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**Examination Committee**

**Tuesday**

**15 Nov 2022**

**0930-1130**

**Online via ZOOM meeting platform due to COVID-19**

**Meeting address: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/460163384>**

**Meeting Notes Only – No Quorum Present\***

**Members Present:** Cheri Volta, David Mejia, Ben Zetterman, Sally Taylor, Joanne Lebrun,

**Members Absent:** Rick Petrie, Jeremy Damren

**Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler

**Stakeholders:** Stephen Smith

*“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 0938 hours
- b. Sally Taylor does Introductions and calls the roll.
- c. Sally Taylor relates that there is currently an active shooter situation that has caused some committee members to be unable to attend.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of October 2022 minutes. No quorum present.
- b. Sally Taylor is asked if approval of October and November mins will be carried over to consolidated committee? Discussion. Sally Taylor and Chris Azevedo will look into whether or not October and November Exam minutes can be approved at the consolidated committee meeting.

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

- a. None

**IV. State Update**

- a. Chris Azevedo
  - i. MDPB

\*NOTE: These November 2022 minutes were never approved as proposed, at the Education committee meeting. Education committee elected not to approve Exam committee minutes due to lack of former Exam committee members on Education committee.

1. Forum rescheduled to 8 Dec 2022 due to Samoset
  2. Next meeting is tomorrow. Work on Blue and Red section.  
Anticipate a good deal of protocol suggestions that have been submitted will be addressed.
  3. ALS Representative. Application process is closed. Eleven candidates. A schedule for candidate interviews is currently being worked on.
- ii. Samoset
    1. MD RA presented. This was the full 2-day academy. Went well. Dr. Pieh and Meehan-Coussee presented and participated in conducting the practical on day 2. Members of Maine EMS staff augmented the Md RA staff in presenting lecture modules. We will be looking to recruit physician and other subject matter experts for the Maine RA as well as to train new instructors in the program.
    2. Many Maine EMS staff presented at the conference, including myself.
  - iii. Skills portfolios
    1. Currently reviewing Delta Ambulance.
  - iv. NCCP
    1. Presented at Samoset. One hour version of a 3-hour presentation that I have.
    2. Working with Rules committee and others on developing a plan to implement the competency verification portion of NCCP. This is projected to be a phased implementation, as NREMT did, working with various stakeholders regarding how to best implement this. This planning process is in its initial stages and will be brought to the education committee for discussion in the future.
  - v. Blue Ribbon Commission
    1. Met yesterday to formulate final list of recommendations for the legislature.
  - vi. Strategic planning
    1. Continued at the November EMS Board meeting
  - vii. New staff – three grant funded positions
    1. Megan Salois – Substance Use Disorder Response Program Manager
    2. Anna Massefski – Explorer Program coordinator
    3. Soliana Goldrich – New Community Paramedicine Coordinator.
- b. Marc Minkler
    - i. Thanks Sally Taylor and all the staff at APEMS for the terrific job they did with Samoset
    - ii. Attended NY and NJ EMS conferences and presented
    - iii. EMS-C
      1. Submitted grant renewal application.

- iv. NREMT is raising prices for exams effective Jan 1, 2023.
- c. Sally Taylor
  - i. Sally Taylor thanks Marc Minkler for his work in BLS-O program and work in pediatric education, both at Samoset and elsewhere.

## V. **Old Business**

- a. Consolidation of Exam committee with Education
  - i. List of “carry-over” items
    - 1. Aiden has asked that Exam prioritize the list so that the items may be appropriately integrated.
    - 2. Sally Taylor will meet with Education Committee Chair Aiden Koplovsky and will suggest priorities and put to consolidated committee for decision.
    - 3. Discussion amongst the group and prioritization of carry over items, processes and projects and orientation. to be presented to the consolidated committee in December.
  - ii. Committee positions
    - 1. One new position for carryover
  - iii. Final report to the Board
    - 1. Sally Taylor discusses timeline for preparing a report. There is little time to draft this prior to December meeting of the Board. The suggestion is made to submit the final report for the March 2023 Board meeting, due to winter holidays and impending workload for end of year reporting. Discussion. The group agrees and agrees to present this to the consolidated committee at the December meeting.
  - iv. Legacy items to be included along with the final report to the Board
    - 1. Committee history
    - 2. Recognition of past work, milestones, and accomplishments

## VI. **New Business**

- a. Joanne Lebrun asks if there is anyone from Exam who will not continue on to consolidated committee?
  - i. Sally Taylor replies that there were some committee members who stated that they did not want to continue onto the consolidated committee due to other commitments. However, there are several Exam members who are also members of the Education committee. So, there will still be Exam membership on the consolidated committee. Discussion on the topic.

## VII. **Next Meeting**

- a. This is the final meeting of the Maine EMS Examinations committee. Consolidation of the Maine EMS Education and Examinations committee is effective December 2022. The inaugural meeting of the consolidated committee

is tentatively proposed to be the December meeting of the Education committee on Wednesday, 14 Dec 2022.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

- a. No quorum present. Meeting is adjourned.