



20230419-Maine-EMS-QI-Committee-Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 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. Meeting called to order at 1334
2. Reading of the mission statement
 - a. Chip Read the mission statement
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members
 - i. Chip Getchell
 - ii. Joanne Lebrun
 - iii. Dr. Zimmerman
 - iv. Dr. Collamore
 - v. Dwight Corning
 - vi. Ben Zetterman
 - vii. Stephen Smith
 - viii. Robert Sharkey
 - ix. Brian Langerman
 - b. Guests
 - i. John Kooistra; Sally Taylor; Fred Porter; Jeremy Ogden
 - c. Maine EMS Staff
 - i. Jason Oko; Robert Glaspy; Ashley Moody
4. Public Comments
 - a. No public comments were offered
5. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. No Modifications to the agenda
6. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. February 15, 2023
 - i. Motion to approve by Dr. Zimmerman, second by Robert Sharkey, No Discussion,
 - ii. Chip Getchell
 - iii. Joanne Lebrun
 - iv. Dr. Zimmerman
 - v. Dr. Collamore



- vi. Dwight Corning
 - vii. Ben Zetterman
 - viii. Stephen Smith
 - ix. Robert Sharkey
 - x. Brian Langerman
 - b. March 15, 2023
 - i. Motion to approve by Ben Zetterman, Second by Dwight Corning
 - 1. Chip Getchell
 - 2. Joanne Lebrun
 - 3. Dr. Zimmerman
 - 4. Dr. Collamore
 - 5. Dwight Corning
 - 6. Ben Zetterman
 - 7. Stephen Smith
 - 8. Robert Sharkey
 - 9. Brian Langerman
 - 10. Both motions carry.
7. Old Business:
- a. Pediatric & Adolescents Newsletter time range 1-1-2022 through 12-31-2022
 - i. Pediatric No-Transports
 - 1. BRUE Patients not transported?
 - 2. Patients less than 18 years of age
 - 3. Percentage of informed refusals
 - a. Dr. Collamore worries about Parental refusals with infants and neonates with a fever. Under three months old.
 - 4. Use of Transport Devices
 - a. Transport Safety. Learning opportunity for the documentation of safe transport devices.
 - ii. Weight Based Medication Dosing
 - 1. Percentage of instances where the dose was correct based on the patient's estimated weight.
 - 2. Use of length based tapes, reminder to procure a tape.
 - 3. Top five medications given to pediatric patients that require a weight based dose. Fluid Bolus, If it is Ketamine, given at the correct dose and route, vs agitation.
 - iii. Mental Health Encounters for Pediatric Patients
 - 1. Orange Protocols SAD Persons Assessment, Columbia Suicide Score/Screening
 - 2. Percentage of incidents that have a complete assessment documented.
 - 3. What is the purpose of including this in the QI newsletter?
 - iv. Mandated reporting - reminder of the requirement, and link to training



1. Worth putting in how many Behavioral Health IFTS we are doing?
Length of time spent on these calls, distance traveled.
 - v. Brief Resolved Unexplained Event (BRUE) (less than one years old.)
 1. Not in Primary Impression List. Potential to add this.
 2. Is the assessment well documented?
 - a. See bullet point a
 - vi. Protocol Changes that have pediatric involvement
 1. Acetaminophen & Nebulizers at the EMT level
 - a. Eliminate from the newsletter
 - b. Are they being used appropriately?
 - vii. Caller Management and Call Processing Time
 1. Look at national data, blind the agency and compare nationally
8. New Business:
- a. Request from Maine EMS Board Chair (Email Attached)
 - i. Chip proposes to pull together a small sub-group to draft a reply to Chair Libby's request.
 1. Joanne is willing to participate but would like to encourage new participation
 - a. Robert Sharkey Volunteered (Heading this up)
 - b. Stephen Smith Volunteered
 - c. Dr. Zimmerman offered herself and Dr. Sholl
 - d. Brian Langerman volunteered
 - ii. Description of current work products
 1. Short & Long Term Goals over the next two years
 2. What resources do you expect to need from the board over the next two years
 - iii. Jason to provide a meeting time poll, schedule the meeting and provide a meeting resource.
 1. Dr. Zimmerman - Pause on the work for the QI Manual until the completion of the strategic plan.
 - iv. A small committee should hammer that out and bring it back to the committee
 1. In terms of support, need more support for Jason and Data folks.
 2. Strategic plan - Share with the group.
 3. Get out of our silos, how we connect and how we articulate. Something about where we envision QI might sit in the next couple of years. The QI Process
 4. Review and update to the Maine EMS QI Manual
 - a. The last update to this manual was in January of 2012
9. Resources
- a. [Emergency Medical Services Clinicians' Perspectives on Pediatric Non-Transport](#)
 - b. [EMS Pediatric Transport Safety and Secondary Transport](#)



- c. [Factors associated with EMS transport decisions for pediatric patients after motor vehicle collisions](#)
 - d. [EMS Performance Measure: Pediatric Intranasal Fentanyl](#)
 - e. [Medication Dosing Safety for Pediatric Patients: Recognizing Gaps, Safety Threats, and Best Practices in the Emergency Medical Services Setting. A Position Statement and Resource Document from NAEMSP](#)
 - f. [Pediatric Behavioral Health-Related EMS Encounters: A Statewide Analysis](#)
 - g. [Brief Resolved Unexplained Events \(Formerly Apparent Life-Threatening Events\) and Evaluation of Lower-Risk Infants](#)
 - h. [Maine EMS Quality Improvement Program - January 2012](#)
 - i. www.maine.gov/ems > Boards & Committees > Quality Improvement Committee > Resources
10. Next Meeting
- a. Chip noted the recent gun violence in Maine.
 - b. May 17, 2023, at 1330.
 - c. Motion to adjourn at 1449 by Dr. Collamore, second by Ben Zetterman.