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Board of EMS Meeting
 June 5, 2024, at 9:00 AM
 Chamberlain Conference Room
 Approved Minutes

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

Board Member	In Attendance	Late Arrival (if applicable)	Early Departure (if applicable)
Nate Allen			
Bill Cyr	X		
Laura Downing	X		
Amy Drinkwater	X		
Judy Gerrish	X		
Brandon Giberson			
Brent Libby	X		
John Martel			
Matthew Sholl	X		
Steve Smith	X		
Andy Turcotte	X		
Christopher Whytock	X		
Kate Zimmerman	X		

Staff: Director Wil O’Neal, Deputy Director Anthony Roberts, Anna Massefski, Jason Cooney, Teresa Glick, Jason Oko, Melissa Adams, Soliana Goldrich, Taylor Parmenter, Victoria Clyde, Alex Gibson, Robert Glaspy, Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Darren Davis, AAG Samantha Morgan

Stakeholders & Guests: Rob McGraw, Steve Almquist, Aiden Koplovsky, Andrew Gagnon, Joanne Lebrun, Jennifer Willis, Rick Petrie, Chip Getchell, Don Sheets, Shawn Mitchell, William Montejo, Christopher Pare, Michael Senecal, Eric Wellman

1. Introductions

- Excellence
- Support
- Collaboration
- Integrity
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2. Disclosure of any conflicts of interest
Smith recuses from 24-351
3. Modifications to the Agenda
Removed Sentinel Event Reporting, moved to next meeting's agenda.
4. Public Comments
None
5. Investigations

- a. Investigations Committee May 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes

MOTION to accept minutes as submitted. (*Drinkwater, seconded by Downing*)

(Yes) all committee

(Abstain) Libby, Smith

Motion Carries

- b. Case 24-351

Smith is recused and exited the room.

Summary: A licensee allegedly failed to complete the terms of the consent agreement resolving complaint No. 17-039; has since twice failed to answer a question regarding discipline against a professional license honestly on renewal applications; and was convicted of Class E Driving to Endanger in 2023. The committee recommends the Board amend the consent agreement resolving case No. 17-039, to accept the two (2) letters of recommendation submitted in May 2024 to meet the terms of paragraph 8.B.1.; to stay the quality assurance review terms of paragraph 8.B.2 and require the licensee to notify Maine EMS within five (5) business days when they become affiliated with a Maine EMS service, and to require future EMS licensing applications(s) to come before the Maine EMS Board until the stayed terms of P.8.B.2. are completed; regarding the 2023 conviction for Driving to Endanger, to include a finding that the licensee has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public's trust.

MOTION to accept the committee recommendation. (*Libby, seconded by Cyr*)

(Yes) All

Smith recused

Motion Carries

Smith returns to the room.

- c. Discussion of dates for upcoming adjudicatory hearing(s); September 25th selected.

6. Old Business

a. Meeting Minutes

i. May 1, 2024

MOTION to accept the minutes as submitted. (Smith, seconded by Gerrish)

(Yes) Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Smith, Turcotte, Whytock

(abstain) Cyr, Libby

Motion Carries

b. Maine EMS Director Update:

Given by Deputy Director Anthony Roberts on behalf of Maine EMS Director Wil O’Neal.

The Director thanks the Maine EMS Board, Chairperson Drinkwater, Dr. Sholl, Ms. Gerrish, Mr. Smith, staff member Jason Oko, and staff member Teresa Glick for their work on the 2024 Maine EMS awards. He also thanks the Friends of Maine EMS and the Maine EMS Honor Guard for their work on the Remembrance Ceremony.

Stabilization Funding Update: last agencies are closing out their applications; 185 agencies have applied; over \$10.8 million have been distributed; more information about Phase 2 and post-award reporting coming soon.

Conversations are ongoing with the current Regional Coordinators in regard to bridge contracts.

On June 11-12, Maine EMS is holding the Empowering Community Wellness conference at the Augusta Civic Center. This conference is free to attend, will have national speakers presenting, and offers CEH for licensed clinicians.

The CDC’s Overdose 2023 data shows the national rate of overdoses declined 3%, but in Maine it declined 15%.

MOUD RFP Appeals Process Update – The original contract award was invalidated by the Appeals Committee. RFP will be going back out.

c. Medical Directors’ Update

Given by Statewide Medical Director Dr. Matt Sholl.

MDPB has been in discussions around the regional plan for medical direction in the evolving Maine EMS system. The regional medical directors want to play a positive role in the transition from 6 regions to 4 regions.

Pilot project updates:

Sanford Fire is interested in starting a pilot project on using point of care ultrasounds to start IVs; their amended proposal was approved by the MDPB in the May 2024 meeting.

Portland Fire Department MMO project is approaching its 3-year mark; in the future, the project will shift into a community paramedicine model.

The Jackman project was discussed, with interest shown in reviewing more robust reports from the project; MDPB has paused its work on an off-ramp for the Jackman project after a request from an external state agency that is reviewing the project themselves. Work is expected to resume when their investigation is complete.

The Delta pilot project has been operating for about 1 year, and the MDPB has identified a strong need for clearer frameworks surrounding critical care transport, specifically scope of practice and licensure.

MOTION for each of the Board's sub-committees will report out (verbally) on their critical care transport involvement, activities and/or recommendations at the next meeting of the Maine EMS Board, so that the Board can make a decision about assigning future work on critical care transport. (Libby, seconded by Gerrish)

Discussion: Report-outs will be verbal, and given by either the committee chair or the committee's staff liaison.

(Yes) all

Motion Carries

7. New Business

a. Update on Committee Assignments and Seats

The Board continues to try to fill open Board and Committee positions. This will be revisited at the next Maine EMS Board meeting.

b. Sentinel Event Reporting

This will be revisited at the next Maine EMS Board meeting.

c. Waiver for Hermon Volunteer Rescue

MOTION to table the Hermon Volunteer Rescue Service waiver request, and direct staff to reach back out to them for a policy of handling emergency requests, a public notice of the cessation of emergency operations, and a response plan policy (Libby, seconded by Cyr).

(Yes) Cyr, Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Smith, Turcotte, Whytock

Motion Carries

8. Other

- a. Next Board meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2024, at 9:00 am, in person.
- b. Regional Update

MOTION under Title 32 §88 2H to delegate to the Director of Maine EMS to execute contracts on behalf of the Board for the extension of the Maine EMS regional coordinator contracts (Libby, seconded by Smith).

(Yes) Cyr, Downing, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Smith, Turcotte, Whytock

Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 12:03