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 MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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Board of EMS Meeting
 May 9, 2023, at 9:00 AM
 Via ZOOM and Champlain Room
 Minutes

“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.”

Board Member	In Attendance	Late Arrival (if applicable)	Early Departure (if applicable)
Nate Allen			
Timothy Beals	X		
Bill Cyr	X		
Katelyn Damon	X		
Laura Downing	X		
Amy Drinkwater	X		
Judy Gerrish	X		
Brandon Giberson			
Brent Libby	X		
John Martel			
Matthew Sholl			
Steve Smith	X		10:15 AM
Andy Turcotte			
Christopher Whytock	X	9:15 AM	
Kate Zimmerman			

Staff: Director Hurley, Deputy Director Anthony Roberts, Jason Oko, Teresa Glick, Darren Davis, Megan Salois, Jason Cooney, Melissa Adams, Soliana Goldrich, Anna Masefski, Robert Glaspy, Chris Azevedo, Ashley Moody, AAG Samantha Morgan

Stakeholders & Guests: Dennis Russell, Dwight Corning, Eric Wellman, Joanne LeBrun, Christine Mallett, Chip Getchell, Aaron Knowles, Aiden Koplovsky, Ben Wallace Jr., Lee Fire Rescue, Rick Petrie, Sally Taylor, Jeremy Ogden, Paul Froman, Phil MacCallum, Scott Smith, Shawn Cordwell, Brian Langerman, Randy Lowe

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1. Introductions
2. Disclosure of any conflicts of interest
3. Modifications to the Agenda
 - a. Other – Addition of a hearing date
4. Public Comments – Joanne LeBrun announced Friends of EMS in Maine remembrance ceremony on May 25th at 12:30 PM at the EMS Education and Memorial Site (State Street). The ceremony will be held in the Hall of Flags if there is inclement weather.

Ben Wallace – Discussed the staffing shortage of EMS clinicians how he sees the vaccination mandate as a contributing factor.

5. Meeting Minutes – March & April

MOTION to accept March 2023 minutes as submitted. (Smith, seconded by Drinkwater)

Roll Call: (Yes) Cyr, Damon, Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Smith
(Abstain) Beals

Motion carries

MOTION to accept April 2023 minutes as submitted. (Beals, seconded by Downing)

Roll Call: (Yes) Beals, Cyr, Damon, Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Smith

Motion carries

6. Old Business
 - a. Explorer Program – Anna Massefski shared an overview of the Explorer Program.

Whytock joined the meeting

- b. EMS Awards – Jason Oko presented on behalf of the Awards Committee, with a request to establish an EMS Community Partner Award this year and consider adding an EMS Service of the Year and Medical Director of the Year Award next year.

MOTION to create an EMS Community Partner Award for 2023 and add the EMS Service of the Year and Medical Director of the Year awards for 2024 (Drinkwater, seconded by Downing)

Roll Call: (Yes) Beals, Cyr, Damon, Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Smith, Whytock

Motion Carries

- c. Matrix and Delegation of Authority – Melissa Adams, Jason Cooney, and Samantha Morgan presented a complaint policy, a matrix for considering complaints solely and specifically regarding violations of Maine EMS pre-hospital protocols, and a limited

delegation of authority to allow staff to use those tools to process and dismiss certain complaints.

MOTION to approve the limited delegation of authority to staff to dismiss complaints according to the complaint policy and use of the clinical care matrix, with a report to the Board every six (6) months documenting the number and summary of all cases dismissed by staff under the delegation order. (Beals, seconded by Whytock)

Roll Call: (Yes) Beals, Cyr, Damon, Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Smith, Whytock

Motion Carries

7. New Business

- a. Training Center Standards – Chris Azevedo and Aiden Koplovsky presented the revised Training Center Standards on behalf of the Education & Exam Committee.

MOTION to adopt the 2023 Training Center Standards and companion guide document. (Whytock, seconded by Cyr)

Roll Call: (Yes) Beals, Cyr, Damon, Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Smith, Whytock

Motion Carries

Smith left the meeting.

- b. New Application Review – Lee Fire/Rescue
Jason Cooney presented the application. Deputy Chief Aldrich was available to answer questions from the board.

MOTION to approve the application for licensure for Lee Fire/Rescue as a transporting service. (Downing, seconded by Cyr)

Roll Call: (Yes) Beals, Cyr, Damon, Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Whytock

Motion Carries

8. Other

- a. Items for next meeting agenda
 - i. PIFT
 - ii. Chair Elect
 - iii. Committee Workplans
- b. Additional Hearing Date for Case 20-082 – August 30, 2023 at 10:00; Alternate date August 28, 2023 at 10:00
- c. Cancel the July Board Meeting
- d. Next meeting is scheduled for 08:30 on June 7, 2023, in person at 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME.
- e. Hearing scheduled for 10:00 on June 7, 2023, in person at 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30