



## 20240821-Maine-EMS-QI-Committee-Notes

August 21, 2024

"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
2. Reading of the mission statement
3. Attendance
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  - a. Committee Members Present  
Kate Zimmerman, DO; Beth Collamore, MD; Ben Zetterman; Oliver MacKenzie; Rick Petrie; Brian Langerman; Joanne Lebrun; Dwight Corning; Chip Getchell; Melinda Dyer; Robert Sharkey; Alan Henschke
  - b. Guests
    - a. Robert McGraw
  - c. Maine EMS Staff
    - a. Jason Oko; Melissa Adams; Darren Davis
5. Public Comments
  - a. No public comments offered.
6. Modifications to the agenda
7. Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Table June Minutes to the next meeting
8. Old Business:
  - a. **QI Manual Update**—We discussed a sub-group for the QI Manual. This group met on the 16th and started to review the old manual. We agreed to meet again and read it. The bones are there, although the meeting needs updating, out-of-date references, and such. It has been a slow process through the summer months, Sharkey, Langerman, and Corning.



- a. We will coordinate this in the future through Maine EMS. Jason will work with the group to coordinate this.
  - b. **Report to the Maine EMS Board** - Chip presented this to the board at the last meeting.
    - a. Spoke about quality markers.
    - b. New QI Manual
    - c. New Newsletter Pathway
    - d. Need for evidence-based protocols and protocol review. after implementation.
- 9. New Business:
  - a. FOAA requirements for meetings
    - a. We continue to meet monthly in a hybrid fashion; I will ensure a public meeting place at the Maine EMS office. We will not take votes or motions at the hybrid meetings.
    - b. Once quarterly, we will meet in person, handling any motions or votes necessary during our hybrid meetings. We will publish notes from our hybrid meetings and keep minutes at in-person meetings.
      - i. The committee is confused by the requirement and is seeking clarification from the AAG; several members will not be able to participate in the in-person meeting requirement.
      - ii. Chip has suggested we take time to hear from the AAG.
  - b. Performance Measures in the Maine EMS Quarterly Data Quality Update
    - a. Possible NEMSQA Measures
  - c. Transition back to Teams - Potentially
  - d. Can we collect information regarding which brand IO is more successful?
- 10. Next Meeting
  - a. September 18, 2024