

20220310 EMS Financial Health Committee Minutes (DRAFT)

Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:23 AM

Meeting Date: 3/10/2022 11:00 AM

Location: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/83735310072?pwd=aGdVOXExMlhYdzh6QlNvSkVpTlptZz09>

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Invitation Message

Participants

- [Davis, Darren W](#) (Staff, Non-voting)
- [Andy Turcotte, Paramedic](#) - Maine EMS Board
- [John Martel, MD, Ph.D](#) - Maine EMS Board
- [Joseph Kellner](#) - Maine EMS Board
- [Bell, Thomas W](#) Maine Bureau of Insurance
- [Harrington, Karynlee](#) Maine Health Data Organization
- rrussell@nemhs.com Maine Ambulance Association
- [Katherine Pelletreau](#) MeAHP Representative

Agenda

1. Call to order 11:02 AM by Joseph Kellner
2. Reading of the 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](#) (Staff, Non-voting)
- [Andy Turcotte, Paramedic](#) - Maine EMS Board, Municipal Rep
- [John Martel, MD, Ph.D](#) - Maine EMS Board
- [Joseph Kellner](#) - Maine EMS Board, Hospital Representative
- [Bell, Thomas W](#) Maine Bureau of Insurance
- [Harrington, Karynlee](#) Maine Health Data Organization
- [Butch Russell](#) Maine Ambulance Association
- [Katherine Pelletreau](#) MeAHP Representative

Public

4. Prior Minutes

- a. Minutes for 20220214
- b. Motion to accept: Andy Turcotte
- c. Seconded: Dr Martel
- d. Vote

- [Andy Turcotte, Paramedic](#) - Maine EMS Board
- [John Martel, MD, Ph.D](#) - Maine EMS Board
- [Joseph Kellner](#) - Maine EMS Board
- [Bell, Thomas W](#) Maine Bureau of Insurance **abstain, was not present**
- [Harrington, Karynlee](#) Maine Health Data Organization **absent**



rrussell@nemhs.com Maine Ambulance Association abstain, was not present

[Katherine Pelletreau](#) MeAHP Representative absent

5. Public Comment

- a. None

6. Modifications to the agenda

- a. None

7. Old Business

- a. Update on action items

- MEMS Social Media Blast (Tweet, FB, Website, Gov Delivery (All Clinicians union Service Chiefs))
- Joe Kellner Maine Ambulance Association (1 rep) Make inquiry to Jay Bradshaw
- Joe Kellner MeAHP Representative; [Katherine Pelletreau](#)
- Darren Davis 1 bureau of insurance representative Thomas Bell
- Joe Kellner 1 Maine Health Data Organization Representative

8. New Business

- a. Overview:

- b. Review legislative language on committee deliverables

- i. Review of financial health and costs of ambulance service providers and the delivery of services by ambulance service providers.** The Emergency Medical Services' Board shall convene a stakeholder group, including representatives of the Maine Ambulance Association, municipal and private ambulance services, health insurance carriers and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, to review issues related to financial health and costs of ambulance service providers and the delivery of services by ambulance service providers in this State, including issues related to the medical necessity and reasonableness of ambulance services. The stakeholder group shall consider and develop financial and cost reporting standards and other metrics related to the delivery and quality of ambulance services to measure and evaluate ambulance services in this State. The Emergency Medical Services' Board shall submit a report on the results of its review, including any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters no later than February 1, 2023. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

- c. What would work product look like:

- i. Review issues related to financial health and costs of ambulance service providers and delivery of services
 - ii. Review issues related to the medical necessity and reasonableness of ambulance services
 - iii. Develop financial and cost reporting standards and other metrics related to the delivery and quality of ambulance services
 - iv. Report to legislature with ultimate outcome to have legislature shape legislation

- d. Establish Meeting frequency and schedule

- i. Butch suggest meetings twice a month with significant support from remainder of committee
 - ii. Next Meeting: April 13, 2022 @ 1300, 90 minutes duration.

- e. Committee Formation Update

- i. Members

- 1) Andy Turcotte, Paramedic - Maine EMS Board Appointed
 - 2) John Martel, MD, Ph.D - Maine EMS Board Appointed
 - 3) Joseph Kellner - Maine EMS Board Appointed

- 4) **Maine Ambulance Association (1 rep) Butch Russell**
- 5) Rural Municipal Ambulance
- 6) Rural Non-Municipal Ambulance
- 7) Non-Rural Municipal Ambulance
- 8) Non-Rural Non-Municipal Ambulance Service
- 9) Non-Transporting Ambulance Service
- 10) **MeAHP Representative - Katherine Pelletreau**
- 11) 1 Representative of a health plan based in Maine
- 12) 1 Representative of a for profit health plan
- 13) 1 Representative of a non-profit health plan
- 14) **1 bureau of insurance representative - Thomas Bell**
- 15) **1 Maine Health Data Organization Representative - Karynlee Harrington**

- f. Karynlee Harrington suggested she serve as an ex-officio member providing technical/data advice without voting privileges. She will seek guidance from her board.
 - i. Joseph Kellner to address with Maine EMS Board

9. Action Items

- a. [Darren Davis] Send out blast for committee membership
- b. [Karynlee Harrington] seek guidance from her board on whether she should be a voting member or ex-officio member
 - i. [Joseph Kellner] follow up with Maine EMS board of to be ex-officio member
- c. [Katherine Pelletreau] recommend persons for seats:
 - i. 1 Representative of a health plan based in Maine
 - ii. 1 Representative of a for profit health plan
 - iii. 1 Representative of a non-profit health plan

10. Next Meeting

- a. April 13, 2022 @ 1300, 90 minutes duration

11. Adjourn

- a. Motion by Andy Turcotte
Seconded Butch Russell