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**EMD Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday January 20, 2022**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 8756 9618 203**

**MINUTES**

- i. Call to order 09:30
- ii. Introductions
  - a. Committee Members Present: Laura Downing, Dakota Turnbull, Cindy Rossi, Tim Hall, Dan Mayotte, Misty Lewis, Tara Doe, Brian Gregoire  
Absent: Melinda Dyer (excused), Stephanie Gibbs (excused), Adam Clement
  - b. Staff: Melissa Adams
  - c. Stakeholders & Guests: Mike Labbe (CMRCC/DPS-Augusta), Tammy Barker (Somerset RCC), Bob Conary (Hancock RCC), Mike Carter (Sagadahoc RCC), Deb Plummer (Cumberland RCC), Jessica Milliken (DPS-Houlton)
- iii. 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.*
- iv. Previous Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2021  
Motion (Mayotte, seconded by Hall; approved unanimously)
- v. EMS Office Update
  - a. Staffing  
Griffin Bourassa has left Maine EMS for an opportunity with the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad. There is an open Licensing Agent position with Maine EMS now seeking applicants.
  - b. AED Registry  
The Maine EMS Rules Committee will begin rule making in February for the statewide AED Registry with local oversight and a contact person within each

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PSAP. Bob Conary spoke about the implementation of PulsePoint AED Registry at Hancock County PSAP. He reiterated that there is a no-cost integration between PulsePoint and Priority Dispatch for the AED registry, there is a public notification system product available as well but this comes with a cost and they have chosen not to implement that right now.

c. Committee Updates

The Maine EMS QI Committee is working on a Naloxone Newsletter. Melissa and Melinda have identified that Narcan administration instructions can not be queried in Priority Dispatch and have been working to determine if there is a way to query the data through AQUA. We have reached out to Ryan Caizzo for help with this. If it is possible, we will distribute instructions for retrieving and submitting the data through a Google survey form like we have done in the past. The Committee has started planning for the next newsletter, which will focus on Safety in EMS, particularly on response modes relative to EMD determinant levels. Because there is no coordinated data system that follows an EMS call from the 911 data system, through Priority Dispatch and CAD systems, to the electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) we rely on the times and EMD information that providers receive upon dispatch to be manually entered into the ePCR system for this data. The Data Committee is aware of the disconnected data systems and the barriers that this presents.

vi. ESCB Update – Unavailable

vii. Old Business

a. 9-8-8 Update

Brodie advised that the state panel is meeting again on Monday, January 24. They have been discussing the barriers to sharing location data during transfers between 988 and 911. Brodie's advice for the federal panel is that Maine will not be ready to do transfers between 988 and 911 by July of 2022 for this reason. Stakeholders are waiting for the legislatively directed report from the ESCB, which should be published within the next couple of weeks as they must present it to the legislature in February. There have been several studies regarding the impact 988 will have to relieve 911 call volume. National numbers indicate that approximately 10% of mental health calls are "low risk" and eligible for transfer, this equates to a significant volume of calls statewide that would be redirected to more appropriate services, relieving public safety resources.

b. Sub-groups Update

i. EMDPRS Review - Unavailable

ii. Policies and Guidance

Laura has drafted a letter for the ski-areas to evaluate their resources. She will work with Melissa to add this to the SharePoint folder for review and comment before we send it out.

iii. Education

Melissa will add the presentation created for EMS Services on *Developing a Safety Program & Dispatch Agreement* to the SharePoint sub-group folder for reference.

c. Quality Assurance

Melissa is seeking input and ideas, or even documentation of work previously done to identify the needs that EMD Centers have for support to meet quality assurance requirements.

viii. New Business

a. Chairperson Nominations

We have not received any nominations to consider electing a new Chairperson. We will seek these and follow up at the next meeting.

ix. Adjourn 10:01 (Doe, seconded by Downing)

Next meeting is April 21, 2022 at 09:00