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Education Committee

Wednesday
11 May 2022
0900-1130

Online via ZOOM platform:

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Minutes

Members Present: Mike Drinkwater, Amy Drinkwater, Joanne Lebrun, Stephanie Cordwell, Paul Froman, Aiden Koplovsky, Ben Zetterman, Cathy Gosselin, David Mejia, Dennis Russell, Steve Smith

Members Absent: Leah Mitchell (excused), Brian Chamberlin

Staff: Chris Azevedo, Jason Oko, Jason Cooney, Marc Minkler, Melissa Adams

Stakeholders: Matt Biel, AJ Gagnon, Theresa Cousins, Eric Wellman, Sally Taylor, Chris Pare, Rick Petrie

“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.”

I. Call to Order: 0902 hrs

- a. Introductions and roll call
- b. Public comment. None

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of April 2022 draft minutes. Motion to approve the minutes made by Paul Froman and seconded by Amy Drinkwater. No discussion. Motion is carried.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

IV. State Update:

- a. Education

- i. Chris Azevedo

1. The Rules Committee has approved changes to Chapter 5 regarding transition to NCCP.

2. Working with the Muskie School on MEMSEd courses which are funded by the Susan Harwood grant.
 3. The office has been assisting Dr. John Becknell in support of his effort to obtain EMS system feedback from all EMS stakeholders. This is in support of both the Board's strategic planning process and the legislative blue-ribbon commissioning.
 4. Working with Jason Oko on streamlining CEH applications.
 5. Working on updates to the Training Center Standards document
- b. Jason Oko
 - i. MEFIRS open forum was yesterday. It was well attended.
 - c. No other reports from office staff

V. **Old Business:**

- a. PIFT Education Update
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky
 1. Letter from committee was sent to the Board and well received. The Board responded and asked the committee to look into education replacement options.
 - ii. Paul Froman suggests sending the discussion back to the committee to look at it.
 - iii. Steve Smith suggests this going back to the services and medical directors.
 - iv. Jason Oko
 1. Discussion of results of data query requested by Dr. Sholl regarding PIFT transports. There is some interesting information in the data query which may be helpful in revising PIFT.
 - v. Aiden Koplovsky
 1. Supports sending back to subcommittee.
 - vi. Dennis Russell
 1. Asks if it would be effective for the committee to develop objectives to be met and then measure available courses against those objectives.
 - vii. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the tight timeline and the Board's request for a report. There likely isn't time enough to make a full report, however, Aiden recommends getting a "first meeting" on the books to lay out a path and direction.
 1. Paul Froman agrees with Dennis Russell regarding subcommittee development of objectives. Reminds all that the task is to stick to the education and not the operations.
 - viii. Aiden Koplovsky will reach out to Rick Petrie to get the next meeting scheduled.
- b. PSE transition to psychomotor skills portfolios
 - i. Chris Azevedo discusses the portfolio which was passed at the last EMS Board meeting.

1. A summary of approved Board motions which are pertinent to education were included with the email of this month's agenda.
 2. Chris Azevedo summarizes the motions and asks if there are any questions.
 3. Jason Oko shares his screen and discusses how training centers will be able to submit applications for approval of psychomotor skills portfolio packages.
 4. Chris Azevedo discusses potential changes to Training Center Standards as a result of transitioning to portfolios
- c. Aiden Koplovsky asks for explanation of the two licensure waivers granted by the board.
- i. Melissa Adams discusses the two licensing waivers that were passed by the Board
 1. Retroactive licenses for those expired no more than two years
 2. Extension of 18 months for all current provider EMS licenses.
 - ii. Cathy Gosselin asks the group regarding students who have said they didn't take a PSE. She asks if this was part of the licensing waivers.
 1. Chris Azevedo explains that, no, this is actually a change pertaining to adoption of the psychomotor skills portfolios.
- d. Training Center Standards Revisions
- i. Draft copies of training center standards revisions (INTERP #01-04) have been previously emailed to the committee members to review and develop questions regarding.
 - ii. Eric Wellman and Chris Azevedo discuss the change proposals outlined in the draft documents with the group.
 - iii. Comprehensive discussion amongst the group ensues.
 - iv. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the need for the group to have reviewed the change documents and developed questions prior to the meeting. Emphasis made that otherwise, the review process will take too long.

VI. **New Business**

- a. NCCP transition
 - i. Chris shares screen and outlines NCCP.
 - ii. Discussion by the group.

VII. **Next Meeting**

- a. Aiden Koplovsky asks for final thoughts by the group.
 - i. Paul Froman recommends that if committee members have any thoughts regarding TC standards revisions, they email them. Next meeting, those issues get covered and we move on. Reinforces Aiden Koplovsky's prior point regarding the need to be timely with review of the changes.

- ii. Joanne cautions against limiting discussion of changes. Short discussion of review dynamics by the group.
- b. Date and time of next meeting: 8 Jun 2022 at 0900 hrs.

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn by is made by Paul Froman and seconded by Dennis Russell. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 hrs.