

20220412-Rules-Committee-Minutes



Maine EMS Rules Committee Minutes
April 12, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

“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 clinicians. 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 clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

1. Call to Order
 - a. Joe called the meeting to order
2. Reading of the mission statement
 - a. Joe read the mission statement
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members - Tim Beals, Joe Kellner, Judy Gerrish, Brent Libby, Katelyn Damon
 - b. Guests - Chris pare,
 - c. Maine EMS Staff - Jason Oko, Marc Minkler, Melissa Adams, Samantha Morgan
4. Public Comment
 - a. No public comments offered
5. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. No modifications
6. Past Meeting Minutes
 - a. March 15, 2022 - Tabled **Motion1** Brent, Tim, unanimous of all those present
 - b. March 29, 2022 - No quorum, Notes will be published
7. Old Business
 - a. AED Chapter approval
 - i. **Motion2** to approve and move to the full board by Brent, unanimous of all those present
 - b. Chapter 17 Discussion

- i. Chapter 17 modifications were discussed and approved
 - ✓ Address the variety of formatting & spelling/grammar issues
 - ✓ Add CPAP as optional item under EMT level
 - ✓ Add lubricating jelly to EMR and EMT level for use in nasal airway placement
 - ✓ Add nebulizers to EMT level
 - ✓ Add option of 12 lead monitor and ECG electrodes to EMT level
 - ✓ Add “with waveform display” to ETCO2 monitor
 - ✓ Add occlusive dressing to Dressing and Bandages for all levels - **Need Amount and description**
 - ✓ Add pediatric length/weight based tape/device requirement for EMT and above in Fluids & Medications - **Need Amount and description**
 - ✓ Consider adding rigid extrication collars to EMR as it is allowed under protocol
 - ✓ Remove sheets and pillow from EMR
 - ✓ Move “Masks, pocket” to airway section and label as Pocket Masks or CPR Pocket Masks or similar (and is their guidelines of what type of mask these can be?) - **Need Amount and description**
 - ✓ Add N95 (or greater) masks to equipment requirement for all levels (and perhaps size variety as well) Added Small & Large
 - ✓ Remove duplicate entry of sharps container
 - ✓ Add pediatric transport device to Transporting Equipment for EMT/AEMT/Paramedic
 - ✓ Remove reflective safety vest from transporting equipment in section §9 and add requirement for EMR in Personal protective & safety equipment

ii. **Motion3** to approve Chapter 17 by Tim, Second by Brent, unanimous of all those present

c. Junior EMS Program Rules

d. Code of Ethics

- i. The code of ethics was discussed and the committee had issues with several of the bullet points in the code of ethics
 1. The social media bullet point was over reaching
 2. The protected status bullet point did not cover all protected status
 3. The overall feeling was the code of ethics was vague and an opportunity to hold people accountable for opinions

- 4. Samantha Morgan AAG, Joe Kellner, And Judy spoke to how having a code of ethics would be helpful to the investigation committee and to the AAG when presiding over a hearing
- 5. **Motion4** to table by Judy, Brent, unanimous of all those present

8. New Business

a. Protocol Education

- i. *Suggestions - Add to Chapter 3 § 3(3-B)*
- ii. *A licensee may perform emergency medical treatment when:*
 - 1. *The licensee practices in accordance with Maine EMS protocol, and*
 - 2. ****The licensee has completed the education associated with the current Maine EMS Protocols, and*
 - 3. *The licensee acts with the approval of the ambulance crew member in charge of the call.*
- iii. Marc Suggested a protocol test on the Maine EMS Learning Management System
 - 1. Free
 - 2. Open Book
 - 3. Unlimited attempts
- iv. The rollout process needs to be defined.

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Brent, Second by Katelyn at 12:57 P.M.

10. Next Meeting

- a. April 26, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- b. Agenda will include review of comments received from Chapter 21 and approval of Basis statement for Chapter 21 and for the Data, AED, and Ambulance Operator Chapter.

Motion tracker

A "1" in front of the "y" or "n" indicates the individual made the motion, and a "2" indicates the member seconded the motion

Member	Motion1	Motion2	Motion3	Motion4
Joe Kellner	y	y	y	y
Brent Libby	1y	1y	2y	2y

Tim Beals	2y	y	1y	y
Judy Gerrish	y	2y	y	1y
John Martel	absent	absent	absent	Absent
Katelyn Damon	y	y	y	y