

**Board of EMS Meeting  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Zoom  
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“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 should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

Board Member	In Attendance	Late Arrival (if applicable)	Early Departure (if applicable)
Nate Allen	Absent		
Timothy Beals	X		
Bill Cyr	Absent		
Katelyn Damon	X		
Laura Downing	Absent		
Amy Drinkwater	X		
Rosie Davis	Absent		
Judy Gerrish	X		
Brandon Giberson	Absent		
Joseph Kellner	X		
Brent Libby	X		
John Martel	Absent		
Matthew Sholl	X		
Steve Smith	X		
Andy Turcotte	X		
Christopher Whytock	X		
Kate Zimmerman	Absent		

Staff present: Director Sam Hurley, Emily Burgess, Marc Minkler. Melissa Adams, Darren Davis, Jason Oko, Ashley Moody.

Guests present: Aiden Koplovsky, AJ Gagnon, Chip Getchell, Christopher Pare, Dwight Corning, Jesse Thompson, Joanne LeBrun, Dr. John Becknell, John Brady, Michael Devoid, Maryanne Benison, Paul Marcolini, Rick Petrie, Robert Glaspy, Sally Taylor, Dr. Seth Ritter, Shawn Cordwell, Dr. Tim Pieh.

1. Subsidized Reimbursement Model

- a. Joe Kellner presented a subsidized reimbursement model for transporting ambulance services on behalf of the Maine Ambulance Association. Members of the Board voiced their individual support for the model, and there was a discussion about the concern of non-transporting services being addressed in the model. There was also a discussion regarding the distribution of funds, with general support for a grant. Still, some hesitation came along with the discussion to commit to this over direct disbursement.

**Motion** to present the algorithm developed by the MAA and presented today, including the total subsidy request figure of Sixty-Nine Million Dollars.

Made by Smith, Seconded by Damon.

Motion modified to: The Board resolves to endorse the MAA proposal for establishment of funding for transporting services. The Board also requests an evaluation of funding for non-transporting services. The Blue Ribbon Commission should discuss and determine how that money is best disbursed, with

*consideration for direct payments or grant-based payments, with a process to ensure the funds are disbursed and used appropriately.*

*Made by Smith, Seconded by Damon.*

*In Favor (Yes): Beals, Damon, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Whytock.*

*No: Libby.*

*Abstained: Kellner.*

*No quorum to pass a vote.*

Turcotte left the meeting at 12:42 PM.

The Board acknowledged without a quorum, they cannot take action, but the poll of those in attendance is in the record and will be presented to the Blue Ribbon Commission as is was recorded.

2. The next meeting will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 09:30 AM in person at 45 Commerce Drive, in Augusta.  
Adjourned at 12:56 PM.