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## INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday September 23, 2021 09:00-10:30

ZOOM: <https://maine-ems-gov.zoom.us/j/91542570561>

### MINUTES

Call to Order at 09:02

Members Present: Tim Beals, Joe Kellner, Amy Drinkwater, Judy Gerrish, Laura Downing, Joe Conley

Staff: Melissa Adams, Griffin Bourassa

Office of Attorney General (OAG): Ron Guay

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#### Case Reviews

1. Informal Review (09:05) – Case 21-168

**Summary 21-168:** A licensee allegedly responded to a request for service and provided care while intoxicated.

Beals and Drinkwater abstained from the discussion but were available to answer questions from committee members regarding their first-hand interactions with the licensee.

***MOTION: The Committee recommends tabling case 21-168 to allow staff to work with the licensee to voluntarily seek an evaluation for substance abuse disorder and participate in an informal conference. (Gerrish, seconded by Downing; unanimous of those present)***

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***Roll call vote:***

***Kellner – yes***

***Conley – abstain***

***Downing – yes***

***Gerrish - yes***

***Drinkwater – abstain***

***Beals – abstain***

Old Business

New Business

1. Material Violation Consideration (Melissa, Discussion led by AAG)

Discussion on whether it may be appropriate for the committee to preliminarily review and consider material that forms the basis of a complaint, for situations in which it is not obvious to the licensing agent(s) “If true, does the material violation rise to the level of licensing action consistent with MRS 32§90-A?”. The purpose of this preliminary review and consideration would be to direct licensing agent(s) to docket the complaint for further investigation or perform a staff review and referral to other, more appropriate resources.

(Downing left the meeting for a scheduled training at 10:00, during this discussion)

Beals - yes

Kellner - yes

Drinkwater - yes

Conley - yes

Gerrish – yes

2. Action Proposal for Violation of Emergency Rule 20: Mandatory Immunization Reporting

Director Hurley had proposed a standardized LOG for any agency that failed to report for two or more periods (September 1, September 15, and/or September 30, 2021). The committee recommends that any agency that fails to report for all three periods be considered individually through the investigative process for licensing action.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 9:00

***MOTION: To adjourn. (Conley, second by Gerrish)***

Adjourned at 10:33