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DRAFT Minutes

Members present: *Matt Sholl, Beth Collamore, Mike Bohanske, Colin Ayer, Pete Tilney, Bethany Nash, Seth Ritter, Tim Pieh, Kelly Meehan-Coussee, Tim Pieh, Kate Zimmerman, Rachel Williams, Benjy Lowry*

Members Absent: *Dave Saquet, Emily Wells*

MEMS Staff: *Chris Azevedo, Ashley Moody, Melissa Adams, Jason Oko, Anna Masefski, Robert Glaspy, Soliana Goldrich, Taylor Parmenter, Anthony Roberts*

Stakeholders: *Michael Reeney, Dr. Norm Dinerman, AJ Gagnon, Eric Wellman, Dr. Kevin Kendall, Joanne Lebrun, Phil MacCallum, Don Sheets, John Moulton, Rick Petrie, Leah Mitchell, Mike Senecal, Shawn Cordwell, Dwight Corning, Mike Choate, Patrick Underwood, Brian Langerman,*

- 1) Introductions – 0930-0935 –Sholl
 - a. Dr. Sholl acknowledges the events in Lewiston and thanks the group for their support of the responders on that incident and asks for a moment of silence.
 - b. Dr. Sholl makes introductions and calls roll.
 - c. Dr. Sholl covers highlights for today’s meeting.
- 2) August, Sept, Oct 2023 MDPB Minutes – 0935-0940 – Sholl
 - a. Minutes tabled until next month.
- 3) State Update – 0940-0955 – Deputy Director Roberts
 - a. Deputy Director Roberts was unavailable at this time to give a report. He was later able to attend the meeting, however his report will be recorded here in the minutes.
 - b. Anthony Roberts gives the State Update
 - c. Hiring process for EMS Director
 - i. There were initially twenty-one applications submitted for the position. The hiring team is currently narrowing down applications and selecting persons for the interview panel.
 - ii. Discussion on the hiring process amongst the group.
 - d. Public hearings for Chapter 21 rules are currently ongoing. The hearings are going well
 - e. Megan Salois has left the Maine EMS office for a Children’s Mental Health position in the Governor’s office. Her position as Substance Use Disorder Response Manager at Maine EMS is vacant at this time.
 - f. Dr. Sholl asks regarding MOUD. Anthony Roberts replies that the RFP has gone out.
- 4) Special Circumstances Protocol Review – NONE

- 5) Alternate Devices – NONE
- 6) Pilot Projects – 1000 – 1020
 - a. Delta – Monthly Report
 - i. Chip Getchell gives the monthly report on the Delta Vent pilot.
 - ii. Dr. Sholl discusses that the transports in the report fall outside the scope of this pilot program.
 - 1. The stability of the patients, in addition to being on a ventilator, does not meet pilot guidelines.
 - 2. Discussion by the group regarding appropriateness of transport, crew capability, factors affecting physician and crew transport decisions, and need for developing a system that can better respond to critical care/specialty care calls.
 - b. Portland Fire Department MMO – Quarterly Report – *Due Dec 2023*
 - c. Jackman Pilot Program – Quarterly Report – *Due Jan 2024*
- 7) UPDATE – Medication Shortages – 1020-1040 - Nash/All
 - a. Dr. Nash
 - i. There may be an issue with midazolam availability. Checking into the issue.
 - ii. Dr. Nash will be sending out an email to the Regions regarding medication changes.
 - b. Dr. Sholl adds that Dr. Nash has been working on an update to the Maine EMS Formulary. The DRAFT will be distributed to the group for review at a later date.
 - i. The group agrees with a small group review and approval of the Formulary, without group approval.
- 8) Emerging Infectious Diseases – 1040 – 1050 – Sholl
 - a. Dr. Sholl discusses current environment and asks the group for any feedback regarding influenza and RSV.
 - b. Discussion by the group.
 - i. Discussion of malaria and dengue fever cases in the US.
 - ii. There have been some cases of Hepatitis A in food service community and homeless camps.
 - iii. Active tuberculosis is also being seen in the area.
- 9) 2023 Protocol review process – 1050 - 1150 – All
 - a. Timeline review – Sholl/Zimmerman/Collamore
 - b. Dr. Sholl gives the group an update on upcoming protocol education –
 - i. Chris Azevedo gives a short brief on the MEMSEd versions of the protocol update course.
 - ii. Reminder re: Dates
 - 1. November 17 (Friday) in the afternoon - Webinar
 - 2. November 28 (Tuesday) in the afternoon – In-Person – location TBD
 - 3. December 8 (Friday) in the morning - Webinar
 - 4. December 15 (Friday) in the morning - Webinar
 - 5. January 26 (Friday) in the morning - Webinar
 - 6. January 27 (Saturday) in the morning – Webinar
 - iii. Dr. Sholl discusses scheduling and participation in the webinars with the group.
 - iv. Dr. Sholl discusses access to presentation materials for review prior to webinars.
 - v. App conversations have begun.
 - 1. Group discussion regarding the app.

10) PIFT Program – Tilney/Sholl – 1150 – 1250

- a. Dr. Tilney discusses progress on the PIFT update.
 - i. EMS IFT Algorithm document– Dr. Tilney shares his screen and discusses the schematic.
 - 1. The design outlining the decision table is not new, but has been updated and modified
 - 2. Initially, transport decisions should be based upon specific medications and/or classes of medications
 - 3. Dr. Tilney points out that that transport decisions should not be made not only in consideration of medications, but also of procedures or patient conditions/levels of acuity
 - ii. Discussion on the above paper.
 - 1. Discussion regarding standards for PIFT paramedics and services.
 - iii. Dr. Tilney discusses order sets.
 - 1. Dr. Tilney suggests that the current modality of PIFT should be improved by sending facilities participating in QA/QI of IFTs.
 - iv. Dr. Tilney reviews proposed communication to all physicians interested in Interfacility/PIFT Medical Direction.
 - v. Dr. Tilney reviews proposed letter to all hospital executive directors and directors of emergency medicine regarding PIFT
 - vi. Discussion by the group regarding the above items and improvements to them.
- b. Dr. Pieh discusses the proposed regional re-organization and how that will potentially affect medical direction.
 - i. Discussion by Dr. Sholl.

11) Upcoming

- a. Community Paramedicine request to review Scope of Practice
 - i. Topic not discussed.

Old Business – 1250 - 1300

- 1) **Ops** – Deputy Director Roberts/Ops Team Members
 - a. Joanne Lebrun – The Ops team has not met. No report.
- 2) **Education/Exam Committee** – A Koplovsky/C Azevedo
 - a. Chris Azevedo – The Education Committee will not meet in November. The next meeting is scheduled for December.
- 3) **QI** – C Getchell/J Oko
 - a. Jason Oko – the QI committee is not meeting today. Discussions have begun regarding working towards the vision document work plan.
- 4) **Community Paramedicine** – B. Lowry/J Oko
 - a. Dr. Lowry – The committee met off cycle this month. Two additional scopes of practice have been approved. All three ideal levels have been approved by the committee. The next step is to bring the proposal to MDPB for discussion and approval.
- 5) **EMSC** – M Minkler, R Williams
 - a. Dr. Williams – no October meeting. Next meeting will be in December.
- 6) **TAC/MSA** – K Zimmerman, A Moody
 - a. Next meeting will be 23 January 2024
- 7) **Cardiovascular Council** - A Moody
 - a. We are at the final stages of activating the AED Registry. Hopefully, this will be live by the end of January. Maine EMS will be contracting with six individuals to assist with processing the data.
- 8) **Data Committee** – D. Davis/K Meehan-Coussee
 - a. Dr. Meehan-Coussee – NEMSIS transition is still planned for 1 De 2023.
- 9) **Maine Heart Rescue** – M Sholl, C Azevedo
 - a. No report.

10) **Next meeting**

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 Dec 2023.

11) **Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Meehan-Coussee and seconded by Dr. Bohanske. Meeting adjourned at 1304 hrs.