



Quality Improvement Committee Notes (No Quorum)

Wed, May 15, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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“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 clinicians. All members of this committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this committee, we commit to serve the respective clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

1. Call to Order at 1336
 - a. Reading of the mission statement
2. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members - Robert Sharkey, Alan Henschke, Dwight Corning, Beth Collamore, Benjamin Zetterman, Melinda Fairbrother-Dyer, Chip Getchell, Joanne Lebrun
 - b. Committee Members Absent - Rick Petrie, Brian Langerman, Oliver MacKenzie, Jon Powers, Cheri Volta, Stephen Smith
 - c. Guests - Robert McGraw, AJ Gagnon, Dennis Russell, Leah Mitchell
 - d. Maine EMS Staff - Jason Oko
3. Public Comments
 - a. No public comments were offered
4. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. There is no official agenda today
5. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. February Minutes are tabled due to no quorum
6. Old Business:
7. New Business:
 - a. Pediatric Newsletter
 - b. Regional update
 - i. Jason & Chip spoke about the update to the regions and the makeup of the committee
 - ii. We do not need to make decisions on this right now.
 - iii. 2011 Letter to the board about the QI Committee - Maine EMS Strategic Plan.
 - c. No More Newsletters
 - i. Jason shared that he would support propagating national EMS metrics to the agencies



- ii. Joanne spoke about when Fentanyl replaced Morphine and analyzing the outcomes to assess if patients pain was managed appropriately - also capnography usage. Discussions with MDPB about new protocols. Quality is linked with education, and to be clear, whatever we do should never wind up in investigations, or a personal affront to an individual, or to a service. How do we embrace services looking at this data.
 - iii. Think we need to review the point that the increase in the number of cardiac arrests, we have to look at the data. Pediatric arrests, and patients re-arresting in the ambulance, new physicians with dangerous situations. Regional data is not something that has been seen I quite a while.
 - iv. How to create a positive project that helps promote positive behavior.
 - v. Dr. Collamore agrees that the job of this committee is to educate our clinicians. Looking at protocol changes and the impact on the state. For instance NEDS referrals.
 - vi. Sharkey - CQI guideline is antiquated. We need to target folks using the CQI system. Improve Documentation knowledge base.
 - vii. Alan Henschke - largest issues is what is the end value? Setting data collection points we want to measure on a regular basis that services can see.
 - viii. Might this outcome data project be something we could create a project around so there could be multiple approaches to increasing the use of recording this info and we could promote and track it.
8. National holiday of Juneteenth on our next scheduled meeting day.
 - a. Discussion about moving our meeting to June 18th at the same time.
 - b. Jason & Chip will form a meeting poll tomorrow and get it out to everyone.
9. Next Meeting
 - a. June 18, 2024
10. Adjourn by Ben Zetterman at 1434.