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Education Committee – February 12, 2025

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, Leah Mitchell, Mike Drinkwater, Ben Zetterman

Members Absent: Brian Chamberlain, Steve Smith

MEMS Staff: Marc Minkler, John DeArmond, Anna Massefski, Jason Cooney, Jason Oko

Stakeholders: David Ireland, Anthony Roberts, Brian Langerman, Fred Porter, Tessa Byard, Gene Streck, Don Sheets

- 1) Introductions/Call to Order
 - a. Quorum present, Koplovsky calls meeting to order at 0901
- 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. None
- 4) Approval of previous minutes
 - a. **Motion to approve November 13, 2024 minutes made by Russell and seconded by Zetterman. No changes. Passes unanimously.**
- 5) Changes to agenda
 - a. None
- 6) State Update
 - a. Minkler updates that Sustainability proposed rules chapter comment period open until Friday at midnight. Introduces Erin Ludwig as new office administrator and John DeArmond as new Education Coordinator. Regional Manager positions interviews have been completed and HR/Director O'Neal will be reviewing and taking next steps. Some parts of our office are affected by changes at national level with new administration and funding freezes. In a state of "wait and see" for more clarity and is in transition. Board is meeting on Feb 20 at 0930 to review Sustainability rule. TAC is also meeting on Feb 25. Minkler introduces John DeArmond as the

new Education Coordinator. DeArmond provides brief update and background. Has initial goals of meeting Education Committee members individually and visit all training centers and faculty.

7) Old Business

- a. PIFT – Koplovsky states the Board is working on filling vacancies on the new Transport and Transfer Committee, notes that Gagnon was previously recommended as being the rep from the Education Committee. Gagnon has completed the application for this.
- b. IC License Discussion – Lebrun sent the document to Oko for refinement and import to state run survey format. Oko shares the link and survey with all. [Koplovsky technical problems and drops form call, Froman had been asked to be backup and continues meeting, quorum remains].
Russell makes motion to send survey out to all Maine EMS licensed ICs, seconded by Mitchell. [Koplovsky reconnects and resumes chairing meeting]. Koplovsky states we should set a end date for the survey. DeArmond asks for background on survey, Koplovsky provides summary. Minkler states how EMSC does surveys with date and reminders to participants, but no formal policy on this at Maine EMS. Group decides 30 day time frame, with a reminder every ten days to those who have not completed the survey. **Russell and Mitchell agree to add to motion. All vote Yes, motion passes.**

8) New Business

- a. EMS Board Presentation – Sheets presents on proposal to present to the Maine EMS Board on Education and role with workforce development. Discussion by group of variety of issues faced and factors involved in this. Topics include retention, pay, hours of education, continuing education, resources of staff, equipment, and space. Additional topics of learning methods and competency evaluation, saturation of clinical sites, tiered response, CTEs vs adult learners, medical oversight and portfolio processes. Mitchell also brings us need for increased and appropriate state oversight of training centers. Masefski discusses workforce data and poster presentation she and Darren Davis produced. Sheets took notes and will incorporate concepts and ideas into the Board presentation for March 5, 2025. Group supports the ideas and the presentation by Sheets and thanks him for his efforts and initiative on this.

9) Next meeting to do

- a. **Sheets will provide report on presentation to Maine EMS Board**
- b. **Oko will provide update on survey response numbers**

10) **Motion to adjourn by Russell, second by Froman, no objections. Meeting adjourned at 1024.**

11) Next Meeting March 12, 2025 at 0900.

Minutes by Marc Minkler.