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Quality Improvement Committee Minutes  
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“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 clinicians. 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 clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

1. Introductions / Roll Call
  - a. Guests
    - a. Zach Tillett, Aiden Koplovsky, Oliver Mackenzie, Sally Taylor, Jack Indritz, Rob Sharkey, Dwayne Lee Philbrook, Chase Labbe
  - b. Maine EMS Staff
    - a. Jason Oko, Darren Davis, Melisa Adams
2. Modifications to the agenda
  - a. Add the Regional QI Project to the agenda under new business
3. Public comments
  - a. Chip Thanked the members of the past and the present for their hard work and for bringing us to where we have been.
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Bring June to current at next meeting
5. Maine EMS Staff Reports
  - a. Maine QI Plan Development
    - a. Jason Gave an update
  - b. Jason Gave additional updated regarding the protocols, COVID0-19 Immunization Reporting and open positions at Maine EMS

- c. Melissa gave an update about eLicensing and the service renewal application. And there is an EMD committee meeting tomorrow
  - d. Darren gave a report on the data committee meeting today at 3 P.M.
6. Medical Director Report
- a. 2021 Protocol QI Markers
    - a. Any action on this yet?
      - i. None have been received yet. We have not seen them at Maine EMS yet.
      - ii. MDPB discussed a phased rollout of the protocols, but the MET portions will have a three month to complete their education process with the new scope of practice changes
      - iii. Dr. Collamore suggested reviewing restraints and encourages all services to have a robust QA process for Physical restraint and the use of Versed and Ketamine for excited delirium usage also ongoing training and education regarding those protocols
0. Old Business
- a. Chair Duties / Job Description
    - a. No action on this topic yet - there may be some job descriptions for other committees
    - b. Action Item, query other committees
  - b. Chair Elect Discussion
    - a. Do not let sit forever, let's keep on top of this and we will revisit at the next meeting.
  - c. Sepsis Newsletter
    - a. Motion to send it out, motion by Steve, second by Ben, unanimous by all members present
1. New Business
- a. Naloxone Newsletter
    - a. Darren spoke about naloxone administration data
      - i. Advised we adopt the measures as a rate instead of a count
      - ii. Six month lookback
      - iii. Counts of levels of provision
      - iv. Counts of provisions
      - v. Narcan admin to dead people
      - vi. Ventilated patients

- vii. Pre arrival naloxone administration documentation
  - viii. Pre and post administration respiratory rates
  - ix. Dispositions based on dosing
  - x. Todd's RODS
    - 1. Call Todd
  - xi. Ashley agrees with doing some widget counting
    - 1. She also want to look at the route of administration
    - . Alan wants to learn about who administered it, and the relationship to the outcome,
      - 1. When they naloxone is titrated, most are transported.
      - 2. Outcome is very important
        - a. Chip - percentage of folks who refuse based on the dose the patient received
      - . Darren - we do track repeat patients 899 repeat overdoses since January 1, 2021
        - 1. We struggle with route and dose
          - a. One
      - . Volunteers
        - 1. Alan Henschke
        - 2. Jack Indritz
        - 3. Oliver Mackenzie
        - 4. Rob Sharkey
      - i. Topics
        - 1. Urban
        - 2. Rural
        - 3. Super rural
- b. Regional QI Project
  - a. Joanne presented about the regional QI project
    - i. There was robust discussion regarding the committee's involvement in the survey.
    - ii. Joanne reviewed some of the questions that would be included in the survey

1. Sally spoke as a regional representative sharing that the most important question is representing what changes the services have made over the last year.
- iii. Dan thinks it sounds appropriate for what the direction sounds like
  1. This would create the foundation of understanding
- iv. Alan thinks we should let the regions do the survey
- v. The medical directors provided feedback
- vi. Action Item
  1. Motion by Dr. Collamore to say the QI Committee supports the survey at the regional level and cooperation with all of the services and would like the info reported back, second by Cheri.
  2. Motion by dr. Collamore to have this as a quality initiative as approved by the board, second by Cheri
    - a. Unanimous of all present with one abstention by Joanne

0. Other

- a. Items for next meeting agenda
  - a. Regional survey
  - b. Newsletter Update
  - c. Open positions Update
- b. Next meeting date (November 17,2021)

10.Adjourn

11.Motion to adjourn at 1455

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