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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 27, 2023

ZOOM: <https://maine-ems-gov.zoom.us/j/91542570561>

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MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 13:01
This meeting was postponed from February 23, 2023, due to a weather-related closure.
- II. Attendance
Committee Members Present: Tim Beals, Amy Drinkwater, Judy Gerrish, Dr. Brandon Giberson, Andrew Turcotte, Laura Downing, Steve Smith
Committee Members Absent: None
Maine EMS Staff: Jason Cooney, Melissa Adams, AAG Samantha Morgan
Guests: Mike Mullen, Jessica Ward, John Lennon, Benjamin Wallace, Darron Collins
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Modification to Agenda: None
- V. Investigations

A. Camden Fire Department Application

Summary: Camden Fire Department is applying for a new non-transporting ground ambulance service license at the EMR level, permitted to provide Paramedic level care on some calls. During the application process it was discovered that the applicant, who does not have an EMS license, responded to a medical call for service. Upon inquiry, it was discovered that the applicant routinely responds to medical calls for service.

Action:

MOTION to recommend that the Board grant the license. (Drinkwater, seconded by Turcotte)

Vote:

In Favor: Giberson, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Downing, Smith, Turcotte, Beals

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

B. Case 22-254 Informal Review

Summary: The licensee is alleged to have performed a skill for which they are not licensed or qualified to perform, and it is further alleged that the licensee did not inform the EMS clinician responsible for overall patient care that the procedure delegated to them was not in their scope of practice. This case was initially presented to the Committee on January 26, 2023 and tabled to allow the Investigator to gather additional facts.

Action:

MOTION to recommend the Board resolve this complaint with a letter of guidance citing the importance of acting within the scope of practice at the level they are licensed; to be kept on file for two (2) license cycles. (Giberson, seconded by Gerrish)

Vote:

In Favor: Giberson, Gerrish, Downing, Smith, Turcotte, Beals

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: Drinkwater

PASSED

C. Case 22-252 Informal Review

Summary: The licensee is alleged to have inaccurately recorded and/or omitted material facts from a patient care record and to have violated applicable standards of patient care.

Action:

MOTION to recommend that the Board dismiss the complaint. (Drinkwater, seconded by Giberson)

Vote:

In Favor: Giberson, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Downing, Smith, Turcotte, Beals

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

D. Ramos Application Review

Summary: An applicant for a new EMT license disclosed a history of criminal convictions including felony Aggravated Robbery in 2008.

Action:

MOTION to recommend that the Board issue the license finding the applicant has been successfully rehabilitated to warrant the public's trust. (Turcotte, seconded by Giberson)

Vote:

In Favor: Giberson, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Downing, Smith, Turcotte, Beals

Opposed: None
Abstained/Recused: None
PASSED

E. Wallace Application Review

Summary: An applicant for a new EMT license failed to disclose a history of a criminal conviction of Class D Criminal Mischief in October of 2013.

Action:

MOTION to recommend that the Board issue the license finding the applicant has been successfully rehabilitated to warrant the public's trust. (Gerrish, seconded by Drinkwater)

Vote:

In Favor: Giberson, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Downing, Smith, Turcotte, Beals

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

VI. Old Business

A. Case 22-254 was demonstrated with the Clinical Care Matrix and the outcome was consistent with the committee's recommendation to issue a letter of guidance. At the next regular meeting, the Committee will consider recommending the Board endorse the proposed complaint policy and approve a delegation of authority for authorized Maine EMS Staff to use the clinical care matrix to resolve cases.

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Adjourned at 14:10
Next Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2023