

20220809 EMS Financial Health Committee Minutes (draft)

Monday, August 8, 2022 10:00 AM

Meeting Subject: EMS Financial Health Committee Meeting - 7/12/2022

Meeting Date: 08/09/2022 10:00 AM

Location: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/89157735650>

Link to Outlook Item: [click here](#)

Invitation Message

Participants

Agenda

1. Call to order
 - a. Joe called the meeting to order at
2. Reading of the Maine EMS Mission Statement

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

3. Attendance

- [Davis, Darren W](#) (Meeting Organizer)
- [Joseph Kellner VP – Finance, Operations & Strategy](#) (Accepted in Outlook)
- [Andy Turcotte, Paramedic](#)
- [John Martel, MD, Ph.D](#)
- [Joseph Spicuzza](#) Excused PTO
- [Karynlee Harrington \(Karynlee.Harrington@maine.gov\)](#) Absent
- [Katherine Pelletreau \(KPelletreau@MEAHP.com\)](#) Absent
- [Kimberly.LaFauci@Cigna.com](#)
- [Kristine Ossenfort](#) Absent
- [Michael Senecal](#) Absent
- [Rob McGraw](#)
- [Robert Hillman](#)
- [Robert Russell III](#)
- [Scott Guillerault](#)
- [Shawn Esler](#)
- [Stephen Almquist](#)
- [Thomas W Bell \(Thomas.W.Bell@maine.gov\)](#) Excused

Non-Committee Members

Jason Oko
Sam Hurley

4. Prior Minutes

- a. Minutes Tabled due to the minutes not being distributed
- b. Motion to Table: Butch, Second by
- c. Seconded by Steven Almquist
- d. Vote - Unanimous of all present

5. Public Comment

- a. No comments offered

6. Modifications to the agenda

- a. Next meeting
 - a. Cost reporting (Need Sam to be present)
 - b. General reimbursement methodology post current expiration
 - i. Cliff in October

7. Old Business

- a. Joe Kellner mentioned that he will be leaving the Maine EMS board in September
- b. Rob McGraw made a motion to have a public member and for Joe to remain on the committee
- c. Seconded by Shawn Esler

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d. Cost Reporting

- a. **Review of financial health and costs of ambulance service providers and the delivery of services by ambulance service providers.** The Emergency Medical Services' Board shall convene a stakeholder group, including representatives of the Maine Ambulance Association, municipal and private ambulance services, health insurance carriers and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, to review issues related to financial health and costs of ambulance service providers and the delivery of services by ambulance service providers in this State, including issues related to the medical necessity and reasonableness of ambulance services. The stakeholder group shall consider and develop financial and cost reporting standards and other metrics related to the delivery and quality of ambulance services to measure and evaluate ambulance services in this State. The Emergency Medical Services' Board shall submit a report on the results of its review, including any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters no later than February 1, 2023. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.
- b. Sam Hurley spoke about what is needed by the EMS office to undertake cost reporting
 - i. 2 to 3 positions
 - 1) 2 for guidance and technical assistance
 - 2) 1 for data analytics
 - ii. Need to determine if the committee wishes to include non-transporting services which are not currently being billed or reimbursed but are part of the overall costs of field emergency medicine.
- c. Joe Kellner. What do you think the timeframe to implement a cost reporting process.
 - i. Sam: will likely go into rulemaking. Suggest going into a pilot project
 - ii. Robert Hillman: important to understand the cost as well as the cost to charge ratio as well as cost shifting from state and federal payers to private payers. Also what is the appropriate level of service and how to determine efficiency.

e. Measurements of efficiency

- a. How do we measure efficiency with EMS delivery in Maine
 - i. Discussion ensued about:
 - 1) how to measure and define efficiency
 - 2) how to define the appropriate level of service
 - 3) cost to charge ratios
 - 4) cost shifting
 - 5) Including non-transporting services

8. New Business

9. Action Items

a.

10. Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday July 26, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- b. <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/89157735650>

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by rob, second by Robert Hillman

Seconded

Adjourned at 11:25

Notes