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**EMD Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday July 15, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 8756 9618 203**

**MINUTES**

- i. Call to order: 09:34
- ii. Introductions
  - a. Committee Members: Dakota Turnbull, Melinda Fairbrother-Dyer, Tim Hall, Tara Doe, Dan Mayotte  
 Laura Downing and Stephanie Gibbs both advised they were on vacation and would not be able to attend this meeting. Chair Gibbs asked Melinda Fairbrother-Dyer to lead the meeting.
  - b. Staff: Melissa Adams
  - c. Stakeholders & Guests: Brodie Hinckley, Levi Gould, Cory Golob
- iii. Maine EMS Mission Statement  
*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 committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.*
- iv. Previous Meeting Minutes – April 2021  
**MOTION to approve as written (Hall, seconded by Doe; passed unanimously)**
- v. EMS Office Update
  - a. Legislation (<http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>)
    - i. EMS: LD 797 (AED Registry)  
 Signed into law on 5/25/21. The EMS Office is tasked with rule making which has began but there is no draft to share yet.
    - ii. ESCB/DPS: LD 1291(Eliminate EFD) This bill died without a vote after being recommended as *ought not to pass* in committee; LD 1306 (Crisis Response Team) Signed by the Governor as a resolve that DPS and the ESCB shall research and review protocols and procedures necessary to ensure the delivery of crisis response services under the State’s E911 system, the report is due before 2/1/22 and Brodie offered that this is being

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contracted out; LD 1314 (Social Worker E911 Call Screening) Died in the Senate with no vote.

- b. 9-8-8: Brodie Hinckley introduced this as a new nationwide crisis line. Every state is tasked with development of their own resources and procedures for this contact number. The goal is to have this active in Maine by June/July of 2022. In addition to direct access for individuals experiencing crisis, the intent is to allow E911 to transfer appropriate callers to the 9-8-8 line, which will be part of the coordination of resources conceptualized in LD 1306. 9-8-8 in Maine will not fall under emergency services, but instead will be overseen by DHHS, but a great deal of the work is establishing protocol and procedure for transfer from/to emergency services. Brodie is on the state committee that meets monthly, as well as the national committee that meets weekly.
- vi. ESCB Update

There has been an influx of new hires recently, so they will be scheduling two, back-to-back NG911 classes to accommodate the increase in numbers. The goal is to return all classes to in-person training in October so the last remote sessions will take place in August. October will be the first in-person class with digital materials – the ESCB has purchased 20 laptops to supply to students in the classroom and will closely monitor for any issues with the transition to digital materials. In the last EMD/EMD class, although each student passed the materials, 11/14 students provided feedback that they had a hard time understanding the instructor. This specific instructor has been working with us for a long time but has had a recent decline in health that is impacting his ability to teach. Cory offered his thanks to this long time instructor but advised that we will be looking for another instructor for the August class and going forward. Cory also reminded the group that OUTEK is now a requirement for all applicants to recertify.

Digital materials – There are still unanswered questions about continued access to materials following the initial certification cycle and the cost that may be associated with this.
- vii. Old Business
  - a. EMS Rule 3-A §4(1)(B)(6): EMS Agency No Response Policy

Melissa requested members share any written policy for re-toning or other direction on what to do when an EMS agency doesn't respond to a request for service. These will be used for work on a policy template to share with others who may need to generate or update their policies to meet this new requirement.
  - b. Sub-groups Update
    - i. EMDPRS Review (Gibbs)

No updates available. Cory Golob asked about adding feedback requirements for QA to reinforce and clarify IAED recommendations that are written with vague language like “in most cases” or “as soon as possible”.
    - ii. Policies and Guidance (Downing)

No updates available.

iii. Education (Hall)

EMD & Response plans Power Point is current. The group will focus attention on updating the MPDS Coding Power Point with current MPDS version information. Cory agreed to assist with access to imaging.

c. EMD representation on other committees (QI, Data, EMS-C, Trauma {TAC}, Regional EMS Councils)

Melinda Fairbrother-Dyer has been selected by the QI committee as the EMD representative. Last month the Data committee voted unanimously to add an EMD position and this passed the full Board earlier this month, so we will be advertising this opening to EMD folks soon - specifically seeking someone who is familiar with PSAP technologies, data security, and sharing. EMS-C has been busy with an exciting V/R project rollout but will meet in August and EMD representation will be welcome as the group has recently been doing significant QI and education on homebirths with midwives who are new to professional licensing and standards – as we see more homebirths and interaction between these professionals and the emergency medical system there will be a great need for EMD awareness. TAC is meeting later this month on July 27<sup>th</sup>. All but one of the EMS Regional Councils have seen recent turnover in leadership following the new contract bids/awards; we will continue to share meeting information and promote general EMD engagement and the addition of an EMD representative to each council.

viii. New Business

We will add 9-8-8 to the regular meeting agenda for Brodie to offer updates going forward.

ix. Adjourned at 10:07 (Hall, seconded by Turnbull)

Next meeting is October 21<sup>st</sup> at 09:30