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Education Committee

Wednesday
9 Dec 2020
0900-1130

Online via ZOOM due to COVID-19

DRAFT Minutes

- Members Present:** Brian Chamberlin, Aiden Koplovsky, Leah Mitchell, Stephanie Cordwell, Joanne Lebrun, Mike Drinkwater, Amy Drinkwater, David Mejia, Steve Smith
- Members Absent:** Paul Froman, Steve Merrill
- Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Jason Oko
- Stakeholders:** Steve Almquist, Scott A. Smith, Robert Adamski, L'Easa Blaylock, Eric Wellman, Rick Petrie, Michelle Radloff, Toby Martin

“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

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of October minutes. There was no meeting in November due to the Veteran’s day holiday.
- b. Motion made by Amy Drinkwater to accept the October minutes. Motion seconded by Brian Chamberlin.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- a. Chris Azevedo
- i. Psychomotor skills portfolios – discussion on state required change to the EMT/AEMT curriculum
1. Exam would like to eliminate PSEs and incorporate psychomotor skills portfolios in its place
 2. EMS office is supportive of introducing PSPs into BLS curriculum
- b. Joanne Lebrun
- i. Expresses concern for expanding scope of practice per MDPB discussions.

- ii. Discussion amongst the group on the need for full discussion, especially in light of coming EMT vaccinations. Concerns are expressed of scope of practice process circumventing the Education Committee.

IV. State Update:

- a. Chris Azevedo
 - i. Committee Member Approvals
 - 1. David Mejia selected to fill member at large vacancy on Exam Committee
 - ii. TCAP Progress
 - 1. Two new training centers
 - a. National EMS Institute in Bangor- L'Easa Blaylock Director. ALS training center. Satellite campus of NEI of Massachusetts, which is a partner in New England Paramedic Consortium. CAAHEP accredited
 - b. Delta Education Training Center in Waterville- David Mejia Director. BLS
 - iii. Standardized CEH Programs
 - 1. List is being updated
 - 2. 51 Courses on the list
 - a. 47 have not been reviewed since at least 2012
 - b. Unknown how many are still taught
 - 3. Goals
 - a. Update Drexel White's database from 2007
 - b. Track courses using updated database
 - c. Develop a standardized process for review
 - i. Content hour distribution matrix that can be used for evaluating each course (show examples)
 - ii. One each- NCCP and Maine EMS
 - iii. Update files on the courses
 - d. Revise the list and limit to most common national commercial courses and local courses
 - e. Publish the revised list
- b. Marc Minkler
 - i. EMS-C education report.
 - 1. Survey for service leaders coming out regarding pediatric call volumes and training.
- c. Standardized Curriculum CEH approval process
 - i. Short discussion of approval process for standardized curriculum.

V. Old Business:

- a. AVOC Program Update – Aiden Koplovsky

- i. Held AVOC forum. 11 attendees total. Discussion was great. Discusses points brought up at forum. Recommendation for EdComm is not finalized yet.
 - ii. Would like to proceed: Group makes recommendation to EdComm, which then makes presentation to Board
 - iii. Goal is to have final recommendation for January or February.
- b. PIFT- Brian Chamberlin
 - i. Nothing new to report. Still need to follow up with Rick Petrie and his discussions regarding PIFT.
 - ii. Rick Petrie has submitted language to draft rules that any mention of PIFT would be deleted. Rules committee rejected suggestion because PIFT was not in original draft changes. A number of committee members liked the proposal but were not able to be incorporated. Had conversation with Dr. Tilney. They continue to work on updating the PIFT program. They are on the path to creating protocols/guidelines for patients that are being transferred. Do not have a lot of confidence in this effort. Do not see a rapid resolution to this problem. Hoped the Board would reconstitute their IFT committee. But no discussion of doing so. Recommendation for the Committee to request a status of the PIFT program update at every EMS Board meeting in order to keep up on its progress.
 - iii. Stephanie Cordwell comments that her program is struggling with this issue as well. The PIFT content is incorporated into KVCC's paramedic program curriculum. However, the information from this state program is grossly outdated.
 - iv. Brian Chamberlin will work with Aiden Koplovsky and Chris Azevedo to get some discussion on this.
- c. Training Center Standards Review
 - i. Discussion of Subsection 2.

VI. **New Business**

- a. Additional meetings to accommodate Training Center Standards work
 - i. Brian Chamberlin makes the suggestion to re-evaluate this at the January meeting. Tentatively 4th Wednesday of the month.
 - ii. Joanne Lebrun asks that the committee have clear objectives with set sections to review.
- b. Committee members who haven't been showing up
 - i. Some members of the Education Committee have been approached by individuals with interest in being on the committee. And we have members who haven't attended a meeting in a year. Asks for recommended course of action
 - ii. Group feedback is to reach out to those members and get their intentions. Proceed with action forthwith.

VII. **Next Meeting**

- a. Date and time: 13 Jan 2021

VIII. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Leah Mitchell and seconded by Amy Drinkwater. Meeting adjourned at 1137 hrs.