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Examination Committee

Tuesday

21 Dec 2021

0930-1130

Online via ZOOM meeting platform due to COVID-19

Meeting address: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/460163384>

Minutes

- Members Present:** Sally Taylor, Joanne Lebrun, Ben Zetterman, Cheri Volta, Kelly Roderick, Jeremy Damren, Rick Petrie
- Members Absent:** Amy Drinkwater (excused), David Mejia,
- Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler
- Stakeholders:** Jeff Brown, Eric Wellman, Michel Mullin

“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 board/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Introductions and roll call.

- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. August meeting was cancelled.
 - b. Approval of September minutes.
 - i. Motion to accept the minutes made by Joanne Lebrun and seconded by Rick Petrie. Discussion.
 1. List of members present corrected to reflect that both Joanne Lebrun and Ben Zetterman attended the meeting.
 2. For the approval of the July 2021 minutes, the name of the person making the motion was not recorded. The committee decides the entry should stay reflecting that the name of the person making the motion was not recorded.
 - c. October and November meetings were cancelled.

- III. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
 - a. None

IV. State Update

- a. Chris Azevedo
 - i. NREMT
 - 1. Continues with implementation of ALS certification re-design process.
 - 2. Conducting monthly meetings of the expert panel group. Updates are available on their NREMT website page: <https://www.nremt.org/Document/ALS-Redesign>
 - 3. Because Maine EMS relies on the NREMT certification process and it's model for it, it is important for EMS stakeholders in Maine to understand the process NREMT is using in replacing its PSE requirement, and the "hows" and "whys" of their decision-making in its process of revising its competency verification model.
 - ii. Griffin Bourassa has resigned from his position at Maine EMS to take a different position outside of the EMS field. Maine EMS wishes him well, and good luck in his new position. The Licensing Agent vacancy in the Maine EMS office will be posted soon.
- b. Marc Minkler
 - i. Discusses recent education activities at EMS-C
 - 1. Virtual reality pediatric training.
 - 2. Pediatric transport training.

V. Old Business

- a. Defining a pathway for EMT/EMR PSE replacement
 - i. Sally Taylor discusses possible roles for Exam committee post PSE replacement
 - ii. Discusses having joint meetings for this project involving both the Exam and the Education committees. Asks Eric Wellman for update of program changes for MCC EMT programs
 - 1. Eric Wellman discusses curriculum changes for EMT programs in the community colleges
 - a. Inclusion of greater scenario work
 - b. Instructor sign-off of skills competencies
 - c. All competency work is standardized across all MCCS EMT curricula.
 - i. With the current EMT curriculum, instructors may not always know what they're supposed to be doing. So, there may be variation between them. Most common complaint from students is that they felt they weren't exposed to "something," or that something was missed in their skills training.
 - d. Discusses addition of material from revised national EMS education standards. Also, went with summative exam with cut score.

- e. First dry run is in the spring semester, for the new curriculum.
 - 2. Marc Minkler
 - a. Discusses work of national pediatric committee focus on pediatric skills and looking at the way EMS training programs evaluate pediatric skills competencies.
 - b. One resource that may be helpful moving forward is NEMSIS national data metrics- looking at what procedures are actually being done, both for pediatrics and adults.
 - 3. Joanne Lebrun asks about further practice analyses being performed. Chris Azevedo states that NREMT will be conducting the EMT practice analysis is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2022.
 - iii. Sally Taylor shares Eric Wellman's document outlining minimum skills competencies, defined by the MCCS programs, with the group.
 - 1. Discusses need for joint Exam/EdComm meeting, with stakeholders, to align perspectives and efforts.
 - 2. Queries committee member for recommendations. All in agreement. Queries training center representatives present.
 - iv. Recommends portfolio discussion for now, until joint meeting can be arranged in January. Asks that the Education committee chair be reached out to for scheduling options.
- b. PSE Administrator Update
 - i. Contracts are currently at Human Resources. Sally asks if we can proceed with interview process? Chris- yes.
 - ii. David Mejia, Cheri Volta, Ben Zetterman are candidates for two PSE Admin positions. Chris will send out next steps.
- c. Exam Scenario Revision
 - i. Sally Taylor discusses work by a subgroup on 14 new medical and trauma scenarios which might be proposed to the committee for review for use in the PSE process.
 - 1. Suggests reviewing them at next meeting. Goal is 3 Jan to distribute to committee.
 - 2. Chris Azevedo comments that the scenarios are currently being reviewed by Dr. Kelly Meehan-Coussee, who is a member of the Maine EMS Medical Direction and Practices Board. The reason for review is to provide greater integrity for the scenarios and ensure that they are both medically accurate and effectively realistic.
 - 3. Joanne Lebrun discusses questions regarding Medical Director review of exam materials and discusses principles of confidentiality of exam materials. Also discussed is the question of whether or not the Exam committee can go into executive session when exam materials are specifically discussed and reviewed by the committee. Ms. Lebrun asks for written legal opinion.

VI. New Business

- a. None

VII. Next Meeting

- a. Date and Time: 18 Jan 2022

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Cheri Volta and seconded by Ben Zetterman. No discussion. Meeting adjourned at 1034 hrs.