

20211203 Labor Committee Meeting Minutes (APPROVED)

Monday, March 14, 2022 9:13 AM

Meeting Date: 12/3/2021 8:30 AM

Location: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/86103072954>

Link to Outlook Item: [click here](#)

Invitation Message

Participants

Agenda

1. Call to Order 08:32 AM

2. Maine EMS Mission Statement

“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 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 providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

3. Attendance

- [Davis, Darren W](#) (Meeting Organizer - Staff - Non/voting)
- [Aiden Koplovsky \(aikoplovsk@gmail.com\)](#)
- [Brian Chamberlin](#) Absent
- [Jay Bradshaw](#)
- [Joe Brichetto \(jbrichetto894@gmail.com\)](#)
- [Joseph Kellner](#)
- [Matthew Quinn \(matthew.quinn141@gmail.com\)](#)
- [Matthew Sholl](#) Absent
- [Rick Petrie](#)
- [Stephen Smith](#)
- [Tim Beals](#) Absent
- Joe Connelly Absent

Guests:

Jason Oko

Sally

Jesse

4. Minutes: Nov 29, 2021 tabled

5. Public Comment: None

6. Modifications to the Agenda:

1. Joe Kellner - need to talk about the survey on next meeting

7. Old Business

1. Last meeting on Monday had a good work session coming up with six priorities which were then adopted by the board.
 - a. Formally request the Legislature create a blue-ribbon committee to study the delivery of EMS in Maine. This committee would supplement, not replace the Strategic planning process that the Board will begin in January. This Legislative Committee could tackle the hard issues that would be difficult for the Board to solve alone.
 - b. Request supplemental reimbursement for ambulance services to better cover costs associated with the delivery of EMS. Matching Medicare/MaineCare payments would be a good start. The underlying issue here is that CMS is doing a cost analysis, but those results won't be available until 2026. A certain percentage of the additional money would be allocated for First responder services.
 - c. Fund the development of a comprehensive recruitment and retention campaign that includes information about how to get involved in EMS as well as education for services on how to attract new EMS providers.
 - d. Establish EMS representation on the Bureau of labor Workforce development committee.
 - e. Form a sub-committee to begin developing the rules for a needs assessment process and the cost assessment as required in LD 1258.
 - f. Complete the workforce crisis Resolution as adopted by the MEMS Board and send to the Governor, every Legislator, and every major newspaper

8. New Business

1. Move forward with 1,2 3. Board wants a definition. How is it going to be funded?
 - a. #1 Blue ribbon committee
 - i. [Jay] We need to be very clear on what the ask is and who is going to be on the committee. It looks like there is lot of overlap with the strategic plan RFP. Discussion ensued. Biggest difference is RFP goes back to the board for action while the blue ribbon committee would go back to the legislature
 - ii. Discussion on the decision making process and whether the decision belongs to the board or the legislature.
2. Next meeting is scheduled for December 24, 2021
 - a. Matthew Quinn: Motion to move meeting to December 17, 2021 at 8 AM, second by Rick Petrie

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3. Need to solicit interest to fill the seat by left empty by Joe Connelly

9. Action Items and Next Steps

10. Next Meeting Date and Time: December 17, 2021 at 08:00 AM

11. Adjourn at 10 AM