

# STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 152 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333



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# INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, May 25, 2023

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### **MINUTES**

- Called to order at 09:08
   Chairman Beals read the Mission Statement.
- II. Attendance

Committee Members Present: Tim Beals, Amy Drinkwater, Judy Gerrish, Dr. Brandon Giberson,

Laura Downing, Andrew Turcotte

Committee Members Absent: Steve Smith

Maine EMS Staff: Jason Cooney, Melissa Adams, AAG Samantha Morgan

Guests: Polly Wood, Craig Shane

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Modification to Agenda: None

V. Investigations

# A. Case 22-258; Complaint Review

**Summary:** It is alleged that the licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct on a single incident.

**Motion:** to dismiss the complaint with a referral to the service level medical director to determine if this allegation represents a pattern of undesired behavior. (Giberson, seconded by Gerrish)

Yes: Turcotte, Downing, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Giberson, Beals

No: None

Abstained/Recused: None

**PASSED** 

# B. Roy Application Review

**Summary:** While previously licensed by the Board, the applicant had a case docketed, Case No. 19-060. While that case was investigated and while this applicant was under a previous consent agreement imposing discipline with the Board, their licensure as an EMS clinician expired. The applicant applied for licensure reinstatement under the waiver approved by the Board at the EMT level.

#### **Action:**

**MOTION** to table the application and invite the applicant to attend an informal conference with the committee. (Drinkwater, seconded by Downing)

In Favor: Drinkwater, Turcotte

Opposed: Downing, Giberson, Gerrish, Beals

Abstained/Recused: None

**FAILED** 

**MOTION** to recommend that the Board preliminarily deny the application. (Gerrish, seconded by Giberson)

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

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

**PASSED** 

#### VI. Old Business

# A. Complaint Investigation Policy and Clinical Care Matrix

Jason Cooney presented a complaint concerning cancellation of ALS already on scene, before they made patient contact, then requested another service for ALS response when they began transporting the patient. This complaint was resolved with a dismissal using the complaint policy and clinical care matrix. Jason demonstrated independent scoring of the complaint review from each licensing agent.

# VII. New Business

# A. Complaint Investigation Policy and Clinical Care Matrix

The Committee reviewed a draft limited delegation of authority to allow the Maine EMS Investigations Committee to authorize licenses up to and including a letter of guidance through July 31, 2023. The Committee proposed to seek a standing delegation of authority for this purpose with an expiration date of November 30, 2025 to remain consistent with the expiration date of other delegation orders.

# VIII. Adjourned at 09:56

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 09:00