

# December 17, 2021 meeting

Friday, December 17, 2021 8:19 AM

## Labor Committee Meeting

December 17, 2021, At 8:30 AM

### AGENDA

“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.”

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the Maine EMS mission statement
3. Attendance
4. Public comment
  - a. No comments
5. Meeting Minutes
  - i. Change to Maine EMS Staff Representation
    - 1) Griffin has resigned, permanent staffing has yet to be determined.
6. Modifications to the agenda
  - a. Matt Quinn's EMT Proposal
7. Old business
  - i. Labor Survey
    - 1) Joe Kellner was unable to attend the meeting today
    - 2) Table and add to the next agenda
      - a) Jay discussed there is no shortage of surveys out there, hopeful we can partner with the Maine Fire Chief's survey to alleviate survey fatigue.
  - ii. Blue Ribbon Committee
    - 1) Jay spoke about the BRC
      - a) The Strategic planning process needs to be involved
      - b) The BRC needs to not be confused with the strategic planning
        - i) Identify what we would like to see included
        - ii) Support active involvement with the strategic planning process
          - One. An assignment of Maine EMS to report back to the BRC
          - Two. deadline set for the report
          - Three. Able to have legislation introduced at that time
          - Four. Specific things Maine EMS is working on, including essential services language.

First. When it goes into statute, there has to be an assignment of responsibility

1. Dedicated funding
2. Response districts?
3. Who would provide it?

Second. Suggestion is to embed this into the BRC language

1. What is the best way to do this in Maine
2. What would the funding look like
3. Who is responsible.

2) Rick spoke about yesterday's meeting.

- a) Rep. Salisbury is starting an EMS Caucus
- b) This meeting was the second meeting held with legislators and the governors' office
  - i) The senior policy advisor brought up that if they wanted to convene a meeting to discuss other financial items, she would be happy to meet and discuss.

3) Ideas for make-up of the committee

- a) One of the next steps will be to discuss the language with the revisors office and some additional legislators
- b) Support the Maine EMS RFP Process

4) What is the ask of the committee?

iii. Matt Quinn's Proposal for EMT's

- 1) EMTs, who have out of the service longer than six years and would have to retake an EMT course and NREMT test in order to obtain a license.
  - a) The committee discussed the proposal.
  - b) Research pathways to re-entry for other state ems agencies
    - i) Solidify the proposal
    - ii) NREMT does have a re-entry pathway for all levels.

8. Action items and next steps

- a. Board rep

9. Next meeting date and time

- a. January 7, 2021, 8:30 A.M.

10. Adjourn