

Northeast Region EMS Council

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021, via Zoom

Present via Zoom

Jay Bradshaw, Joshua Mailman, Ken Clark, Chris Liepold, Aiden Koplovsky, Lee Philbrook, Alan Henschke, Rob McGraw, Scott Bragdon, Dr. Saquet, Andrew Braley, Ed Moreshead, John Lennon, Ed Molle, Eddie Moreside, Ken Clark, Jason Oko, Chris Easton

Staff Present

Rick Petrie, Cyndie Dugans

The regular meeting of the Northeast Region Advisory Council was called to order at 3:05 PM on June 9, 2021, via Zoom by Chair Rick Petrie.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve minutes as presented** (E. Moreside / D. Saquet). All in favor.

State EMS

Maine EMS Board (Kellner)

- ***Grants:*** MEMS is looking to secure grants for Community Paramedicine and Systems of Care. Another grant for Opiate Overdoses was also applied for to help with opiate overdose education in the community.
- ***Community Paramedicine:*** No Update
- ***Coronavirus Updates:*** Guidance on masking came out 2-3 weeks ago from the CDC and Maine EMS is reminding all healthcare providers that this does not pertain to them. They must continue to wear their mask and proper PPE. MEMS would prefer to have Universal masking even in the stations as not everyone has been vaccinated but the final call is left to each individual service.
- ***Other:*** The next Board meeting will be in July. The RFP for the Regional contracts went out in May, and APEMS sent proposals for the 4 regions we currently have contracts for. The Board will be meeting this week to review the proposals so they can be drawn up and be in place by July 1st. There was an RFP for the development of a standardized statewide QI program but there were no bids on it. The proposed rules have been approved and are now posted, retroactively effective date January 27 2021. Workforce development continues to meet. A survey and worksheet will be going out to all services to gather the appropriate information to assist the Workforce committee.

MDPB (Saquet)

- *New Protocol Process Update*: The work has been pretty much wrapped up and now working on the education to roll out this fall. MDPB has been working with the Education Committee during this process. Dr. Saquet has joined the Data Committee. He encourages all that have trouble working with MEFIRS to contact him.
- *Other*: No other

State Education/Exam Update (Koplovsky)

Update: Aiden shared that the Education Committee met this morning working on Protocol education. The draft protocols are on MEMS' website. There will be online modules available for training once the Protocols go live. PIFT is also being updated, and they are reviewing the current AVOC program.

No new updates from the exam committee.

State QA/QI Update (Petrie)

Update: The newsletter covering Behavioral Emergencies was rolled out in March. The next newsletter will cover trauma. The newsletter will include a chance for providers to take an online "quiz" and get CEH credit for doing so.

State EMSC

Update: Maine EMSC received some money to purchase VR goggles and software for use by EMS providers in Maine. This will be available for use by the end of June.

Other

The current contract with Imagetrend for the run reporting system is up and the Maine EMS data committee is beginning the process to review other potential systems in preparation for a required RFP. All encouraged to attend.

Regional Initiatives

- *Legislative Update (MAA)*: Jay Bradshaw shared that after months of virtual meetings they are now back in the State House and working quickly to address bills. He shared a few of the bills that have been addressed, passed and not passed. Leadership Skills Trainings are being offered currently with information on classes available on their website. In-person workshops will be available at the Fall EMS Conference. MAA is looking to hire a new director as Jay will be retiring from his position.
- *Maine EMS Council Contract Update*: Joe Kellner's email address was provided to all with any inquiries regarding the Regional Council contracting process.
- *COVID Update*: Proper PPE continues to be addressed as some are not following it as needed. All reminded that MEMS rules have specific requirements for PPE and encouraged to review those with staff.

- Regional QI: Finishing up the current contract of run reviews. With the new contract, this aspect will not be happening. Regional audits and helping services develop QI will be the focus to replace this.
- Public Information/Education: It is highly recommended that each department still attend their town council meetings and give regular reports to their citizens to make sure their communities are appropriately informed of what services are being provided to them, the types of calls they respond to, and the obstacles they face.
- Licensure Programs/EMCC: The EMT grant funded class has 34 students and is running smoothly. We are looking to offer summer classes covered by grants as well. We are tentatively planning to offer another Paramedic course in the Fall.
- Fall Conference: We will be holding our annual conference November 10-14th. We have a great line up of current and new programs to be offered. Online education will continue through the end of June then will take a break and begin again in the Fall.
- Specialty Training: Training continues to be offered with modifications to provide the education safely. We continue to offer online training for CEH's as well. We have revived the regional Newsletter and welcome any suggestions.
- NE Council Representative to the Maine EMS Board: The letter has been submitted as requested by the Board. Brent Libby will take over as Chair of the Maine EMS Board in August at that time.
- NE Council Representative to the APEMS Board -Ed Moreshead is one of the NE regional council representatives to the APEMS Board, and his term is up on June 30th. He is eligible to serve another term and would be willing to serve. **Motion by E. Moreside / A. Koplovsky to have E. Moreshead continue as one of the NE representatives for APEMS Board.** E. Moreshead abstained, C. Liepold did not vote, all others in favor. Motion carries.
- APEMS Transition: Rick will be resigning July 2nd and a new Chair will need to be appointed. Sally Taylor will be the new interim director, and the transition will take place over the next month.
Rob McGraw was nominated as the Chair. (D. Saquet / E. Moreside) All in favor. Motion carries.
Ed Moreshead shared his gratitude to Rick and all he has done for EMS over the years with EMS.
- Other: APEMS has been based out of EMCC in the Northeast region. Moving forward, MCCS is transitioning to run a state wide EMS program fully integrated by the colleges. We are working with EMCC during this transition to deliver quality EMS education.
- Return to in person Meetings: Zoom will continue to be used for the Council meetings.

Questions, Concerns, Ideas from the Membership: Nothing from the members.

Action to be Done

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Nothing to add

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM by Rick Petrie. The next general meeting will be at 3:00 PM on September 9, 2021, in Bangor at the Public Safety Training Center on EMCC campus and by Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

Minutes submitted by: Cyndie Dugans