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IFT Committee – May 8, 2023
MINUTES

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Chip Getchell, Dr. Corey Cole, Rick Petrie, Steve Leach, Christopher Paré, Dr. Peter Tilney
(departed at 10:23), Tim Beals

(Committee Members Absent: Mike Choate, Dr. Matt Sholl)

Stakeholders:

Bill Cyr, Dr. Jonnathan Busko, AJ Gagnon, Joanne Lebrun, Sally Taylor, Paul Hughes

Maine EMS Staff:

Jason Oko, Christopher Azevedo, Jason Cooney

A quorum is present

Introductions:

Petrie continues as acting chair, calls meeting to order.

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.”

Minutes:

Approval of April minutes deferred to June Meeting

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

None

Old Business:

1. IFT Decision Tree update – (Tilney)
 - a. The discussion was bumped from the MDPB agenda



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- b. Awaiting the completion of the last order set for medications
 - c. Awaiting a discussion with Aiden Koplovsky of the education committee
 - d. Dr. Tilney will share the documents with members of this committee
 - e. Dr. Tilney has not finished his research on the use of blood products for IFT in the scope of practice for PIFT.
 - i. Does a patient receiving blood then exclude a patient from PIFT as they would be considered unstable
 - f. Rick – hopeful if the MDPB approves the documents, it could potentially be given to the education committee for their meeting in the following month. July or August of 2023 is the hope.
2. Data Committee Outreach update
- a. The conversation with the data committee has not been had yet, awaiting a formal request to be submitted
 - b. Rick will reach out to Darren Davis to be added to the May Data Committee agenda
3. MEMS Board Chair Request – progress report and goals (attached)
- a. Discuss the request and identify goals.
 - i. Rick is in the acting chair position; he believes he will remain so until the Maine EMS board Chair position changes.
 - b. Accomplishments
 - i. Chip spoke about committee accomplishments
 - 1. getting clarification from the office and board
 - 2. opening dialogue with the hospitals
 - 3. A lot of good work on the data side by Marc, Jason & Darren
 - ii. Dr. Cole spoke but was very muffled
 - 1. We have a lot more work to do
 - iii. Steve Leach
 - 1. A review of the status of IFT and where the system is at and
 - 2. Where we are seeing pitfalls that need to be addressed
 - c. Goals
 - i. Steve Leach



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1. Ongoing review and recommendation of scope of practice changes (seconded by Christopher Paré, and Dr. Corey Cole)
 2. Status and availability of EMS units for IFTS, to work with the system and the hospitals to determine the true need for EMS vehicles for IFT runs, liaison with the hospitals to better serve their needs.
 - a. Appropriate use of ambulances for IFT
 - b. To make more resources available to provide the service, or to increase IFT resources
- ii. Chip Getchell
1. Continue to engage the hospitals, not just the MHA. And potentially systems of hospitals
 2. Ensuring patient and crew safety through ensuring the clinicians (EMS) have the tools and education they need
- iii. Christopher Paré
1. Would like to get the flavor of the committee on redefining PIFT to make it more streamlined – feels the current definition puts us into a box that moves us to a definition that is all encompassing based on level of licensure, skill acumen, and condition of the patient. To eliminate the confusion between PIFT and SCT.
 2. Encouraging a statewide level of communication with transparency of what patients need to be moved and when to build efficiency into the IFT system, MEMS support of an open manifest for IFTS, rather than having empty ambulances driving around.
- d. Objectives
- i. Data – What are we trying to accomplish
 1. Dr. Corey Cole –
 - a. a way to better understand the need of transfers that need to occur, and
 - b. the availability of resources



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2. Chip Getchell
 - a. compliance with PIFT guidelines
 - b. QI Markers for IFT
3. Dr. Busko
 - a. Medcomm data for IFT requests related to time
4. Chris Paré
 - a. Supports Dr. Cole and Dr. Busko's comments
 - b. Hospitals have some data on this and bring a simple ask
5. Rick Petrie
 - a. Should we communicate to the board of EMS that this is a high priority

New Business:

Adjournment:

Adjournment at 10:50 Motion by Dr. Cole, Second by Steve Leach

Next meeting June 12, 2023, beginning at 9:30 am.

Minutes by Jason Oko