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Education Committee

Wednesday, 12 Oct 2022

0900-1130

Online Via Zoom: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82789080665>

Minutes

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

Members Absent: Leah Mitchell, Brian Chamberlin, Cathy Gosselin, Steve Smith

Staff: Chris Azevedo

Stakeholders: AJ Gagnon, Don Sheets, Josh McNally, Sally Taylor, Steve Almquist

“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. Meeting called to order at 0905 hrs. Introductions and roll call.

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of
 - i. September monthly meeting minutes.
 - ii. Motion to approve September monthly meeting minutes made by Paul Froman and seconded by Amy Drinkwater. No discussion. Motion carried.
 - iii. September Additional Work Session minutes
 1. Motion to approve minutes from the September Additional Work Session made by Paul Froman and seconded by Joanne Lebrun. No discussion. Motion carried.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

IV. State Update:

- a. Chris Azevedo
 - i. MDPB ALS Rep
 - 1. Claire Dufort's position is vacant. Announcements went out last week. Have received 3 Applications thus far. Application period closes 1 November 2022
 - ii. MEMSEd
 - 1. Lead instructors should advise classes of any course requirements on MEMSEd at the beginning of class and should establish accounts at that time and not at the end of class.
 - 2. May have resolved course completion migration issue between MEMSEd and ImageTrend.
 - 3. Still working on password recovery.
 - iii. Protocol Forum
 - 1. Next forum is Thursday, 10 Nov 2022
 - 2. Continue to receive protocol suggestions. Many have been covered before. Working on legacy tracking mechanism with MDPB. Many will be addressed in Red and Blue sections coming.
 - iv. Blue Ribbon Commission
 - 1. Encourage virtual attendance, if possible.
 - 2. Last meeting revolved around education and discussion of finances. Eric Wellman and Dennis Russell gave presentations.

V. Old Business:

- a. Training Center Standards Revisions – INTERP #5
 - i. Eric Wellman and Chris Azevedo share the screen and lead discussion on INTERP #5. The discussion picks up at the policy for Capstone Field Preceptor.
 - 1. Discussion of guidance for training center policies on Capstone Field Preceptors.
 - 2. Discussion of standard on Instructional Faculty qualifications.
 - 3. Discussion of standard on Clinical Coordinator Responsibilities.
 - 4. Discussion of standard on Clinical Coordinator Qualifications.
 - ii. Discussion on INTERP #5 is concluded. Review of standards revisions is paused at INTERP #6. The additional committee work session scheduled for later in the month will begin by initial discussion of INTERP #6.

VI. New Business

- a. EMS Board Consolidation of the Education Committee and Exam Committee
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the Board proposal, the recommendations of the Education and Exam Chairs, and the Board's subsequent actions.
 - ii. Joanne Lebrun expresses concern that this was made prior to allowing the committees to discuss the action.

1. Discussion of merger of Exam positions into Education committee positions by the group.
2. Paul Froman asks about the structure of the consolidated committee and whether or not positions will be added to the combined committee or remain the same as current Education commission.
3. Aiden Koplovsky discusses.
 - a. Outstanding business from the Exam committee will be brought forward into the new consolidated committee. Discussions between Exam and Education chairs, as well as the Board Chair are being conducted as to how best to do so.
 - b. There will be one or two members added to Education, to represent Exam business. Discussion amongst the group on this idea.
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky relates the discussions between the two committee chairs and the board chair and tentative structure and procedure for the consolidated committee assimilating Exam work.
- iii. Amy Drinkwater confirms that December will be the first month of merger.
- iv. Joanne Lebrun asks if November's meeting will be an orientation for new members?
 1. Aiden Koplovsky re-emphasizes that there is only going to be one additional position added to the Education Committee.
 2. Joanne Lebrun expresses concern with process. It will take some orientation for all, regarding, what is the new mission of the combined committee, and what will it require of all of us?
 3. Aiden Koplovsky replies that it is unrealistic to expect that we will have such an orientation by November, but we should be working on it.
- b. Education Committee Co-Chair
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky advises that he's had someone express interest in the co-chair position, and asks if there is past precedent for procedure?
 - ii. Dennis Russell asks if, in fact, the need for the committee to have a co-chair has been determined. Aiden Koplovsky relates that, having a co-chair will very much assist in the abilities of the committee to accomplish its work, given limitations imposed by career obligations outside the committee and asks that one be appointed.
 - iii. Joanne relates that the history of this committee having a co-chair goes back to Dan Batsie and Chris Pare being in a similar situation. Having a co-chair was beneficial in that if the Chair left, the committee would be able to continue business with minimal interruption.
 - iv. Paul Froman

1. Does this need to go out to December? Aiden Koplovsky replies that there is also interest from one of the current Exam Committee members who will be interested in the co-chair position. This will make two candidates, and this should be put to vote. Dennis Russell expresses agreement.
- c. Discussion of skills verification for EMS System Re-entry Candidates at the EMT level.
 - i. Discussion by Chris Azevedo of the need to consider that the current process for EMT re-entry candidates depends upon PSEs, which are being phased out, for verification of their skills. This process requires that the committee consider alternate methods of psychomotor skills verification for those candidates, versus maintaining a PSE specifically for that purpose.
 1. Discussion by the group.
 2. The group agrees that it will be important to ensure the re-entry pathway is available for EMTs and to specify what that pathway would look like. It should be consistent and appropriate.
 3. Dennis Russel and Aiden Koplovsky suggests drafting suggestions.
 4. Discussion by the group.
- d. Board approval for update of the reference for Maine EMS Licensure program education standards
 - i. Chris Azevedo relates that the standards for EMS education in Maine, per Training Center Standards document is still the 2009 National EMS Education Standards. This standard is outdated as of publication of the 2021 standards. This will need to be updated. The suggestion is made to do so at the time Training Center Standards document revisions are approved.
- e. Gaps in licensure program “behavioral health” content
 - i. Chris Azevedo discusses the nationwide request from the Colorado Department of EMS consider incorporating additional “behavioral health” content. The content they recommend is gap content that bridges current education standards and recommendations made in their report on the death of an EMS patient who was given ketamine by the EMS crew as part of patient care.

VII. Next Meeting

- a. Date and time:
 - i. Additional work session for Standards Review – Wednesday, 26 Oct 2022 at 0900 hrs
 - ii. Regular monthly meeting – Wednesday, 9 Nov 2022 at 0900 hrs

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Paul Froman and seconded by Dennis Russell. Meeting adjourned at 1124 hrs.