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0900-1130

DeChamplain Conference Room

Minutes

- Members Present:** Aiden Koplovsky, Brian Chamberlin, David Mejia, Leah Mitchell, Joanne Lebrun, Steve Smith,
- Members Absent:** Dennis Russell, Paul Froman, Stephanie Cordwell, Ben Zetterman, Mike Drinkwater
- Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Griffin Bourassa
- Stakeholders:** Rick Petrie, Sally Taylor, Eric Wellman, Debbie Morgan, Amy Drinkwater, L'Easa Blaylock, Scott Smith, AJ Gagnon, Chris Pare,

“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 March minutes. Motion to approve the March meeting minutes made by Amy Drinkwater. Motion seconded by Leah Mitchell. No discussion. The motion is carried.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

IV. State Update:

- a. Education- Chris Azevedo
- i. NREMT- nothing to report
 - ii. MEMSEd
 - 1. Continuing work on obtaining a contract with the Muskie school in support of maintenance and improvement of the LMS.
 - 2. Two pediatric programs have been opened on the site (Marc).

iii. Annual reports

1. Annual reports have been submitted. I am in the process of reviewing them and compiling statistics for both BLS and ALS programs.

iv. Protocol Updates

1. The MDPB is nearing the end of its part of the update development process.
2. Question posed to the group: Has anyone been actively working with their MDPB section authors on this yet? Amy Drinkwater and Rick Petrie respond. Concerns expressed regarding the volume of material for protocol update and that some material will need to be continuing education in CEH courses or obtained in licensure courses. This material will need to be separated out from update education. Section co-authors are asked to work with physician teams to do this. Also advising I am available to assist with recording/editing voice-over narratives for presentations and advised to contact him if there are any issues.
3. Reiterates the ask that those developing the education use the lesson plan templates I've provided to ensure format consistency across the program.
4. Having the physicians participate in this education via narratives worked out well and was well received by clinicians.
5. Please contact Chris Azevedo with questions regarding education development.

v. Samoset EMS Conference

1. Collaborative presentation on NCCP CEH model, from Chris Azevedo and Melissa Adams is planned for Samoset.
2. There is room for others. If the group has a need or idea to present on, please contact Chris Azevedo

b. EMS-C

i. Marc Minkler

1. Continuing along with stork awards. There has been a recent uptick in field deliveries. If you have a field delivery, please contact me.
2. Acknowledges and discusses National telecommunicator's week and thanks EMDs for the work they do.
3. The EMS-C program has recently purchased some materials with grant monies that were made available. Marc discusses the equipment.
 - a. Pediatric transport devices

- i. Ferno Pedi Mate, Quantum ACR4, Pedi Vacuum Mattress, Pedi Backboard, Basic Manikins for use on the transport devices.
 - ii. These will be available for services and training centers for purposes of training and *not* for in-service use.
 - iii. None of these are NHTSA approved. However, work is being done to accomplish crash testing for the work of approval by that organization.
 - 4. The program has also purchased some VR headsets (5) from a company called Health Scholars.
 - a. It comes with peds assessment programs.
 - b. Chris Azevedo and Marc Minkler discuss experiences with testing the VR sets.
 - c. Rick Petrie
 - i. We've tested one of these and it was suggested that we have some strict guidelines to follow along with the use of these. I'd make the same suggestion.
 - ii. Marc Minkler– we've found the same thing and we've actually started putting together some guidelines around usage that address this. This is absolutely a consideration.
- c. Licensing
 - i. Melissa Adams discusses the NREMT NCCP CEH equivalency for dual licensed EMS clinicians that was passed by the EMS Board at their last meeting, for the group.
 - 1. This item is directed specifically at EMS clinicians who are licensed in both Massachusetts and Maine and wish to use their Massachusetts approved CEHs to satisfy CEH re-licensure requirements for their Maine licenses. Massachusetts uses the NREMT's server and NCCP model for re-licensing purposes and accordingly has a 2-year licensing period in alignment with NREMT's 2-year certification period. The Massachusetts model is NREMT's model in every aspect excepting actual NREMT certification for its clinicians (who don't already hold NREMT certification). Maine EMS rules currently allow re-licensure for a 2-year licensing period for clinicians who have a current NREMT certification, in lieu of the Maine EMS CEH requirements for a 3-year license. As the Massachusetts CEH model is actually the NREMT model and is supported by the NREMT, and as the only difference between Maine Rules and the Massachusetts model is the lack of actual NREMT certification, the Board was asked by the Maine EMS office for a waiver of the rule requiring NREMT

certification for clinicians satisfying requirements from those states employing NREMT's NCCP model, server and support. The Board granted the waiver.

V. Old Business:

a. PIFT Update

- i. Rick Petrie and Scott Smith give a presentation on their PIFT update work.
- ii. Steve Smith asks about carrying blood. Scott responds that the point was to update the education. Scope of practice was NOT changed. Doing so for PIFT will involve MDPB and the Board.

iii. Brian Chamberlin

1. All materials have been sent to members for review over the next month. The goal is to have this reviewed and discuss at next EdComm meeting and have to the Board in June.
2. Idea was only to update the education and NOT scope of practice.

iv. Rick Petrie

1. Thanks Leah Mitchell, Scott Smith, Don Sheets , and Sally Taylor for their work behind the scenes.
2. Reminds all that the official program being updated dates to 2006.
3. Blood was rejected early in the development of the original course.
4. We would ask that the Board give authorization to this group to do a revision of the entire program.

v. Joanne Lebrun

1. Asks for thoughts from MEMS staff and others regarding how we can keep updating this as others are doing work on other aspects of this.

vi. Chris Pare

1. The goal of the update a few years ago, was that it would be able to be delivered in 2 parts: online and an offline in-service part that the student would take via the services. This document would be living and able to be updated as needed.

vii. Brian Chamberlin

1. Melissa Adams has put in the chat that Dr. Sholl does want to reconvene the IFT committee and that will be an agenda item for the next MDPB meeting.

b. Training Center Standards revision

i. Eric Wellman

1. Presents and discusses proposed verbiage changes to the Training Standards document.

c. Psychomotor Skills Portfolios in support of proposed changes in licensure exam

i. Tabled due to time.

d. Committee bylaws

i. Tabled due to time

VI. New Business

- a. Committee Member Resignation- Brian
 - i. Steve Merrill has resigned his position as Region 1 Rep on this committee. (Rick Petrie for commentary)
 - ii. Rick Petrie has already reached out to Region 1 Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for nominations for a replacement for Steve Merrill. We have 2 people interested. The RAC should have something for Education Committee after the May RAC meeting.
- b. AVOC Proposal Approval (Topic was taken out of order, by request of committee chair, after PIFT)
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky
 1. The EMS Board passed the Education Committee recommendation regarding disposition of the AVOC program that was proposed in the packet which was submitted to them.
 2. Rick Petrie
 - a. Asks about issuance of certificates and rosters, and verifications.
- c. Transition to National Continuing Competency Program (NCCP) CEH model for re-licensure.
 - i. Presentation planned by Maine EMS for Samoset
 - ii. Looking into various models to track CEHs
 1. Image Trend
 2. NREMT (similar to Mass)
 - iii. "Verification of competency" for clinicians will need some specific education, and discussion regarding ways to facilitate this.
 1. Will be discussing this with MDPB/Drs. Sholl and Zimmerman

VII. Next Meeting

- a. Date and time: Wednesday, 12 May 2021

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Leah Mitchell. Seconded by Amy Drinkwater. Motion is carried. Meeting adjourned at 1112 hours.