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**Education Committee**

Wednesday

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0900-1130

Online via ZOOM media

**DRAFT Minutes**

- Members Present:** Brian Chamberlin, Aiden Koplovsky, Amy Drinkwater, Mike Drinkwater, Dennis Russell, Leah Mitchell, Steve Smith, Zetterman, Joanne Lebrun
- Members Absent:** Stephanie Cordwell, Steve Merrill, Paul Froman, Dave Mejia
- Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Jason Oko
- Stakeholders:** AJ Gagnon, L'Easa Blaylock, Michelle Radloff, Rick Petrie, Steve Almquist

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**I. Call to Order:**

- a. Introductions

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Approval of January meeting minutes

Motion to approve the January minutes made by Amy Drinkwater and second by Mike Drinkwater. No discussion. Two abstentions. Motion approved.

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

1. Rick Petrie

- a. Reports from the Region 1 meeting that the Region 1 RAC wishes to keep Steve Merrill in his position on the Education Committee.

- ii. Protocol Updates

1. Chris Azevedo

- a. Protocol update education
- b. Dr. Sholl asked if it might be beneficial for developing the education, if the MDPB section authors simply shared the slides they've already developed for their changes, that

were used for discussion presentations for MDPB meetings and in the discussion forums? He said the slides could be shared with the Education Committee for use in the education.

- c. I agreed that doing so would most likely be beneficial. However, I suggested that those section authors simply directly share their slides with their EdComm partners who will be developing the education for the corresponding section. The MDPB teams should be working directly with the EdComm education authors in doing this.
- d. I also told Dr. Sholl also, that I had shared the lesson plan templates for the 2019 education with the Committee and asked that each team use the same format for their lesson plans and PPT presentations.
- e. Marc adds from chat:
  - i. **Currently, change documents are posted for Brown, Grey, Purple, Yellow (all previously posted) and Blue (posted just now). The protocol change documents can be found at <https://www.maine.gov/ems/boards-committees/medical-direction-practices-board/resources>**

#### IV. State Update:

- a. Education

- i. Chris Azevedo

- 1. NREMT Update

- a. NREMT website has been updated.
      - b. Continued competency initiative (development of next round) is progressing. Steering and other meetings are productive.
      - c. Quarterly webinars for Training Center Program Directors
        - i. Agenda for the next webinar on 10 Mar 2021 will be sent out on 12 Feb. I will distribute that agenda when I receive it, if TD Directors don't already have it.
      - d. PSE Changes (Paramedic and AEMT)
        - i. FYI that it is occurring, though it does not directly affect MEMS.
          - 1. Updating skills sheets, specifically critical failure criteria. Will be fewer. Most skills sheets will be pared down to "dangerous intervention" or "acted in an unprofessional manner"

- 2. Incorporating AHA 2020 guideline changes on one skills sheet
    - ii. Discussing use of iPads/tablets for use in PSEs. But NREMT does not yet have the infrastructure.
  - e. Distributing Education
    - i. Looking at re-categorization of DE, in view of new learning technology methods that are currently and soon will be coming available.
- b. EMS-C
  - i. Marc Minkler
    - 1. In process of putting blue change doc and protocol changes on website.
- c. Jason
  - i. Nothing to report.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. Meeting attendance issues
  - i. Discussion of members not in attendance.
  - ii. Regarding Paul Froman
    - 1. States he still has an interest, but his employer does not support his EdComm work or involvement. So, he does not get time off when his shifts fall on meeting days (50% of the time). Asks for two months to attempt resolution. Otherwise, will resign position on committee.
  - iii. Regarding Steve Merrill
    - 1. States he's no longer Chief of Lebanon and was unsure if his position was requisite for his Committee appointment. He now works as a Paramedic for Kennebunkport, Wells and Stewart's Ambulance. Still wants to keep his spot.
      - a. Email needs to be updated on EdComm mail group.
  - iv. Brian Chamberlin asks committee's opinion as to personnel disposition at this point.
    - 1. Leah Mitchell- we've all had periods of long absence. That should be considered before the committee takes any removal action.
    - 2. Dennis Russell agrees.
    - 3. Aiden Koplovsky advises till gathering information on interested parties.
    - 4. Marc Minkler- There is however a difference with asking/sharing extended absence with the chair vs just not showing up
    - 5. Dennis Russell- could we put something into the committee regarding issues?
    - 6. Brian Chamberlin- personnel should notify myself, Aiden Koplovsky or Chris Azevedo. At this point we should ride out for another month and reiterate communication piece as well.

7. Dennis Russell would like to see the committee reach out to the individuals, and also actually develop its own by-laws concerning membership and attendance
8. Brian Chamberlin- let's keep bylaws as a placeholder on our agenda. Perhaps we can share the proposed by laws document again.

b. PIFT- Brian Chamberlin

- i. Scott Smith and others have been working on this
- ii. Would like to create a sub-committee to work on PIFT so that we have a designated group who is tasked with this. This is only for the education update, and not for other program updates.
- iii. Would like Rick Petrie, Scott Smith, Don Sheets and Chris Pare to continue.
  1. Leah Mitchell also interested and would like to assist.
- iv. Dr. Sholl reached out to Brian Chamberlin, curious about where EdComm is with PIFT. Expressed his and Dr. Pete Tilney's interest in working with EdComm on this.
- v. Appears to be good things coming from this. Goal is to have something to bring to April EdComm meeting.
- vi. Motion to create subcommittee by Aiden Koplovsky to work on PIFT education. Seconded by Steve Smith. No discussion. Motion carried.

c. AVOC

i. Aiden Koplovsky

1. Recommending we go away from a state sponsored/maintained AVOC program and allow services to use either self-developed or commercial programs.
2. Have heard from stakeholders regarding the issues that would cause.
3. Who will be the one who approves all the course equivalencies?
  - a. Aiden is working on document with proposed courses.
  - b. Would like to have a checklist that could be used against a proposed program. Provide feedback. Then, course would be submitted to EdComm.
  - c. Leah Mitchell - Checklist is a detail. Perhaps we should be looking at from a STANDARDS perspective? Aiden-checklist would describe standard. Discussion
  - d. Dennis Russell – as this is written into Rule, does this need to be ratified by the Board as well?
  - e. Brian Chamberlin- as long as we produce a document describing how we meet the rule, we shouldn't have to go to the Board.
  - f. Joanne Lebrun-
    - i. It would be good to see what the current Rule says

- ii. Agrees with Leah Mitchell that if we create a good standard, does it really need to come back to MEMS for approval?
        - iii. This is a service responsibility. Perhaps we can take a cue from BOLS/OSHA? Should we equip services with the standards and tools to follow?
      - g. Aiden Koplovsky reads current Rule regarding AVOC. Discussion of service development of their own programs vs using canned pre-approved programs ensues.
      - h. Aiden Koplovsky to bring back list of standards for committee review next month.
    - d. Standards for IC training and licensure – Chris Azevedo
      - i. MFSI reached out to the office
        - 1. Changing their IC course to “Fire & Emergency Services Instructor”
          - a. Asked for assistance in reviewing course against NAEMSE 1 standard
          - b. Course marketability and compatibility with EMS requirements
          - c. Provide up front information for cross trained instructors who also want IC instructor quals.
      - ii. IC
        - 1. Looking into IC supervision, issues regarding recognition for licensure/lead instructor, etc.
          - a. Did a great deal of research into office, Board and Committee correspondence as well as meeting minutes and policies, if existent.
          - b. Created a historical timeline of changes in IC standards for licensure and training,
        - 2. In process of writing an SBAR and recommendations for proceeding on this
      - e. Training Center Standards Review TABLED
        - i. Continuing Subsection 2, D. Resources
        - ii. Additional meetings for document review work

**VI. New Business**

- a. Psychomotor skills portfolios (placeholder)

**VII. Next Meeting**

- a. Date and time: 10 Mar 2021, at 0900.

**VIII. Adjournment: 1130**