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**Education Committee**

Wednesday  
13 Sep 2023  
0900-1130

Online via ZOOM: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82789080665>

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Joanne Lebrun, Aiden Koplovsky, Dennis Russell, Leah Mitchell, Amy Drinkwater, Brian Chamberlin, Ben Zetterman, Cathy Gosselin  
**Members Absent:** Mike Drinkwater, Paul Froman  
**Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Jason Oko, Anna Masefski  
**Stakeholders:** AJ Gagnon, Eric Wellman, Jared Stinson, John Lennon, Mariah Curtis, Rick 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/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”*

**I. Call to Order:**

- a. Introductions.
  - i. Meeting is called to order at 0900 by Aiden Koplovsky.
  - ii. There is no quorum initially. However, there was later a quorum present for approval of meeting minutes and other motions. Discussion by the group regarding proceeding with this meeting in the case that no quorum is present.
  - iii. Introductions and roll taken by Aiden Koplovsky.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Approval of July 2023 minutes was done upon arrival of a quorum.
- b. Motion made by Dennis Russell to approve the July 2023 minutes. Motion seconded by Leah Mitchell. No discussion. Motion carried.

**III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. None.

**IV. State Update:**

- a. This was distributed via email prior to today's meeting.

V. **Old Business:**

a. PIFT

- i. This is a standing agenda item. Aiden Koplovsky discusses that he did reach out to the Board Chair and others to discuss urgency of the issue.
- ii. Rick Petrie is a member of the IFT committee and is present at today's meeting. Rick Petrie discusses progress IFT committee progress.
  1. Now that protocol work is done, there will be more time for MDPB to discuss the work done by Drs. Pete Tilney, Dave Saquet, and Matt Sholl.
  2. It is anticipated that the topic will be discussed at this month's MDPB meeting and the goal is to have something to have something to go to the EMS Board at the end of this year.
  3. Members of the IFT committee have met with the Maine Hospital Association regarding IFT. They have renewed their interest in interfacility transport and have pledged to work with the IFT committee and MDPB to assist.

b. Report to the Board – EMT Portfolios

- i. Aiden Koplovsky and Chris Azevedo discuss with the group.
  1. A report document was composed and forwarded to the Board for the September meeting. This was also forwarded to the Education Committee members.
  2. However, due to the volume of other material, this topic got tabled for discussion by the EMS Board until the October meeting. So, it will be presented and discussed at that time.

c. Position Vacancies

- i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the potential vacancy for both Co-Chair and "At Large" member position and process for filling that potential vacancy.
- ii. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the open "Non-Municipal EMS Training Officer" and qualifications.
  1. Leah Mitchell submitted a definition for this position as follows:
    - a. "The person directly in charge of the coordination and delivery of EMS education with the non-municipal service."
    - b. Discussion of this definition by the group.
  2. Motion made by Joanne Lebrun and seconded by Dennis Russell to accept the following as the definition for the position, "A person involved in coordination or delivery of EMS education within the non-municipal service."
  3. Discussion by the group.
  4. The motion is carried.

- d. AEMT Student Minimum Competencies (SMC)
  - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses.
    - 1. The NASEMSO document outlining the requirements has been distributed to the committee.
    - 2. A second document outlining a starting point for AEMT SMC standards in Maine has also been distributed to the group for review and consideration for discussion at next month's and future meetings of the Education Committee.
    - 3. Aiden Koplovsky discusses a work plan regarding the documents,
      - a. The documents should be reviewed by the group offline, in the next month, with the following objectives in mind:
        - i. Recommendations regarding which specific skills will be included
        - ii. Recommendations regarding the numbers of successful skills attempts and patient contacts for competency
      - b. Group should forward recommendations to Aiden Koplovsky or Chris Azevedo so that they can be discussed by the group at the next meeting and put to a vote.
      - c. Once the group's recommendations have been voted on, they can then be forwarded to the Board for action.
      - d. There are no comments or questions from the group at this point.

## VI. New Business

- a. Standards for Re-Entry course
  - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses.
    - 1. Aiden Koplovsky and Eric Wellman have worked on a set of standards upon which to base any course with the objective of satisfying the requirement of verifying re-entry candidate psychomotor skills for NREMT certification eligibility.
    - 2. The standards have also been distributed offline to the group prior to today's meeting. The intent is for the group to review the standards for discussion at next month's meeting.
    - 3. Discussion by the group.
      - a. There is currently no timeline limit from date of last licensure expiration regarding eligibility for candidate re-entry without repeating any given licensure course.
      - b. Chris Azevedo explains that the NREMT has not set any such limits due to the fact that the states are the licensing authorities for EMS clinicians and that any such limits should be set by the states themselves.
      - c. Chris Azevedo recommends that the group recommend a timeline limit for eligibility to the EMS Board. At some

point there will be a length of time for lapse of licensure in which it will be more effective for a candidate to repeat the course than to obtain gap skills and education training to get the clinician current. This is especially true for EMTs. At the same time, it will be difficult at the ALS level to conduct such a course to cover gap training.

- d. Discussion by the group.
- e. Aiden Koplovsky asks the group to please have comments and suggestions to himself at least one week prior to next month's meeting.

#### **VII. Next Meeting**

- a. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the possibility of doing the November meeting at the Samoset conference.
  - i. Discussion regarding the specific meeting date and agenda. Joanne Lebrun suggests polling the group for input. Aiden Koplovsky agrees this should be done.
- b. Date and time: Wednesday, 11 Oct 2023 at 0900 hrs.

#### **VIII. Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Russel and seconded by Ben Zetterman. Meeting adjourned at 0949 hrs.