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EMS Labor Committee Meeting
February 19, 2021 at 8:00 AM
Zoom: <https://maine-ems-gov.zoom.us/j/91938401166>
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 - 0802
2. Reading of the Maine EMS mission statement
3. Attendance
 - a. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Bradshaw, Brian Chamberlin, Joe Conley, Joe Kellner (0825), Rick Petrie, Steve Smith
 - b. MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tim Beals, Matt Sholl
 - c. MAINE EMS STAFF: Griffin Bourassa (staff rep), Sam Hurley, Melissa Adams, Jason Oko (0810)
 - d. PUBLIC PRESENT: Maria Russell, Benjy Lowry, Eric Wellman, Aiden Koplovsky, Debbie Morgan, Butch Russell (0840)
4. Public comment
 - a. Debbie Morgan- The Aroostook regional office has found a lack of staff available to provide interfacility transports. To help increase staffing the regional office is working with local hospitals to complete a HRSA grant.

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5. Acceptance of the February 5 meeting minutes

a. **MOTION** to accept the meeting minutes as presented by Jay Bradshaw seconded by Joe Conley. DISCUSSION: Jay Bradshaw noted that he would like the agendas and meeting materials be sent out to the committee further in advance to allow more time to review materials.

1. Roll call vote:

- a. Tim Beals – *absent*
- b. Jay Bradshaw – *yes*
- c. Brian Chamberlin – *yes*
- d. Joe Conley – *yes*
- e. Joe Kellner – *absent*
- f. Rick Petrie – *yes*
- g. Matt Sholl – *absent*
- h. Steve Smith – *yes*

6. Modifications to the agenda

a. None

7. Old business

a. Focus group update – *Aiden Koplovsky*

- i. Jay Bradshaw noted the word “negatively” appears in the document three times. He proposed “negatively” be stricken from the document out of concern it may impose bias.
- ii. Rick Petrie- recruitment question 1 asks “what barriers did you encounter in entering EMS?” Rick is concerned that implies that the responded *must* have had barriers. Aiden responded that he

understood the concern but noted changing the wording to “what barriers did you encounter?” would prompt a yes/no response rather than start discussion.

- iii. Jay Bradshaw confirmed that the committee would have access to the data before it is published and publicly available.
- iv. Aiden updated the intent is to remove the LGBT and underrepresented ethnicities at the recommendation from research experts at Johns Hopkins University.

b.MOTION by Rick Petrie to delegate authority to Aiden to move the project forward to the IRB for the review as necessary. Before the document moves forward to the IRB the changes identified above will be implemented. Seconded by Joe Conley.

1. Roll call vote:

- a. Tim Beals – *absent*
- b. Jay Bradshaw – *yes*
- c. Brian Chamberlin – *yes*
- d. Joe Conley – *yes*
- e. Joe Kellner – *absent*
- f. Rick Petrie – *yes*
- g. Matt Sholl – *absent*
- h. Steve Smith – *yes*

8. New business

9. Other

10. Action items and next steps

a. The committee reached consensus that there will be a period of waiting until the IRB has reviewed and approved the projects. There will also be a waiting period for focus groups to be conducted. The committee would like to keep future meetings scheduled in the event new information becomes available. Steve and Griffin will be in contact to cancel meetings on a rolling basis as needed.

11. Next meeting date and time

a. Friday, March 5 at 8 AM

12. Adjourn

a. **MOTION** to adjourn by Brian Chamberlin seconded by Rick Petrie at 0845