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Education Committee

Wednesday

14 Feb 2024

0900-1130

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

Minutes

Members Present: Leah Mitchell, Mike Drinkwater, Paul Froman, Aiden Koplovsky, Dennis Russell, Joanne LeBrun, Amy Drinkwater, Steve Smith, Cathy Gosselin, Ben Zetterman
Members Absent: Stephanie Cordwell, Sally Taylor
Staff: Marc Minkler, Anna Massefski
Stakeholders: Rob McGraw, Jared Stinson, John Lennon, AJ Gagnon, Polly Wood

I. Call to Order:

- a. Aiden Koplovsky calls the meeting to order at 0901. A quorum is present.
- b. Aiden Koplovsky reads Mission statement:
 - i. *"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."*

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of December 2023 minutes
 - i. **Motion to approve the December 2023 minutes is made by Paul Froman. Motion is seconded by Amy Drinkwater. There is no discussion or objections. Motion is carried.**

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- a. Dennis Russell asks for update on PIFT under Old Business.

IV. State Update:

- a. Chris Azevedo is unable to attend the meeting. Marc Minkler is facilitating the meeting in his place.
- b. January EMS Office Update distributed prior to meeting.

V. Old Business:

- a. Non-Municipal Training Officer Representative vacancy
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses.
 - 1. There are applicants, interviews to be held in March 2024 meeting
- b. At-Large Position potential vacancy
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses.
 - 1. Awaiting decision on removal of individual from Board chair
- c. PIFT update
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky states the EMS Board has made no movement on this. He had met with the previous State EMS Director prior to his departure from Maine EMS and is scheduling a meeting with new State EMS Director.
 - ii. Amy Drinkwater states she is meeting with new director tomorrow and has spoken to MDPB and is hoping for more updates soon.
 - iii. Joanne Lebrun expresses concern that although often on MDPB agenda, discussion of this topic is often last and is cut or receives little time/attention.

VI. New Business

- a. Proposed standards for Re-Entry course
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky provides an update to group and that Chris Azevedo reviewed the document previously approved by the group but felt there were items to discuss and recommended it be reviewed by the Education Committee prior to Board presentation.
 - ii. Aiden Koplovsky met with Azevedo and feels he understands some of the issues.
 - iii. Aiden Koplovsky presents re-entry proposal standards with Chris Azevedo's comments and edits. The group discussion and recommendations include:
 - 1. Change term of "Re-Entry Course" to "re-entry evaluation" throughout document
 - 2. Discussion on training centers delivering courses based on evaluation review. Koplovsky emphasized this is a standard for evaluation and not the education that would be needed/required for any gaps.
 - 3. Remove didactic refresher content statements (#2 and #3)
 - 4. Item #4 should be based on Maine EMS Office review
 - 5. Item #7 is repetitive and possibly unneeded, rewording of section
 - 6. Section IV Summative recommendation to 1 each of adult and pediatric scenario, randomly selected from cardiac arrest, medical complaint, traumatic injury
 - a. Joanne Lebrun expresses concern that her existing scenarios may not meet these and would have to develop new scenarios, Mitchell states she will use existing TC

- scenarios for this process and not have to re-create scenarios
- b. Recommend both scenarios be documented in MEFIRS
- c. Recommend changing MEFIRS to the Maine EMS approved run reporting system in case of future changes
- d. Minkler recommends defining pediatric patient to match Maine EMS protocol definitions, Koplovsky will review with Azevedo
- iv. **Motion made by Leah Mitchell and seconded by Dennis Russell to submit to Board for consideration with grammatical and spelling review, no objections. Ben Zetterman abstains. Motion approved.**
- b. Update – Rule regarding sunset of PSEs
 - i. Aiden Koplovsky states rules committee is reviewing and encourages members to attend meeting for any opportunities to comment to Rules Committee.
- c. General updates
 - i. Leah Mitchell reports there is a program being advertised on Facebook for an instructor course that may not meet Maine EMS IC standards
 - ii. Marc Minkler advises two courses going live in next two weeks on pediatric behavioral health and neonatal transport devices.

VII. **Action Items**

- a. Add PIFT to agenda as standing item in Old Business
- b. Azevedo/Koplovsky/Minkler will review Re Entry document for grammar/spelling
- c. Koplovsky/Azevedo will submit to Board for agenda consideration

VIII. **Next Meeting**

- a. Date and time: Wednesday, 13 Mar 2024, at 0900 hrs.

IX. **Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion to adjourn at 0958 by Amy Drinkwater and seconded by Paul Froman.**

Minutes recorded by Marc Minkler