

20220225 Labor Committee Minutes (Approved)

Friday, February 25, 2022 8:00 AM



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Meeting Subject: Maine EMS Labor Committee
Meeting Date: February 25, 2022 08:00 AM
Location: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/84091522029?pwd=VndqMUYweTl2ZFdUSzF0dk53cnBrZz09>

Agenda

1. Call to Order 08:02 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](#)
- [Jay Bradshaw](#)
- [Joe Brichetto \(jbrichetto894@gmail.com\)](#)
- [Joseph Kellner](#)
- [Matthew Quinn \(matthew.quinn141@gmail.com\)](#)
- [Matthew Sholl](#)
- [Rick Petrie](#)
- [Stephen Smith](#)
- [Tim Beals](#)

Guests:

Liepold-4903
Jason Oko
Melissa Adams
Chase Labbe
Ashley Moody

4. Minutes: Feb 11, 2022

1. Motion to accept by Joe Kellner
2. Seconded by Rick Petrie
3. Vote

[Aiden Koplovsky \(aikoplovsk@gmail.com\)](mailto:aikoplovsk@gmail.com)
 [Brian Chamberlin](#)
 [Jay Bradshaw](#) Abstain
 [Joe Brichetto \(jbrichetto894@gmail.com\)](mailto:jbrichetto894@gmail.com) Absent
 [Joseph Kellner](#)
 [Matthew Quinn \(matthew.quinn141@gmail.com\)](mailto:matthew.quinn141@gmail.com)
 [Matthew Sholl](#) Absent
 [Rick Petrie](#)
 [Stephen Smith](#)
 [Tim Beals](#) Absent

5. Public Comment:

6. Modifications to the Agenda:

1. Note: Meeting to adjourn at 0850 for Maine EMS Board meeting

7. Old Business

1. Labor Survey

- a. Darren to follow up

2. Re-entry Plan

- a. Review proposal from Rick
 - i. [Rick] - Massachusetts has already done something similar. The proposal is similar to theirs. Dates are in Red as they are open to discussion.
 - ii. [Jay] had a discussion with number 2. Makes it sound like we would endorse someone who does not have a license but works as a ems provider. Does not want to provide amnesty to someone who does not have a license.
 - iii. [Joe Kellner] Would use word affiliated
 - iv. [Jay] the problem is the phrase currently working as an EMS provider.
 - v. [Rick] proposes a change of working to "You are affiliated with, and actively working for a licensed EMS Service.
 - vi. Discussion on whether this meets goal.
 - vii. [Melissa] Questions about application. Requests clarification on requirements and application. Should include 2019 protocol update and the statement of 40 hours of general education. It should also cite the specific rules to be waived.

viii. **TIM BEALS JOIN at 0820**

ix. [Jay] The committee should take on dressing up the document and making sure it is ready for the board.

x. [Stephen] Can we get access to the 2019 protocol update.

1) Darren to follow up with Chris

xi. [Joe Kellner] Need to specify the scope/license level of the protocol that would be applicable to EMT. Also recommend that the proposal include the answers to the 5 questions.

xii. [Jay] should change the dates to reflect when this goes before the board and this document needs further work before going before the board.

xiii. [Stephen] what does this mean at the end of the year of the temporary license.

1) [Jay] Suggests after 1 year should follow normal licensing process.

2) [Rick] Should the 40 hours be part of the requirement to receive a temporary license or should it be moved to license after the temporary license. How would the group

3) [Aiden] we are talking two different things, the waiver and then the licensure after the waiver. We could direct people to the Nation registry process.

xiv. [Stephen] Goals to rewrite to move this to the April Board meeting.

xv. [Rick] should we strike #5 (40 hours general)

1) [Stephen] Thinks we should.

2) [Stephen] Reword 1-4

3) Jason Oko sent the 2019 protocol update to Stephen

3. Establish EMS representation on the Bureau of Labor workforce Development Committee

a. To be brought to the Board

4. Subcommittee to begin developing the rules for needs assessment process and the cost assessment

a. Should be something for the EMS Financial Health Committee

8. New Business

9. Action Items and Next Steps

10. Next Meeting Date and Time: March 11, 2022 08:30 AM

11. Adjourn at 0857

Parking Lot:

- **Maine EMS Staffing Coalition Report**
 - a. Discussion about what additional information could be sought in this survey that we didn't capture in the multiple vaccination reporting surveys completed by services in November and December. It is the committee's understanding that Maine EMS has the data to answer the question posed by the Board as to how many clinicians left services due to the vaccine mandate.
 - i. Kellner will bring this item back to the Board for clarification.

- **Request for supplemental reimbursement**

- **Fund the development of a comprehensive recruitment and retention campaign**

- **Essential Services**