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**Education Committee**

Wednesday  
13 Jan 2021  
0900-1130

Online via Zoom due to COVID-19

**Minutes**

- Members Present:** Mike Drinkwater, Aiden Koplovsky, Stephanie Cordwell, Ben Zetterman, Amy Drinkwater, David Mejia, Brian Chamberlin
- Members Absent:** Leah Mitchell (excused), Joanne Lebrun, Paul Froman Steve Merrill, , Steve Smith, Dennis Russell
- Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Melissa Adams, Griffin Bourassa, Jason Oko,
- Stakeholders:** Debbie Morgan, Steve Almquist, Phillip MacCallum, Danny Gahagan, Eric Wellman, L'Easa Blaylock, Rick Petrie

*“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 and roll call
- b. There was a last-minute vaccination group meeting that several members had to attend and will join the Committee meeting as soon as they can.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Approval of December meeting minutes delayed until later in the meeting due to members attending another meeting.
  - i. Motion made by Amy Drinkwater to accept the December meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Brain Chamberlin. No discussion. Motion passed.

**III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. None

**IV. State Update:**

- a. Chris Azevedo
  - i. Vaccination training
    1. Going well

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● **Support** ●

● **Collaboration** ●

● **Integrity** ●

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- a. RCV – 411 enrolled, 68 Completed
    - b. MEMS COVID-19 Vaccination – 756 enrolled, 633 complete
  - ii. NREMT Updates
    - 1. Will be transitioning to a new website this month
    - 2. Provisional certifications will continue to be issued until 30 Jun 2021
    - 3. Recert deadlines 31 Mar 2021 (EMT/AEMT/Paramedic), 30 Sep 2021 EMR
- b. EMS-C
  - i. Marc Minkler
    - 1. Discussion regarding a statewide survey for all EMS services about pediatric education at services, particularly practical evolutions.
      - a. 26% of services have responded
      - b. There was some specific service exclusion from the survey
      - c. Survey continuing until March
    - 2. RFP for Pediatric Education Grant
      - a. This process closed on 22 Dec 2020. No bidders for the RFP.
      - b. Lost the RFP. Still pursuing sole source bidding for educational opportunities.
    - 3. Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator handbook (PECC)
      - a. For services looking to improve pediatric education and care
      - b. Focuses on awareness and resources for service leaders to improve pediatric care in their services.
      - c. National Registry Skills sheets
    - 4. Marc Minkler asks for thoughts regarding impediments to the RFP
      - a. Eric Wellman- time commitment
      - b. Brian Chamberlin – money was under what Augusta FD would need to put this in service. Also, time commitment with regard to too many other operations going on at the same time.
  - c. Jason Oko
    - i. Gives update on disposition of the Board approved Rules updates
      - 1. Feb-early March in effect, estimate
      - 2. Sent to the legislature.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. PIFT – Brian Chamberlin
  - i. Discussed with Board Chair. Stated that whichever group brings PIFT item to the Board, that item will be addressed by the Board at that time.

- ii. Recommends EdComm gather its work accomplished thus far and present it to the Board as an education packet that centers on what PIFT instructors need to teach for the class.
    - 1. Amy Drinkwater asks if Brian has her medication updates. Brian no. Amy offers to forward them.
    - 2. Rick Petrie
      - a. There has been a tremendous amount of work already done. Scott Smith and Sally Taylor have already, by necessity, made some on the spot changes to the program. Rick Petrie offers to reach out to work group members to pull together all the materials for presentation to EdComm for the package to be sent to the Board.
      - b. Brian Chamberlin agrees.
      - c. Amy Drinkwater asks regarding process of becoming an instructor.
        - i. Brian Chamberlin asks that Committee be allowed for now, to focus on getting the education through the Board before it tackles instructors. Once that's done, the instructor piece can be tackled.
      - d. Rick Petrie- Chris Pare and Don Sheets did a good job creating MEMSEd modules, which would mitigate the need to create more instructors. But there were obstacles to getting those up that need to be addressed first, as well.
      - e. Chris Pare
        - i. Idea was to modularize the curriculum to mitigate the need for additional instructors.
- b. AVOC Program Review/Revision – Aiden Koplovsky
    - i. Has compiled data results from survey.
    - ii. Will compile a share file on Google drive with documents and data.
    - iii. End game- removing AVOC as state curriculum and allowing services to use other equivalent programs.
    - iv. Brian Chamberlin discusses moving forward with work group's proposal
  - c. Psychomotor Skills Portfolios – placeholder only to be placed under new business as a placeholder.
  - d. Training Center Standards document review
    - i. Chris Azevedo presented a short PowerPoint presentation explaining CAAHEP and its relationship to Training Center Standards
    - ii. Review and revision discussion performed by the Committee on Training Center Standards, Subsection 2, D. Resources
      - 1. Chris Azevedo presents the recommendation of adding in a

Training Center Director Role that facilitates a program having a TC director that is different than a Program Director

2. Brian Chamberlin and David Mejia agree
3. Discussion around Program Director section 3 around the term “should” as referenced to the Program director being a full-time position
4. Chris Pare suggests keeping this but soften the language.
5. Discussion stopped at “Lead Instructor” position description.

- e. Discussion on additional meetings for Training Center Standards review work
  - i. Scheduled for 27 Jan 2021 at 0900.

- f. Committee membership attendance
  - i. Emails have been sent to members who have been absent for many months. Awaiting responses.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a. Clinician PSAs, “It’s OK to not be OK”
  - i. Maine EMS is putting together various media posts to reach out to EMS clinicians. Looking for educator volunteers to make short clips for contributions to the effort.

#### **VII. Next Meeting**

- a. Date and time: 10 Feb 2021

#### **VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Mike Drinkwater and seconded by Brian Chamberlin.**

#### **IX. Meeting adjourned at 1128.**