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**EMD Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 17, 2024, 09:30**

**Zoom Meeting:** <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/87569618203>

**MINUTES**

- i. Called to Order by Chairperson Tim Hall at 09:30
- ii. Attendance
  - a. Committee Members: Jennifer Michaud, Dakota Turnbull, Laura Downing, Tim Hall, Dan Mayotte, Cindy Rossi
  - b. MEMS Staff: Melissa Adams
  - c. Stakeholders & Guests: David King, Cory Golob, Jace Poulin, Juliana Boulay, Kyle Ellis, Michael Labbe, Rob McGraw, Sarah Batteese, Scott Ruff, Lt. Piskopanis, Brad Timberlake
- iii. Chairperson Hall read the Maine EMS Mission Statement

*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 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 providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.*
- iv. Public Comment
- v. Modifications to the Agenda – ESCB Report taken out of order.
- vi. Previous Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2024

MOTION to accept the minutes as presented. (Downing, Rossi)  
Accepted unanimously.
- vii. EMS Office Update
  - a. AED Registry

The geographic boundaries have been set up for each PSAP. We are working with individual PSAPs now to log in and go through an orientation with Christine Erickson from PulsePoint for implementation; Somerset, DPS–Augusta, DPS – Houlton, and Hancock RCC are all working on this now.
  - b. Maine's Crisis Response Policy and MPDS Protocol 41
    - i. There are 12 confirmed PSAP implementations of the policy, 109 recorded transfers, 29 user survey responses, and 0 calls transferred back to 911.

● **Excellence**

● **Support**

● **Collaboration**

● **Integrity**

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- ii. OBH is still working to establish a vendor relationship with Priority Dispatch to facilitate the transfer of funds from procurement. The timeline is unknown right now.
- viii. ESCB Update
  - a. The ESCB has hired Alec Ducette from Androscoggin RCC as a Training/Education staff member.
  - b. The ED-Q full-day session was well attended. We will do another full-day session in April and November 2025. The April session will focus on integrating QPR, running reports, and focused reviews.
  - c. The 2025 training calendar will be finalized soon and posted on the ESCB website.
- ix. Old Business
  - a. Membership Vacancies
 

The Office needs to post the vacancies for a physician representative, licensed mental health clinician, and non-PSAP EMD Director.
  - b. EMD and EMD Center Licensing
    - i. The office sent an operation bulletin out in August about the change and updated licensing correspondence for all new and renewed EMD personnel licenses explaining the change to a 1-month separation between EMD certification with IAED and EMD licensing with Maine EMS.
    - ii. EMD Center renewal applications are out now. The office released a bulletin in September with guidance on the renewal application, including the EMS Notification and Response Policy, identifying an AED Contact, and the System evaluating questions about who has adopted the 911-988 Transfer Policy and who is dispatching emergency mental health resources directly.
    - iii. There were two other questions that the committee recommended at the last meeting but we determined that we could evaluate those questions through better means than the renewal application. 1. Maine NENA is reestablishing the CISM Team and the two employees from Cumberland County spearheading that project sent out a poll earlier this week to evaluate peer support resources. 2. Marc Minkler advised that the State perinatal group is aware of all established out-of-hospital birthing houses/centers in Maine. With the addition of Midwives to our “Nurse or Doctor” definition in MPDS, he is willing to do a live/recorded training for EMDs on this with a couple of perinatal nurse educators about what they do and where they do it.
  - c. Phoenix Awards
 

Review the draft EMD criteria and will send the document out for feedback and final review at the next meeting.
  - d. MPDS Version 14 Medical Director Authorization
 

Reviewed the complete draft document. No proposed revisions. We will forward the document to Dr. Sholl for review and approval.

- x. New Business - None
- xi. Adjourned at 10:14 (Downing, Mayotte)
  - a. Next meeting is January 16, 2025, at 09:30