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Education Committee

Wednesday

8 Sep 2021

0900-1130

DeChamplain Conference Room

Minutes

- Members Present:** Aiden Koplovsky, Amy Drinkwater, Stephen Smith, Joanne Lebrun, Stephanie Cordwell, Brian Chamberlin, Ben Zetterman
- Members Absent:** Mike Drinkwater, Leah Mitchell (excused), Ben Zetterman, David Mejia, Dennis Russell, Paul Froman
- Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Melissa Adams
- Stakeholders:** AJ Gagnon, Eric Wellman, Matt Biel, Rick Petrie, Sally Taylor

“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: 0905

a. Introductions

i. Aiden Koplovsky

1. We do not have a quorum. Will proceed, but the group will not be able to vote on any motions.

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of August 2021 minutes is tabled until the next meeting.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

IV. State Update:

a. Chris Azevedo

i. BLS Position on MDPB

1. Received two applications after the deadline. Will be reposting the position.

- ii. Received numerous questions regarding EMT students, clinicals and vaccinations. EMT students are considered along with working field and

hospital personnel as healthcare workers. So, they must be vaccinated as well.

V. Old Business:

- a. AVOC policy
 - i. Chris Azevedo
 - 1. This has been completed.

- b. PIFT
 - i. Rick Petrie
 - 1. Had a PIFT meeting yesterday with Dr. Tilney. He's been looking at materials that subcommittee put together.
 - 2. Tremendous discussion on 2 separate issues
 - a. Education update- outdated
 - b. Significant amount of inappropriate transports happening under PIFT.
 - 3. Two completely separate issues that need to be dealt with separately.
 - 4. At next MDPB meeting, Dr. Tilney to speak on recommendations:
 - a. Sunset PIFT and put onus on services and hospitals to develop program
 - b. Update PIFT as it is with current education and address inappropriate transport separately.
 - 5. Bigger piece is addressing transports.
 - ii. Joanne Lebrun asks if there can be parallel processing with these items. Concern is that historically we've all agreed to this but gotten mired in addressing inappropriate transport- which is not going to be an easy fix.
 - 1. Asks, can we at least get updated education out? How do we avoid this taking a back seat while system issues are being worked out?
 - 2. Rick Petrie – committee agreed that not only would options be worked up, but Pete would get his education modifications to MDPB so that they could be implemented.

- c. 2021 Protocol Update Education
 - i. Chris Azevedo
 - 1. Thank all for their work
 - 2. Received all but the Red section
 - 3. Plan
 - a. Deploy October with 6 zoom sessions and also on MEMSEd.
 - b. Live 1 Dec
 - ii. Rick Petrie speaks regarding needed action by the EMS Board regarding EMT and other Scope of Practice changes.

1. We need a SOP document to be approved by the Board, along with guidelines/standards for training.
2. Asks to work with Joanne Lebrun on this document.
3. Aiden Koplovsky asks Rick Petrie about having one or two meetings to have something ready for next education meeting?
 - a. Rick Petrie and Joanne Lebrun agree- Yes.

d. Filling of committee vacancy

i. Region 1 vacancy

1. Sally Taylor reports to the committee that the Region 1 RAC meets on 22 September and will have recommendation then.

VI. New Business

- a. None

VII. Next Meeting

- a. Date and time: 13 Oct 2021, 0900hrs

VIII. Adjournment: 1005 hrs.