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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday November 15, 2021 09:00-10:15

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

MINUTES

Call to Order at 09:03

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

Members Absent: Joe Conley

Staff: Melissa Adams, Griffin Bourassa

Office of Attorney General (OAG): Ron Guay

Public: Jason Cooney, Dan Masselli

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Case Reviews

1. Informal Review (Melissa) – Case 21-191

Summary 21-191: A licensee allegedly failed to appropriately assess and initiate treatment for a patient in cardiac arrest.

MOTION: *To enter executive session pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 90-A(3) and 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E) & (F) to discuss confidential details in case number 21-191. (Kellner, second by Gerrish; passed)*

Roll call vote:

Gerrish - yes

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Downing – yes
Kellner – yes
Drinkwater – yes
Beals - yes

Entered executive session at 09:07

MOTION: To exit executive session. (Gerrish, second by Downing; passed)

Roll call vote:

Gerrish - yes
Downing – yes
Kellner – yes
Drinkwater – yes
Beals - yes

Executive Session ended at: 09:30

MOTION: The Committee recommends dismissing case 21-191 based on the information provided that the two agencies are working collaboratively to improve the licensee's clinical assessment and patient care skills. (Beals, seconded by Gerrish; passed)

Roll call vote:

Gerrish – yes
Downing – yes
Kellner - yes
Drinkwater – yes
Beals – yes

2. Informal Review (Melissa) – Case 21-195

Summary 21-195: A licensed EMD service allowed an employee to perform EMD services without an active license. This case was tabled from the November 1, 2021 meeting to allow staff to seek additional information.

MOTION: The Committee recommends resolving case 21-195 by issuing a letter of guidance reminding the Center of their responsibility to use only licensed EMDs and stressing the importance of having mechanisms in place to track licensing expiration dates for their staff. This will remain on file for two licensing cycles. (Kellner, seconded by Downing; passed)

Roll call vote:

Gerrish – yes
Downing – yes
Kellner - yes

Drinkwater – yes

Beals – yes

3. Informal Review (Melissa) – Case 21-196

Summary 21-196: A licensee performed EMD services during a period in which they did not hold an active license.

MOTION: The Committee recommends resolving case 21-196 by issuing a letter of guidance reminding the licensee of their individual responsibility to maintain their EMD license and stressing the importance of monitoring correspondence intended to assist in this process. This will remain on file for two licensing cycles. (Downing, seconded by Gerrish; passed)

Roll call vote:

Gerrish – yes

Conley – yes

Kellner - no

Drinkwater – yes

Beals – no

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Next meeting: December 23, 2021

MOTION to adjourn. (Downing, seconded by Drinkwater; passed)

Adjourned at 10:06