



Maine EMS Quality Improvement Committee

**Meeting Subject:** Quality Improvement Committee - 2/15/2023

**Meeting Date:** 3/15/2023 1:30 PM

**Location:** <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/88689262038>

"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 clinicians. 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 clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent."

1. Call to Order
  - a. At 1332 there was no quorum. We started the meeting with no quorum, but as the meeting progressed, we obtained a quorum
2. Reading the mission statement
  - a. Chip read the mission statement
3. Attendance
  - a. Committee Members
    - i. Chip Getchell; Matthew Sholl, MD; Kate Zimmerman, DO; Beth Collamore, MD; Dwight Corning; Cheri Volta; Melinda Dyer; Alan Henschke; Stephen Smith; Rick Petrie, Robert Sharkey
  - b. Guests
    - i. Rick Davis; Brian Langerman; Sally Taylor; August Felix
  - c. Maine EMS Staff
    - i. Jason Oko; Marc Minkler; Anna Massefski; Melissa Adams; Ashley Moody; Darren Davis; Jason Cooney; Soliana Goldrich
4. Public Comments
  - a. No public comments were offered
5. Modifications to the agenda
  - a. No modifications offered
6. Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. February Meeting Minutes
    - i. Table the minutes to April.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Southern Maine EMS Region Representative Interviews
    - i. Interviews were held in a private session -
      1. Rick Davis



- ii. Brian Langerman
    - 1. After the interviews, the committee discussed the applicants
    - 2. At 1425 we let the public back into the meeting room
  - iii. Rob Sharkey made a motion to offer Brian Langerman the Southern Maine EMS Region Representative position, seconded by Cheri volta,
    - 1. Chip Getchell; yes
    - 2. Matthew Sholl, MD; abstain
    - 3. Kate Zimmerman, DO; yes
    - 4. Beth Collamore, MD; yes
    - 5. Dwight Corning; yes
    - 6. Cheri Volta; yes
    - 7. Melinda Dyer; yes
    - 8. Alan Henschke; yes
    - 9. Stephen Smith; Yes
    - 10. Rick Petrie; abstain
    - 11. Robert Sharkey; Yes
      - a. Chip will forward the nomination to the Board Chair
        - i. On March 15, Brent Libby approved this addition to the committee.
- b. Pediatric Newsletter
    - i. Chip reviewed the topics proposed in last month's newsletter and forwarded them to Marc. Marc presented some of the topics of the newsletters.
    - ii. Melissa asked if there were questions they could answer through EMD Data. It is important to identify those items early because there is no aggregated database for EMD data, so querying the data takes longer.
    - iii. Marc discussed some items that jumped out to him - no transports keep him up at night. 25% no transport rate for patients under 18. 1 in 4 do not get transported; when we compare that to patients over 18 is a 14 percent no transport rate, we are uncomfortable with PEDs as they only represent 5



% of our call volume; BRUE is hard because it requires outcome data from hospitals.

- iv. Transporting separately from Mom, what does this mean -
    1. Not in Mom's arms.
  - v. Sally brought up the pediatric no transport, what the risks are, do we follow the protocols.
  - vi. Alan Henschke spoke about pediatric no transports - MVC law enforcement requesting an evaluation for minor crashes.
  - vii. Is the right pathway being followed to get to that decision
  - viii. EMD - Perhaps choking, respiratory arrest, or cardiac arrest.  
Newborn deliveries.
  - ix. Newborn delivery instructions after delivery from EMD. Placing the baby between the legs is not the best choice
  - x. Chip asked about what we have for data on keeping babies just born warm and dry.
  - xi. Brian Langerman - one of the things he deals with is mental health for pediatrics.
    1. Refusals
    2. Transport devices
    3. Weight-based medication dosing
    4. Refusals
    5. Mental health
    6. BRUE
    7. What has changed in the protocols
      - a. Acetaminophen.
      - b. Nebbs at the EMT level.
        - i. Are they being used, used appropriately
    8. Caller management and call processing time. Caller excitement level. We are managing pediatric callers.
      - a. Can we build a query to share with other centers?
  - xii. Alan Henschke volunteered to work with the group on the newsletter.
8. New Business:
- a. Darren asked about the QI process; how do we address that? From 2019, there are still over 2,000 runs in the status of "needs crew attention."



- i. Sparks a debate of needing a Newsletter on QI, and EMD

9. Action Items

- a. Forward Brian Langerman to Chair Libby
- b. Meet with Chip, Alan, and Marc to solidify topics for the newsletter.

10. Next Meeting

- a. April 19, 2023