. The report was shared with committee members and public stakeholders during the July 31 meeting via email.

h.Cost analysis of operating an ambulance service

7. New business

a.Draft survey of EMS expenses developed by Joe Kellner. Per Katie Johnson results of this survey are likely subject to FOAA. Katie will work with Holly Doherty, from the Bureau of Insurance, to see if there's a statute that may protect these survey results.

b.Other data needed

c.Next steps

8. Other

9. Action items and next steps

a.Katie Johnson to work with Holly Doherty to determine if survey results from item 7.a will be protected or subject to FOAA.

b.Committee members to review the survey proposed in item 7.a and send feedback to Griffin Bourassa if they have any.

c.The committee made a data request for MHDO. Griffin to email that data request to MHDO.

d.The next LD 2105 meeting is proposed for the afternoon of August 11 to review the survey in item 7.a. Committee members to email any

objections to that meeting time to Griffin Bourassa. If no objections are received within 24 hours the meeting will time will be set.

10. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn at 1038 by Andrew Turcotte seconded by Kristine Ossenfort.