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**Education Committee**

Wednesday

8 Jun 2022

0900-1130

Online via ZOOM platform:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82789080665>

**Minutes**

- Members Present:** Amy Drinkwater, Cathy Gosselin, Joanne Lebrun, Brian Chamberlin, Mike Drinkwater, Stephanie Cordwell, Dennis Russell, Ben Zetterman, David Mejia, Leah Mitchell, Aiden Koplovsky
- Members Absent:** Paul Froman (excused), Stephen Smith
- Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Jason Oko
- Stakeholders:** Theresa Cousins, Steve Almquist, Sally Taylor, Eric Wellman

*“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:**

- a. Introductions and roll call.
- b. No public comments presented.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Approval of May 2022 minutes.
- b. Chris Azevedo noted a correction made to the minutes that was made by himself, prior to the meeting.
- c. Motion by Cathy Gosselin to approve the minutes with the adjustment made by Chris Azevedo. Motion seconded by Joanne Lebrun. No discussion. Motion carries, with one abstention.

**III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. None

#### IV. State Update:

- a. Chris Azevedo
  - i. MEMSEd
    - 1. Newest courses live on the site are
      - a. LGBTQ Humility training course
      - b. Domestic Violence in the Workplace – course produced under the Susan Harwood grant
    - 2. Updates being worked on
      - a. Working with the Muskie School of Public Service on a Beta site for use in development of new courses
      - b. Site update Moodle 4.0
      - c. Site theme and user interaction upgrades
  - ii. NCCP transition
    - 1. ImageTrend user interface
    - 2. Change-over to NCCP
    - 3. Working on development of education for providers, training officers and regions
  - iii. PSE processing
    - 1. Is going rather bulky in the absence of our former office administrator. However, exams are being processed.
  - iv. IC Education
    - 1. IC seminar upcoming, possibly August, online. More information to come on this from the NASEMSO Northeast Region Educator's Group.
  - v. A clinical bulletin regarding IV fluid shortage has been issued by Maine EMS and the MDPB.
- b. Marc Minkler
  - i. Long term Obstetric education program. This is a standardized course, called, "BLS-O." Sponsored by DHHS in cooperation with other stakeholders. Registration will be tentatively in the fall. The focus is on hospitals that don't have in-patient obstetric units. Discusses currently scheduled courses. Class size is limited to 18 and will be split between EMS providers and ER personnel. This course is being paid for under a federal grant. Class will be taught by OB physician, 2 OB RNS and a paramedic.
  - ii. Marc discusses work at the national level, on a pediatric skills course under development with pediatric physician from Yale, Dr. Mark Auerbach. This course is not mandatory but will be a resource for training centers and EMS services to measure provider pediatric competencies.
  - iii. The NASEMSO conference, in Charleston, SC, is coming this month. Discusses various Maine EMS staff who will be attending and What their focus will be.
  - iv. There is an upcoming change in the EMS formulary document. Discusses the changes and updates.
- c. Jason Oko

- i. Working on NCCP documentation in licensing system.
- ii. Working on naloxone leave behind functionality
- iii. The MEFIRS forum continues. Last meeting was yesterday.
- iv. QA committee is Wednesday. Will be interviewing candidates for open positions and discussing the stroke newsletter.
- v. Marc Minkler advises that The IFT Committee was reformed by the EMS Board. Their first meeting is this Monday, 13 June, at 0930.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. PIFT Education subcommittee update – Aiden Koplovsky gives a brief
  - i. One meeting has occurred.
  - ii. Conversation went well. However, there was no participation by the medical directors.
  - iii. Rick Petrie is working on scheduling another meeting. Once that is scheduled, it will be posted on the Maine EMS calendar.
- b. Training Center Standards revisions
  - i. Eric Wellman and Chris Azevedo lead the discussion, with Eric Wellman reading and leading discussion on the proposed changes and Chris Azevedo writing down the feedback.
  - ii. Eric Wellman suggests beginning with the questions on the revisions that were submitted by Joanne Lebrun. Chris Azevedo shares his screen with the questions. Discussion ensues.
  - iii. Eric Wellman shares his screen with the proposed changes and leads the discussion on standards interpretations #2-#3.
  - iv. Aiden Koplovsky discusses ways of improving rate of coverage by having either longer or additional meetings of the committee.
    1. Aiden will present schedule possibilities for meetings at the July meeting.

**VI. New Business**

- a. No new business

**VII. Next Meeting**

- a. Date and time: 13 July 2022, at 0900 hrs.
- b. Agenda item for next meeting: continue with #3 and #4. Interpretations #5-#8 to be re-sent to the committee, as well.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Russell and seconded by Joanne Lebrun.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 1123 hrs.