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**EMD Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2023**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 8756 9618 203**

**MINUTES**

- i. Call to order 09:35
- ii. Introductions
  - a. Committee Members: Tim Hall, Cindy Moore-Rossi, Melinda Dyer, Tara Doe, Dakota Turnbull, Laura Downing
  - b. Dan Mayotte is absent, excused.
  - c. MEMS Staff: Melissa Adams
  - d. Stakeholders & Guests: Cindy Bailey (Sanford RCC), Brad Timberlake (Franklin RCC), Jessica Milliken (DPS Houlton), Mark Cayer (L/A Comm), Michael Labbe (DPS Augusta), Nick Piskopanis (York PD), Polly Wood (Warren Rescue)
- iii. 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.*
- iv. Public Comment - None
- v. Modifications to the Agenda - None
- vi. Previous Meeting Minutes
 

**MOTION** to accept the October 20, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. (Downing, seconded by Fairbrother-Dyer; **PASSED** unanimously)
- vii. EMS Office Update (Melissa)
  - a. Strategic Planning & Blue Ribbon Commission

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The [final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission to study Emergency Medical Services in Maine](#) is published online. The report will be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The report has eight (8) recommendations relative to funding; workforce development, education and training; community paramedicine; and continued study of emergency medical services in the state. Strategic planning is still underway and will consider the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commissions' report while taking many other factors into consideration.

- b. EIDS
    - [Maine EMS pre-hospital COVID protocol](#) remains active for all EMS licensees. Step 1 of this protocol is use of the EIDS tool in dispatch and alerting public safety responders of the U21 code. When indicated, based on the U21 alert from dispatch, public safety responders may limit the number of clinicians that interact directly with the patient, modify or reprioritize assessment of the patient, prepare for airborne precautions in both their personal protective equipment (PPE) and selecting alternative or modified treatment for the patient. Diligent and responsible use of the EIDS tool impacts each of the following steps in this protocol.
  - c. AED Rules
    - These rules are published on the Secretary of State's website, they will be published on the [Maine EMS website's Rules page](#) within a few days. Maine EMS will support the AED registry project through a coordinated rollout of information for EMD users, administration, and IT personnel over the next several months.
  - d. Committee Updates
    - Melinda has had an opportunity to provide education to the members of the Data committee to make informed decisions about the data they request and receive from dispatch centers, specifically defining terms to receive consistent data from each center. The QI Committee is working to publish a Safety focused newsletter which includes the use of EMD determinant codes for response planning and response modes among other things.
- viii. ESCB Update  
No Update Available
- ix. Old Business
- a. 9-8-8 Update
    - The 911/988 Stakeholder group has completed the transfer policy for mental and behavioral health callers. The policy is part of a report which will be presented to the legislative committee on utilities to review and act on the recommendations in the report in February.
  - b. Quality Assurance
    - This is a placeholder for discussion and ideas.

- c. EMDPRS Review  
**MOTION** to accept the document with current revisions and present it to the Maine EMS Board for approval. (Downing, Turnbull; **PASSED** unanimously)
  
- x. New Business
  - a. Stephanie Gibbs' (EMD-Q representative) resignation  
**MOTION** to accept Stephanie's resignation and post the vacant position for applicants. (Fairbrother-Dyer, seconded by Downing; **PASSED** unanimously)
  - b. Committee Vacancies  
Applicant interviews will take place during an off-cycle meeting on February 8, 2023, beginning at 08:00.
  
- xi. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 (Doe, seconded by Downing; no opposition)  
The next regular meeting is rescheduled from April 20, 2023, to April 26, 2023, at 09:30, due to a conflict with the IAED NAVIGATOR conference.