



20230816-Quality-Improvement-Committee-Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

1:30 PM

“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. Chip called the meeting to order at 1335
2. Reading of the mission statement
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members
 - i. Alan Henschke
 - ii. Ben Zetterman
 - iii. Beth Collamore, MD
 - iv. Brian Langerman
 - v. Cheri Volta
 - vi. Chip Getchell
 - vii. Dwight Corning
 - viii. Rick Petrie
 - ix. Robert Sharkey
 - x. Stephen Smith
 - b. Guest
 - i. Maria Curtis; Evan Cormier; Chief Mike Jalbert
 - c. Maine EMS Staff
 - i. Jason Oko; Darren Davis
4. Public Comments
 - a. No comments offered.
5. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. Strike Ashley Moody from the agenda
 - b. Jason has an announcement
6. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. April 19, 2023



- i. Dwight motioned to approve, second by collamore.
 - ii. No Discussion,
 - iii. Abstentions - Henske, Zetterman,
 - iv. All others approve,
 1. Motion passes.
 - b. May 17, 2023
 - i. Collamore motion to approve, second by Dwight
 - ii. Alan needs to be added to attendance, Jason will correct
 - iii. Abstentions - Zetterman,
 - iv. All others approve
 - v. Motion Passes
7. Old Business:
 - a. Pediatric Newsletter
 - i. Review
 - ii. Jason reviewed the newsletter with the group
 - iii. Langerman, under the improving documentation section can we add "when possible, try to obtain and MRN (Medical Records Number) from the receiving hospital and add to the run report". this is especially important for cardiac arrests, language barriers and pediatrics.
 1. Motion to accept as is, have Jason finish the Overview and the QI Leader thought process and send to Sam, Chip & Dr. Collamore for final approval. by Petrie, Second by Sharkey
 2. All in favor
 - a. Motion Passes
 - b. Next Newsletter Topic
 - i. Cardiac Arrest
 - ii. Jason spoke about the cardiac arrest newsletter
 - iii. Darren encouraged the committee to identify performance measures.
 - iv. [Review 2020 Newsletter.](#)
 1. Use the Utstein Survival Measures
 2. Resuscitations attempted
 3. Comparing Urban Vs Rural arrests
 4. Non-traumatic etiology



5. Witnessed by a bystander
 6. Initial Rhythm of VF/VT
 7. Admitted to Hospital
 8. Discharged Alive
 9. CPC Score
 10. CARES Data
 11. Narrow some of these CARES measures down.
 12. Consider a measure regarding Mechanically assisted CPR devices. Ration of ROSC to type of resuscitation attempted
 13. Timing of EPI dosing compared to? Defibrillation attempts. And first epi before ten minutes of EMS arrival.
 14. Addition of EPI to AEMT scope.
- v. Patient Refusals
1. Look at this next month -
 2. Lift assists
 3. Define a patient
 - a. This is the committee's homework, define a patient.
8. New Business:
- a. EMD Newsletter
 - i. Chip and Jason have discussed this for some time. Here are the challenges:
 - ii. We need to determine the metrics we want to measure, to do so we will need input from our EMD colleagues.
 - iii. We will need to ask for assistance from Priority Dispatch to create a step-by-step instruction manual for our EMD centers to query their data.
 - iv. We will need to request the EMS board to approve this as a Board approved QI initiative to compel them to participate. *Keep in mind, if EMS is having staffing issues, so are our PSAPS and EMD centers.*
 - v. *We will need to provide them a timeframe for reporting the data back to us.*



vi. *Folks that are more knowledgeable about EMD than me will have to draft the newsletter.*

9. Next Meeting

- a. September 20, 2023
- b. Transition to Microsoft Teams
- c. This will be our last Zoom meeting; Jason will send out a new link to everyone and update the information on the Maine EMS Calendar.

10. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Zetterman at 1430.