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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 13:00-15:00

45 Commerce Dr. Chamberlain Conference Room, Augusta, ME 04333

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MINUTES

Call to Order 13:05 by Chairperson Andy Turcotte

"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."

Attendance:

- Members Present: Judy Gerrish, Amy Drinkwater, Andy Turcotte, Brent Libby
- Members Absent: Laura Downing
- Staff: Melissa Adams, Jason Cooney, AAG Samantha Andrews
- Stakeholders/Guests: Alberta Broomhall, Milissa Smart, Paul Landry, Jennifer Wakefield, Warren Rescue, Dakota Turnbull, rstephe2 (?), David Ireland

Modifications to the Agenda: Turcotte proposed moving the Caron application to the second review item. He will recuse himself from both items, and Drinkwater will run the meeting for those two items.

Investigations:

1. Informal Review in Executive Session (Melissa)
Summary: The applicant seeking an ambulance operator license has at least 376 instances of unlicensed practice recorded in patient care reports between December 16, 2023, when the Board's rule became effective, and September 16, 2024. The committee previously tabled this case to invite the applicant to participate in an Informal Review.

Turcotte was recused and was moved to the waiting room.

MOTION to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6)(F) to discuss information made confidential by Board statute. (Gerrish, Turcotte)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

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No: None
Abstain/Recused: Turcotte
PASSED

Staff and Board members entered a separate meeting room via Zoom and the applicant is attending in person at 13:08.

Exited executive session at 13:28.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing licensure rules and unprofessional conduct rules; to be kept on file for two license cycles. (Gerrish, Libby)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: None

Abstain/Recused: Turcotte

PASSED

2. Caron Application Review (Jason)

Summary: The applicant seeking an ambulance operator license has 18 instances of unlicensed practice recorded in patient care reports between October 24, 2024, and December 16, 2024, which is after the effective date of the Board's rule, which is December 16, 2023.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing licensure and unprofessional conduct rules; to be kept on file for two license cycles. (Libby, Gerrish)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: None

Abstain/Recused: Turcotte

PASSED

Turcotte returned to the meeting room.

3. Case 24-346 (Jason)

Summary: It is alleged that the licensee, who was the EMS clinician primarily responsible for patient care, caused a physical or emotional injury to a patient as the result of deviating from the application standard of care, on one (1) occasion.

MOTION to table the case to allow staff to schedule an informal conference with the licensee. (Gerrish, Libby)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: Turcotte

Abstain/Recused: None

PASSED

4. Case 24-340 (Jason)

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Summary: It is alleged that the licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct on a call for service by failing to provide patient care and by failing to appropriately manage patient remains on one (1) occasion.

MOTION to recommend the Board dismiss the complaint due to insufficient evidence of any violation(s). (Turcotte, Libby)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

PASSED

5. Case 23-318 (Melissa)

Summary: A licensee allegedly performed EMD services on 44 occasions while their license was expired.

MOTION to recommend the Board resolve the complaint with a letter of guidance to remain on file for two license cycles. (Drinkwater, Libby)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

PASSED

6. Case 23-319 (Melissa)

Summary: A licensed EMD Center permitted EMDs to perform EMD services with expired licenses.

MOTION to recommend the Board offer the licensee a consent agreement with a reprimand, citing 32 MRS §90-A.5(D) and 32 MRS §90-A.5(H): Maine EMS Rules, Chapter 3-A. §6. (Libby, Gerrish)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

PASSED

7. Traum-Steinberg Application Review (Melissa)

Summary: The applicant seeking a new EMT license based on reciprocity failed to disclose action taken against a professional license.

MOTION to issue the license. (Libby, Drinkwater)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

PASSED

Old Business - None

New Business:

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1. Review of Delegation of Authority to Board Staff to Issue Letters of Guidance

MOTION to send this to the Board for consideration. (Turcotte, Drinkwater)

Yes: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

PASSED

Next meeting: March 25, 2025, 13:00

Adjourned at 14:30

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