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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 22, 2022 09:00-11:00

ZOOM: <https://maine-ems-gov.zoom.us/j/91542570561>

MINUTES

Called to Order at 09:00

Members Present: Tim Beals, Judy Gerrish, Amy Drinkwater, Laura Downing, Dr. Brandon Giberson, Andrew Turcotte, Joe Kellner

Staff: Melissa Adams, Jason Cooney

Office of the Attorney General: AAG Samantha Morgan

“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.”

Case Reviews

- 1. Informal Conference (Melissa; 09:00) – Case 21-185, Licensee Present
Summary 21-185: A licensee failed to appropriately identify and treat a patient in ventricular tachycardia.

MOTION: *To enter executive session pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 90-A(3) and 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E) & (F) to receive legal advice and to conduct an informal conference concerning case number 21-185. (Drinkwater, second by Downing)*

Roll call vote:

Beals - yes

Downing – yes

Drinkwater - yes

Gerrish - yes

Giberson – yes

Kellner – yes

Turcotte – yes

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Entered executive session at 09:03

MOTION: To exit executive session. (Downing, second by Drinkwater)

Roll call vote:

Beals - yes

Downing – yes

Drinkwater - yes

Gerrish - yes

Giberson – yes

Kellner – yes

Turcotte – yes

Executive Session ended at 10:09

MOTION: The committee recommends resolving case 21-185 with a consent agreement for a probationary period, during which the license shall be restricted to the EMT level pending successful completion of a full (not a refresher) AHA ACLS, PALS and AMLS course; the licensee may perform up to the paramedic level during scheduled preceptorship response with a paramedic level provider, for which the licensee must document 25 emergency response calls; after successful completion of required training and preceptorship, the license shall be reinstated to the Paramedic level, and the licensee must coordinate a quality assurance review, by a qualified reviewer, for 100% of subsequent patient encounters for a minimum of 50 emergency calls. (Giberson, seconded by Turcotte; passed)

Roll call vote:

Beals - yes

Downing – yes

Drinkwater - yes

Gerrish - yes

Giberson – yes

Kellner – yes

Turcotte – yes

Application Reviews

1. Alviar EMT Application

Beals recused himself and was placed in the waiting room.

Summary: The applicant failed to disclose criminal history on their new application for an EMT license. The conviction eligible for consideration is reckless conduct, a class D misdemeanor, in 2014.

MOTION: The committee recommends issuing the license with a letter of guidance citing the importance of disclosing all criminal convictions pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §90-

C.; the letter is to remain on file for two licensing cycles. (Kellner, second by Giberson; passed)

Roll call vote:

Beals - recused

Downing – yes

Drinkwater - yes

Gerrish - yes

Giberson – yes

Kellner – yes

Turcotte – yes

2. Speckin EMT Application

Summary: The applicant has a conviction for two counts of OUI, a class D misdemeanor, in 2016.

MOTION: The committee recommends issuing the license. (Gerrish, second by Drinkwater; passed)

Roll call vote:

Beals - yes

Downing – yes

Drinkwater - yes

Gerrish - yes

Giberson – yes

Kellner – yes

Turcotte – yes

3. Tibbetts Application

Summary: The applicant has a conviction for unlawful possession of a scheduled drug, a class E misdemeanor, in 2015.

MOTION: To table this review and invite the applicant to the next meeting for an informal review. (Drinkwater, second by Downing; passed)

Roll call vote:

Beals - yes

Downing – yes

Drinkwater - yes

Gerrish - yes

Giberson – yes

Kellner – yes

Turcotte – yes

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Next meeting: May 26, 2022; 09:00

MOTION to adjourn at 10:36. (Drinkwater, second by Giberson; no objection)