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**IFT Committee – January 9, 2023
 Minutes**

Meeting begins at 0933 (Virtually via Zoom)

Attendees

Committee Members:

Rick Petrie, Dr. Pete Tilney, Chip Getchell, Steve Leach, Tim Beals, Chris Pare, Mike Choate
(Committee Members Absent: Dr. Matt Sholl, Dr. Corey Cole)

Stakeholders:

Andrew Gagnon, Tom Gutow, Steve Smith

Maine EMS Staff:

Marc Minkler, Jason Oko, Chris Azevedo, Jason Cooney, Robert Glaspy, Megan Salois, Melissa Adams

A quorum is present.

Introductions

Petrie calls meeting to order.

Attendees provide introductions.

The Maine EMS Mission Statement is read by Petrie.

“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.”

Additions to Meeting Agenda

None

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from December 12, 2022 by Choate, second by Beals. Unanimous approval.

Minutes approved.

Old Business

1. Committee Chair Update

a. Maine EMS Board Chair Libby has not yet confirmed the nomination of Rick Petrie as chair from June 13, 2022, meeting. Petrie will remain as acting chair.

i. Petrie asks if there is any objection as we proceed, no objections.

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- b. Resolution of language for question on IFT care and emergency medical treatment for the Maine EMS Board – Update on request.
 - i. Maine EMS director Hurley, Board Chair Libby, AAG Samantha Morgan and Minkler met, and the item is to be added to the March Maine EMS Board Agenda for discussion.
 - ii. *"As specified in the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982, does the definition of an Emergency Medical Treatment include EMS medications, procedures, and medical devices in the transport of patients from hospital to hospital?"*
 - iii. *"If not, who has the authority to define the scope of practice and direct care of these IFT patients?"*
- 2. IFT Decision Tree
 - a. Tilney presents on updated IFT decision tree, discussion by committee members on opportunity to review and collaborate with other committees (MDPB, Board) as well as Maine EMS office (licensing, education) to continue moving forward on this document. Suggestion is to have it as a stand-alone document as opposed to just within the education program. Tilney will share with the group.
- 3. Transport of patients receiving blood (Choate)
 - a. Choate states it is in the National Scope of Practice for Paramedics
 - b. Massachusetts and NH allow paramedics to transport blood products
 - c. Beals shares that the Maine Nursing Board has not allowed for EMS to transport blood products, discussion if MDPB endorsing it might have value
 - d. Glaspy shares info and contact for insight on CT EMS allowing prehospital administration of blood in the field
 - e. Tilney asks Oko if this data is available via MEFIRS, Oko states it is not common for clinicians to document medications/blood prior to EMS arrival and is likely better found in the sending facility documentation/chart.
- 4. Medication Administration during Behavioral Health Transfers (Oko)
 - a. Oko presents preliminary data on psychiatric transports from 2019-2022 (pdf attached to these minutes)
 - i. Pare states it seems very low in #'s
 - ii. Getchell states the number of meds given to these
 - b. Discussion on numbers and impacts of pandemic/boarding of patients in EDs
 - c. Discussion on documentation and data validity concerns

New Business

- 1. Data Collection discussion – What information do we want to track?
 - a. What should be collected/documented?
 - b. Petrie suggests a small group to help define elements and data
 - c. Oko suggests meeting with data committee
 - d. Discussion on what is needed and what data might help this search for info. Goal needs to be what is the IFT Committee trying to accomplish vs what data is there and just having a lot of interesting info that does not achieve goals

- e. Getchell makes a motion, 2nd by Choate to have small group of IFT members meet offline to discuss data goals and to provide update to IFT Committee in February. Motion passes unanimously.
 - i. Minkler reminds that if 2 or more members, this will need to be public meeting. Agreed and understood by the committee.
 - ii. Committee members volunteering are Choate & Getchell who will meet with Minkler to set up meeting. Oko will also assist with this group
2. Petrie asks if members feel IFT Committee is moving in correct direction. Leach suggests a focus on barriers of IFTs and what this committee can do to help with any identified barriers.

Next Meeting

1. Small group will report back to committee for February meeting
2. Petrie will reach out to Tilney regarding blood products and nursing role

Adjourn

Motion by Choate, to adjourn, 2nd by Leach, no objections

Meeting adjourned at 1049

Next meeting is February 13, 2023 from 0930 to 1100

Minutes approved 2/13/23