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Examination Committee

Tuesday

21 Sep 2021

0930-1130

Online via ZOOM meeting platform due to COVID-19

Meeting address: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/460163384>

Minutes

Members Present: Kelly Roderick, Sally Taylor, Cheri Volta, Jeremy Damren, Amy Drinkwater, David Mejia, Rick Petrie, Joanne Lebrun, Ben Zetterman

Members Absent:

Staff: Chris Azevedo, Jason Oko

Stakeholders: Eric Wellman, AJ Gagnon, Don Sheets, Michel Mullin

“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 0932

- a. Introductions and roll call

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of July 2021 minutes.
 - i. Motion to accept July minutes by name not recorded and seconded by Jeremy Damren. No discussion. Motion is carried.
 - ii. The August meeting was cancelled due members needing to prepare for the emergency EMS Board meeting.

III. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- a. EMR/EMT skills sheets
- b. Extension for COVID PSE modifications

IV. State Update

- a. Jason Oko
 - i. Short brief on ImageTrend Education Module

- b. Education- Chris Azevedo
 - i. Reviewing protocol education work submitted by MDPB/Education Committee teams.

V. **Old Business**

- a. PSE Administrator Update
 - i. Still working on the policy.
 - ii. Work interrupted by protocols
 - iii. Sally Taylor asks the committee for input regarding looking at early November for looking at PSEA candidates. Discussion.
- b. NREMT AEMT/Paramedic PSE changes
 - i. NREMT is sunsetting PSEs at the AEMT and Paramedic level
 - 1. NREMT maintains a page on their website with updated resources for EMS training center personnel and instructors.
 - 2. Link: <https://www.nremt.org/Document/ALS-Redesign>
 - ii. Joanne Lebrun
 - 1. This seems to fall into alignment with the discussions the committee had with Dr. Applegate and NREMT.
 - 2. This is great, and we should begin figuring out how we want to process EMR/EMT in the interim.
 - iii. Don Sheets
 - 1. Expresses concerns about maintaining an exam process that Registry has already stated that they can't validate.
 - iv. Eric Wellman
 - 1. Echoes Don Sheet's concerns and advises that the committee should be cautious about how we proceed from here.
 - v. Discussion among the group
 - 1. Still have a need to maintain what we have until a replacement is ready.
 - 2. Still need to put some effort into current exam to update. Discussion ensues.
 - 3. Joanne Lebrun
 - a. Should we bring this to the Board soon and inform them of this dilemma and see if we can get them to support us moving forward and mapping out a new pathway? This way we get their support first, before we do additional work?
 - b. Discussion amongst the group.
 - 4. Sally Taylor asks if the committee would like to ask to get this item on the Board agenda for October for discussion?
 - a. It is agreed by the group that this should be done.
- c. Exam Scenario Revision
 - i. Sally Taylor discusses progress with the group
 - 1. Group- Michel Mullin, Cheri Volta, Amy Drinkwater, Sally Taylor

2. Little progress due to operations tempo.
- ii. Joanne Lebrun
 1. Asks to discuss whether or not the committee would commit to the work of developing entirely new scenarios, if the NREMT exams were changing and if EMR/EMT licensure would change as a result?
- iii. Discussion amongst the group.

VI. New Business

- a. Extension for COVID PSE modifications
 - i. Discussion regarding the need to extend the COVID modifications to PSE process.
 - ii. Motion by Cheri Volta to ask for COVID extension to 30 Jun 2022, seconded by Kelly Roderick. No discussion. Motion carried.
 - iii. Chris Azevedo will submit this for agenda item for the October EMS Board meeting. Will request extension to June 2022

VII. Next Meeting

- a. Date and Time: 19 Oct 2021 at 0930 hrs

VIII. Adjournment: Amy Drinkwater makes the motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ben Zetterman. Meeting is adjourned at 1041 hrs