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**Interfacility Transport Committee
 Minutes**

September 11, 2023
 0930-1100

Online Via Zoom: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/83574145989>

Meeting begins at 09:35 (virtually via Zoom)

I. Attendees

Committee Members:

Chip Getchell, Rick Petrie, Steve Leach, Tim Beals, Dr. Pete Tilney, Chris Pare
(Committee Members Absent: Dr. Matt Sholl, Dr. Corey Cole, Mike Choate)

Stakeholders:

Crystal Landry (C.E.O. Penobscot Valley; MHA), Jeff Austin (Lobbyist for MHA), John Lennon (Bar Harbor FD), Jon Bell (Mount Desert Hospital ED Director), Dr. Jonathan Busko (Medical Director, NEMHS), Steve Smith, Samantha's I-Phone

Maine EMS Staff:

Melissa Adams, Ashley Moody, Chris Azevedo, Robert Glaspy, Jason Oko, Sam Hurley

II. Introductions

Petrie continues as acting chair, calls meeting to order

Petrie notes Minkler is at an EMSC grant required meeting in Austin TX, Adams is Maine EMS staff rep for today

A quorum is present.

Petrie reads the Maine EMS Mission Statement

"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/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this



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Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of June 12, 2023 minutes
MOTION to accept as presented. (Beals, seconded by Getchell)
Yes: Getchell, Leach, Tilney, Beals, Petrie
No: None
- b. Review of August notes (no quorum)
No thoughts or concerns from committee members.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Rick points out that he removed the Data Report because he says that he and Getchell have not had a chance to meet with MEMS staff for this yet.

V. Old Business:

- a. IFT update – (Tilney)
Tilney advised he met with Dr. Sholl through the summer and has finished working on the outline of what needs to be completed for IFT (stability matrix, sample protocols, medications, and equipment). He has submitted them to Dr. Sholl to be added to the agenda for the MDPB in September.

Jeff Austin asked what the purpose of protocols is or “how do we sell this?”

Tilney spoke about the scope of practice table and clinical decision-making matrix. Tilney and Busko talked about being able to do quality assurance on IFTs based on a standard set of expectations across the state rather than by individual hospitals.

Busko pointed out that Specialty Care Transport (SCT) is a billing term and should not be used interchangeably with IFT, as many IFTs are not eligible for SCT reimbursement. Getchell states he has a draft proposal for three (3) levels of SCT which starts with PIFT and extends to increased levels of care that meet the billing criteria as an SCT. He states he intends to present this to the committee.



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Petrie advised that setting clear scope of practice will support standardized clinical decision-making from hospitals, physicians, EMS clinicians, and medical directors performing QI.

Chris Pare joined at 10:10

VI. New Business:

a. MHA Collaboration on Education and Outreach

Rick introduced this discussion as a need for education for hospital staff to better understand the decision-making matrix for EMS clinicians to identify the right transport resource more effectively for the patient's condition.

Jeff advised the MHA discussion always ends with "we can't get a transport" so he has trouble moving the conversation forward without transport solutions. Jeff agreed to put the item on the next MHA agenda to discuss how they can collaborate with EMS stakeholders to identify the issues and utilize existing resources more efficiently.

VII. Adjournment:

a. *The next meeting is technically scheduled for October 9, which is Indigenous Peoples Day, so the State Offices are closed.*

The committee agreed to meet on October 2, 2023, at 13:00. Jeff states he can have a response from MHA for the committee then.

Minutes drafted by Melissa Adams, edited by Marc Minkler