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Education Committee – October 9, 2024

Virtual via ZOOM: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82789080665>

Members present: Aiden Koplovsky (Chair), Joanne Lebrun, Paul Froman, AJ Gagnon, Thomas "TW" Williamson, Dennis Russell, Cathy Gosselin, Amy Drinkwater, Mike Drinkwater
Members Absent: Steve Smith, Brian Chamberlain, Leah Mitchell
MEMS Staff: Marc Minkler, Melissa Adams
Stakeholders: Rob McGraw, Don Sheets, Fred Porter, David Ireland, David Tauber

- 1) Introductions/Call to Order
 - a. Quorum present, meeting begins at 0900
- 2) Maine EMS Mission Statement is read by Koplovsky
"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 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 clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent."
- 3) Public Comment
 - a. No public comments were made
- 4) Approval of previous minutes
 - a. **Motion to approve September 11, 2024 minutes made by Froman and seconded by Russell. No changes. Passes unanimously.**
- 5) Changes to agenda
 - a. None
- 6) State Update
 - a. Minkler provides update on posting of Education Coordinator – applications received, and HR is scheduling interviews. Maine EMS completed hearings on Chapter 27 proposed rules, comments accepted until October 15 via US mail and electronically. Board will review all comments and use current process for next steps. Connectivity project ended last month, 300 Maine EMS vehicles equipped, and data plan for 3 years funded. Looking at possible funding for after the first 3 years. Maine EMS is working with Image Trend and physicians to discuss artificial intelligence (AI) EMS reports. Image Trend is developing a program called Hero Assist, Maine EMS is offering to be a beta site for testing, and to evaluate benefits and risks. Minkler is going to NREMT next week as a Northeast State EMS Official rep for a task force meeting on testing.

- 7) Old Business
 - a. Representative to new Transfer & Transport Committee – **Motion by Froman to recommend to Board for Gagnon to fill this role, 2nd by Lebrun. No discussion, unanimously approved.**
 - b. IC License Discussion
 - i. Survey
 - 1. Lengthy discussion on questions proposed for survey to all licensed ICs, worked on verbiage and layout/content of questions by group.
 - 2. Question about small group working together on survey, Minkler provides reference requested about meetings of “1 MRS Chp 13 Title 1 Subchapter 1 §406 Public notice shall be given for all public proceedings as defined in section 402, if these proceedings are a meeting of a body or agency consisting of 3 or more persons.”
 - 3. Froman and Lebrun will work offline on updating questions based on notes from meeting, will bring back to the group next week
 - c. Vacant Committee Seats
 - i. Aiden spoke with Director O’Neal and goal is to restructure title, and not lose any actively participating individuals. Aiden will look at each map and help define this and vacant positions and current makeup of representation. Koplovsky will bring this back to the group next month
- 8) Quorum lost at 0950 with departure of Russell and Froman, remainder of meeting discussion only
- 9) New Business
 - a. MDPB Representation – Mitchell offers (via email to Koplovsky) to split attendance at MDPB meetings with Koplovsky as Education Committee rep to attend protocol meetings as a liaison (this is not a member of MDPB position)
- 10) Next meeting to do
 - a. **Lebrun/Froman will bring back updated survey questions**
 - b. **Koplovsky will bring back updated recommendations for regional representation**
- 11) Adjourn by Koplovsky (no quorum) at 1027
- 12) Next Meeting November 13, 2024 at 0900.

Minutes by Marc Minkler.