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Medical Direction and Practices Board – October 20 21, 2021
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Please Note: This meeting will be shared with the LifeFlight of Maine CPC, which will begin at 1100. Please note, these meetings will be virtual.

Members present: Matt Sholl, Dave Saquet, Benjy Lowy, Beth Collamore, Bethany Nash, Kelly Meehan-Coussee, Mike Bohanske, Seth Ritter, Tim Pieh, Pete Tilney, Kate Zimmerman, Rachel Williams,

Members Absent:

MEMS Staff: Chris Azevedo, Sam Hurley, Darren Davis, Griffin Bourassa, Jason Oko, Marc Minkler

Stakeholders: Dr. Norm Dinerman, Chip Getchell, Dwight Corning, Joanne Lebrun, Oliver Mackenzie, Sally Taylor, Paul Marcolini, Chase Labbe, Tony Lagasse, Rob Sharkey, Aiden Koplovsky, Steve Almquist, Chris Pare, Eric Wellman, Jesse Thompson, Stephanie Cordwell, Chris Montera, Stephen Smith, Bill Cyr

MDPB Agenda – Meeting begins at 0900

- 1) Introductions –Sholl – 0900-0905
- 2) Sept 2021 MDPB Minutes – 0905-0910
 - a. Dr. Nash motions to accept the September meeting minutes. Motion is seconded by Dr. Zimmerman. No discussion. Motion passes
- 3) State Update – 0910-0925 – Director Hurley
 - a. Working with OBH for distribution of naloxone kits for service dispensation. Aiming to be accomplished before the end of the year. Training is completed. Will be putting this on MEMSEd asap. Training will take about an hour to go through. This training was developed in collaboration with a medical student from Tufts University.
 - i. Dr. Sholl discusses possibility of working with a second student on research projects related to this program.
 - b. Maine EMS is working on service center for the CP and systems of care coordinator.
 - i. This has gone to the DPS Commissioner. Working diligently on getting this online.
 - ii. Substance use disorder position will hopefully be available as well.
 - c. Maine EMS has applied for another grant to support the QI project that no one submitted a bid for.
 - d. Dr. Sholl adds conversations with the CARES group. They have 20 – 30% of the states enrolled. Maine is looking to get back into this somewhere around quarter 1 of next year.
 - i. Director Hurley- much of this is dependent upon extracting outcome data. Will most likely have to hire a contractor for data extraction. This was historically done via contract.
 - e. Directory Hurley - also working on the physician field provider program
 - f. BLS Position Status- Dr. Sholl asks about progress – sending the position back out for posting.
- 4) Special Circumstances Protocol Review – NONE
- 5) New Devices– NONE
- 6) UPDATE –Medication Shortages – Nash /All – 0925-0940

- a. Dr. Nash reports some issues with acquisition of epinephrine. Believes it is a packaging issue.
 - b. Dr. Sholl shares work on development of a Maine EMS Formulary sheet, specific to 2021 protocols.
 - i. Has been working on this with Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Nash, and Marc Minkler.
 - ii. This is about 75% complete. Par levels for medication stock being discussed.
 - iii. This would be added as an annex to the protocols
- 7) COVID-19 – 0940-0950 – All
- a. Dr. Sholl- admissions have gone up over the weekend.
 - b. Director Hurley - Maine DHHS is having trouble procuring Binax NOW, DUE TO national shortages. So, they've acquired a separate test Carestart NOW. This test is a little bit different in how the user performs it. MEMS will be putting out a bulletin this morning. There is also a video illustrating how to use the test.
 - c. Dr. Tilney discusses hospital staffing issues. Working with hospital physicians and administrators to minimize impact on EMS.
 - d. Dr. Ritter- discusses staffing issues, as well as COVID volumes. Getting strained with requests for tests and not having personnel available to perform them.
 - e. Discussion of various service/hospital level coping mechanisms in the system. Discussion of diversion practices.
- 8) 2021 Protocol Update –All – 0950-1100 - 2021 Protocol Education Discussion
- a. Dr. Sholl discusses “go live” time and suggestions to push it back. Currently scheduled for 1 Dec. There is feedback that the system is already stressed and implementation on that date may stress it further.
 - i. Dr. Ritter discusses that this is one thing that came out of Region 2.
 - ii. Discussion.
 - iii. Dr. Meehan-Coussee asks Dr. Sholl about service-based protocol implementation. Dr. Sholl discusses a 3-month “ramp up” time for services to be trained on EMT SOP skills, meds, etc., while still letting protocols be implemented on 1 Dec.
 - iv. Dr. Meehan-Coussee motions to support Dr. Sholl’s recommendation to have the 3-month flex period. Dr. Saquet seconds the motion, given that this is acceptable to the services concerned. Discussion by the group and stakeholders follows.
 - 1. Joanne Lebrun
 - a. I think our EMS system has taken the brunt of what’s happened in the last few months. I’m grateful for any extra time allowed.
 - b. I think services and personnel need time to go back and absorb the materials put out.
 - 2. Sally Taylor
 - a. Agrees with Joanne. There is a substantial amount of education to be absorbed.
 - 3. The motion passes.
 - b. Dr. Sholl shares his screen and discusses:
 - i. Maine EMS website postings of 2021 protocols and related items
 - ii. Presentation for hospitals regarding the protocol updates – high level overview.
 - iii. 2021 Protocol Update Change Reference document
 - iv. Areas of OLMC reference document, listing care situation in which OLMC consultation is required or suggested.
 - c. Discussion of hotwash data
 - i. Dr. Sholl discusses
 - ii. Chris Azevedo shares his screen and discusses data collected and trends.
 - 1. Final version of the protocols – live on the website
 - 2. Link to full Protocols MEMS website:
<https://www.maine.gov/ems/sites/maine.gov.ems/files/inline-files/Final-2021-Protocol-ALL-compressed.pdf>
 - 3. Links to Webinar Registration on MEMS website: <https://www.maine.gov/ems/boards-committees/medical-direction-practices-board/resources>
 - 4. Educational slides – updated after first courses – available on-line
 - d. Review the protocol update process - Azevedo/Sholl/Zimmerman/All
 - i. Items for further discussion include using MDPB Zoom Webinar or MEMSED only and the process for updating EMT scope of practice changes
 - e. Review/Debrief of first three 2021 MEMS Protocol Update courses – Sholl/Zimmerman/Azevedo/All
 - i. Feedback – Azevedo/Sholl – all
 - f. Review additional educational materials – Sholl/Zimmerman/All

- i. Document – OLMC and Hospital Consult List
 - ii. MEMS Formulary Spreadsheet
 - iii. MEMS Formulary FAQ's and Information
 - iv. Hospital-Level MEMS 2021 Protocol Update Presentation
- g. FAQ's to date – Azevedo/Sholl/Zimmerman/All

Old Business – 1100 - 1110

- 1) Ops - Joanne Lebrun
 - a. Met yesterday.
 - b. Discussed protocol update issues
 - c. Need to engage CDC/EMA/HOSPITALS, regarding pressures of transfers
 - d. APEMS offering webinar series in lieu of Samoset in November, free of charge.
 - e. Working on deliverables for Regional contracts
- 2) Education – 1 November is target for MEMSEd deployment for update course.
- 3) QI – meets today
- 4) Community Paramedicine – Dr. Lowry. Committee did not meet
- 5) EMS-c meets tomorrow
- 6) Tac- Kate- MEETS NEXT WEEK AT 1230 ON TUESDAY. Reviewing Trauma plan, doing case reviews.
- 7) Maine Heart Rescue - none

Ongoing Items for Future Discussion:

- PIFT protocols – Tilney/Sholl
- Review of the Community Paramedicine proposed protocols
Kelly – deadline for services to affiliate with a medical director is impending. ACEP is working to facilitate this. Email sent to regional MDS to take a look at services who still do not have a medical director.

Motion to adjourn- Kelly, adjourned at 11:12 hrs.

The LFOM CPC Meeting will begin at 1115. The QI Committee meeting will begin at 1330