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DRAFT Minutes

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

Members Absent:

MEMS Staff: Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Soliana Goldrich, Wil O'Neal, Anthony Roberts, Jason Oko, Darren Davis, Ashley Moody, Taylor Parmenter, Rob Glaspy

Stakeholders: Don Sheets, Rick Petrie, Rob Sharkey, Michael Reeney, Rob McGraw, Joanne Lebrun, John Moulton, AJ Gagnon, Chip Getchell, Fred Porter, John Lennon, Megan Henshall, Dr. Norm Dinerman, Nicholas Bryant, Eric Wellman, Emily Bryant, Ben Zetterman, Dr. Kevin Kendall, Dwight Corning

- 1) Introductions – 0930-0935 –Sholl
 - a. Dr. Sholl makes introductions and takes roll call.
- 2) Dec 2023 MDPB Minutes – 0935-0940 – Sholl
 - a. Pending August, Sept, Oct, Jan to be covered at future meetings
 - b. Motion to accept December 2023 meeting minutes made by Dr. Collamore, second by Dr. Zimmerman. Discussion of editorial changes. Changes made in the draft by Chris Azevedo. Motion is carried.
 - c. Dr. Sholl discusses other pending meeting minutes.
- 3) State Update – 0940-0955 – Deputy Director Roberts/Director O'Neal
 - a. Director Wil O'Neal gives the state update
 - i. Grant money processing is the priority for the Office at this time. Director O'Neal discusses work regarding grant application processing and work on rules that is being done.
 - ii. LD2156 – K9 protocol legislation is currently under review.
 - iii. LD1742 – this is legislation around CISD/CISM.
- 4) Special Circumstances Protocol Review – None
- 5) Alternate Devices – NONE

- 6) Data Request from Maine Maternal Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Panel – 1010 – 1030 – Minkler
 - a. Marc Minkler makes introductions and discusses the data request.
 - b. Dr. Sholl discusses that this is a program that reviews data on maternal fetal and infant mortality. This involves a review of patient care reports and other patient records. Marc Minkler discusses the data review process.
 - c. **Motion made by Dr. Zimmerman to approve the data request from the Maternal Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Panel and seconded by Dr. Williams. No discussion. Motion is carried.**

- 7) Pilot Projects – 1030 – 1045 – Sholl/All
 - a. Delta – Monthly Report
 - i. Dr. Sholl shares his screen and Chip Getchell gives the pilot report.
 - ii. Discussion of the report amongst the group, as well as questions for Chip Getchell.
 - b. MMO – Quarterly Report – *Due March 2024*
 - c. Jackman – Quarterly Report – *Due April 2024*

- 8) UPDATE – Medication Shortages – 1045-1055 - Nash/All
 - a. Dr. Nash discusses.
 - i. Still having availability/quantity issues with ketamine.
 - ii. There is a national shortage of injection lorazepam. This has not affected the supply of other benzodiazepines.
 - iii. We are currently getting medications with short dates on them. Please pay due regard to medication expiration dates when you receive new stock.

- 9) Emerging Infectious Diseases – 1040 – 1050 – Sholl
 - a. Dr. Sholl discusses current COVID, influenza, and RSV.
 - i. National and local numbers in all three domains are improving.
 - ii. Both cases and admissions are trending down.

- 10) 2023 Protocol review process – 1050 - 1135 – All
 - a. Debrief Planning – Sholl/Zimmerman/Collamore/Azevedo
 - i. Discussion re: in-person debrief during March 2024 meeting
 1. Dr. Sholl discusses.
 - a. Marc Minkler has secured the Hall of Flags room for an in-person meeting for March.
 - b. Dr. Sholl suggests quarterly in-person meetings. Discussion.
 - c. Dr. Sholl asks the group if they'd be willing to do a longer meeting for March to accommodate debrief discussion. Discussion by the group.
 - d. Dr. Sholl queries the group for meeting times: 9-11, break, 12-2 debrief.
 - e. Dr. Meehan-Coussee thanks all involved for the work done to get protocol updates out.
 - b. Discussion re: FAQ document
 - i. Fluid Warmers
 1. Dr. Sholl shares his screen and discusses the question regarding temperature ranges for fluid warmers and whether the protocol requires purchase of new equipment.
 - a. Answer: the protocol presents “best practices” and does not mandate purchase of new equipment capable of achieving recommended fluid temperatures. However, EMS clinicians are advised that, when using the protocol in question, they should use fluids warmed to the maximum temperature achievable (but no more than 42 degrees Fahrenheit).

- ii. Red Section Questions – Epi at the AEMT scope of practice and Amiodarone in refractory VF/VT
 - 1. Drs. Sholl and Lowry discuss the question of whether AEMTs could still do DSD despite amiodarone not being in the AEMT scope of practice.
 - a. Answer: AEMTs who have two manual defibrillators on scene should proceed to DSD regardless of availability of amiodarone.
 - iii. Neonatal/Infant Resuscitation – clarification
 - 1. Dr. Zimmerman discusses. What protocol should be used for resuscitation of neonates, but who are not immediately “newborn?” The question is whether or not clinicians should be using the neonatal resuscitation protocol or the pediatric resuscitation protocol?
 - 2. Dr. Williams discusses.
 - a. We should use the Pink section for children less than 29 days old and the Red section for children 29 days old or older.
 - 3. Dr. Sholl discusses.
 - a. We should use the Pink section for children less than 29 days old and the Red section for children 29 days old or older. The question is whether or not we should include this as an FAQ question. Discussion by the group.
 - 4. Dr. Sholl will draft an item with Drs. Williams and Zimmerman and distribute it to the group for review and input.
 - 5. Dr. Saquet discusses a potential issue regarding A/P placement with mechanical CPR devices. Dr. Saquet volunteers to develop teaching/practice aids such as diagrams illustrating placement.
- 11) Community Paramedicine Scope of Practice – 1135 – 1150 – Lowry/Goldrich
- a. Review group considerations from Jan 2024 meeting.
 - i. Dr. Lowry and Soliana Goldrich discuss various edits to the Community Paramedicine scope of practice document for the group.
 - ii. Dr. Sholl discusses with the group. A motion for approval, and a vote, will be needed for this. The next steps are to forward this to the Board for approval, and then rule making.
 - 1. **Motion to approve the community paramedicine scope of practice document made by Dr. Zimmerman and seconded by Dr. Saquet. No discussion. Motion is carried.**
 - iii. Dr. Pieh asks what the education mechanisms are going to be regarding the scope of practice document.
 - 1. Soliana Goldrich discusses that the Office has put out an RFP for development of education standards and a curriculum template for community paramedicine.
 - a. A company called Bison Six Emergency Group will be developing both items. Discussion.
- 12) Discussion – Maine EMS Complaint Policy – 1150 – 1210 – Cooney/Adams/All
- a. Jason Cooney is not available to cover this item at this time.
- 13) Discussion – AED Registry – 1210 – 1225 – Moody
- a. Ashley Moody discusses the AED Registry project that she is working on.
 - b. Maine EMS has contracted with Pulse Point for tracking AED positioning, expiration dates and other items. This has now been integrated into information for EMDs so that they can advise callers as may be pertinent. Pulse Point can also track “Stop the Bleed” equipment. The program is only as good as the data that is put into it.
 - c. We have been working to review the data and streamline the data that is in the system and update it.

- d. Dr. Pieh asks if the intent is for the layperson to be able to download the Pulse Point app and then, if there is a cardiac arrest, the participant would be able to participate in the resuscitation effort if nearby?
 - i. Ashley Moody advises that that is the ideal model. However, we first need to ensure we have a robust AED registry.
 - ii. Discussion by the group.
 - e. Dr. Pieh asks how MDPB can be helpful in sharing AED information?
 - i. Ashley advises reach out to the PSAPs.
 - f. Ashley Moody discusses CARES data.
 - g. Discussion by the group.
 - i. Dr. Pieh asks after statewide run data reports and whether it is planned that these should continue.
 - ii. Jason Oko discusses a data dashboard which is in development by Darren Davis.
 - iii. Marc Minkler shares that the EMS-C program intends to produce another data report regarding pediatric data. Mark Minkler also authored the Maine EMS 2018 report, but Jon Powers had done others when he was with the Maine EMS office.
 - iv. Jason Oko discusses Regional Medical Director access to data and the data use agreement with the Regional Medical Directors. Dr. Pieh discusses the necessity for Medical Directors to have access to data for QA/QI purposes.
- 14) Request – MDPB member participation in the EMD Committee – 1225 – 1240 – Adams/Sholl
- a. Dr. Sholl discusses an EMD Committee request for MDPB involvement in committee activities.
 - i. There is a vacant physician position on the committee.
 - ii. The committee meets quarterly.
 - iii. Discussion.
- 15) Discussion – April meeting and spring break – 1240-1245 – Sholl
- a. Dr. Sholl discusses the upcoming meeting schedule.
 - b. Dr. Sholl thanks the group for discussion of the March meeting, which will be held in person and will extend to 2pm.
 - c. Dr. Sholl discusses the possibility of taking the month of April off with the group. This would accommodate family obligations within the group. Dr. Zimmerman advises that the April meeting coincides with LifeFlight of Maine report.
 - d. The group agrees that there will be no MDPB meeting in April.

Old Business – 1245 - 1300

- 1) **Ops** – Deputy Director Roberts/Ops Team Members
 - a. No report.
- 2) **Education/Exam Committee** – A Koplovsky/C Azevedo
 - a. Chris Azevedo gives a report of committee activities.
- 3) **QI** – C Getchell/J Oko
 - a. Chip Getchell – the committee will be meeting at 1330 today. Agenda involves pediatric newsletter, and outcome data and the NEMSIS 3.5 transition, as well as the 2035 Vision document.
- 4) **Community Paramedicine** – B. Lowry/J Oko
 - a. Dr. Lowry – working on some directives from the EMS Board. Primarily, the committee has been looking into how community paramedicine fits into the concept of mobile integrated Health. Off-cycle meeting will be held tomorrow to discuss.
- 5) **EMSC** – M Minkler, R Williams
 - a. Marc Minkler
 - i. Finishing Behavioral Health for Pediatrics training program for MEMSEd

- ii. Today is the last day for ordering the KangooFix Neonatal Transport Harnesses. Marc Minkler thanks the physicians involved in this project, as well as the Bath Fire Department.
 - iii. Work continues on American Academy of Pediatrics conference which will be held at the Samoset resort. Discussion of conference events.
 - iv. Continuing with efforts regarding EMS-C metrics and planning.
 - v. Marc Minkler was asked to join the Child Death and Serious Injury Review panel as the first EMS clinician on the panel. They'd also like an MDPB member for the panel as well.
 - b. Dr. Williams
 - i. Most work recently has been regarding pediatric readiness and EMS-C projects.
- 6) **TAC** – A Moody
 - a. No report
- 7) **MSA** – K Zimmerman, A Moody
 - a. Dr. Zimmerman – next meeting will be in April.
- 8) **Cardiovascular Council** - A Moody
 - a. No report
- 9) **Data Committee** – D. Davis/K Meehan-Coussee
 - a. Data committee still has several open positions on it and has struggled to meet quorum requirement. So, progress has been slow.
 - b. If anyone is interested in being involved with the Data Committee, please let us know.
- 10) **Maine Heart Rescue** – M Sholl, C Azevedo
 - a. MD RA
 - b. Dr. Sholl discusses Northern New England RA activities. They are looking to reinstate the energy of the last Northern New England Resuscitation event in New Hampshire. The group has reached out to the Seattle RA team to look into funding.
- 11) Meeting adjournment
 - a. **Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Saquet and seconded by Dr. Meehan-Coussee.**
 - b. **Meeting is adjourned at 1208 hrs.**

Future Items: Dr. Sholl highlights items for future discussion.

- 1) Complaint policy.
- 2) PIFT Program Updates – Tilney/Sholl – expected March 2024
- 3) Protocol Update Process Debrief – All – expected March 2024