

20220524-Rules-Committee-Minutes

MAINE EMS

Meeting Subject: Maine EMS Rules Committee Meeting - 5/24/2022

Meeting Date: 5/24/2022 10:00 AM

Location: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/87807888690>

“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
2. Reading of the "Mission of Maine EMS"
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members; Joe Kellner; Tim Beals; Judy Gerrish; Katelyn Damon; John Martel; Brent Libby
 - b. Guests; Amy Drinkwater; Ben Van Dyke; Bob Arnold; Michael's iPhone; Kacie Bragdon; Mike Scott; Aiden Koplovsky; Christopher Paré; Phil MacCallum; Gerry Pineau; James Seymour
 - c. Maine EMS Staff; Jason Oko; Jason Cooney; Ashley Moody; Samantha Morgan AAG; Melissa Adams; J. Sam Hurley
4. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. No modifications
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Bent Motion to approve may meeting minutes, second by Katelyn, one abstention (Gerrish), all others in favor. Motion Passes
6. Public Comments
 - a. No comments received
7. Old Business
 - a. Review of Immunizations Required Public Comments received
 - i. Review of dosing schedule, are boosters mandated?
 1. Dr Martel thinks no.
 2. Brent would like an explanation, but he agrees with Dr. Martel

3. The committee wishes to clarify the dosing schedule, awaiting on an opinion from the AAG on if we can do this without substantively changing the rule.
 - a. AAG Advice - If the sub-committee is clarifying the rule and not increasing the requirements it supports an argument that it does not need to go back to public comment
- b. Reviewing the remaining comment responses Joe Kellner had prepared - asking of the committee has any questions.
 - i. Brent is comfortable with the majority of the responses
 1. Three were in reference to updating the need for booster doses
 2. The fourth is regarding influenza
 - a. Do we need to push the effective date for the influenza vaccine to November 1, 2023. Currently it is November 1, 2022
 - ii. Why not offer an alternative? Referencing comment by Jane Clukey
 1. Dr. Martel - Probably worth talking about -
 - a. Flu vaccines were sort of mandatory, but if you declined you could wear a mask - there was a process that if you chose not to be vaccinated, you could wear a mask. We need to at least talk about it.
 - b. It would be an N-95 covered by a medical mask
 2. This is a conversation about force protection - do we need to say this in only patient care issues or in the station as well
 3. If we add a declination, it may make the exemption piece irrelevant.
 4. Adding a declination would also be a major/substantive change which would require a public comment period.
 5. Dr. Martel asked how many have left the profession due to COVID?
 - a. 731 people responded to a labor survey, 331 responded they work less for EMS in the last year 15.3 % of respondent say it was due to Vaccination requirements
 6. Brent feels we should leave the exemptions as is. Do not add in an alternative for those wishing to decline the vaccinations.

- 7. Dr. Martel feels we should have a uniform requirement across the entire healthcare environment.
- 8. Brent - we need to forward this to the board.
- 9. No alternative pathway was added, and the comment response was acceptable to the committee
- c. Motion2 by Brent to move Chapter 21 based on these comments and the proposed basis statement to the board for their review. Second by Judy, Unanimous of all members present
- 8. New Business
- 9. Action Items for next meeting
- 10. Next Meeting
 - a. June 6, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.
- 11. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Brent, second by Katelyn. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM

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	Motion 1	Motion 2
Joe Kellner	y	y
Brent Libby	1y	1y
Tim Beals	y	y
Judy Gerrish	abstain	2y
John Martel	y	y
Katelyn Damon	2y	y