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**Education Committee – April 9, 2025**

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

*Members present:* Aiden Koplovsky (Chair), Cathy Gosselin, Ben Zetterman, Mike Drinkwater, TW, Stephen Smith, AJ Gagnon, Leah Mitchell, John A. DeArmond (State Update), Joanne Lebrun, Paul Frohman (arrived late).

*Members Absent:* Dennis Russell

*MEMS Staff:* Marc Minkler, John DeArmond, Anna Massefski, Jason Oko, Melissa Adams, Soliana Goldrich

*Stakeholders:*

- 1) Introductions/Call to Order
  - a. Quorum present. The meeting was called to order by Aiden Koplovsky at 9:03 AM. The mission of Maine EMS and the committee's core values were reiterated
- 2) Maine EMS's 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: No members of the public wished to address the committee.
- 4) Approval of previous minutes:
  - a. *Approval of the previous meeting's minutes was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of prior circulation.*
- 5) Changes to agenda
  - a. No additions or deletions were proposed.
- 6) State Update
  - a. **John A. DeArmond –**
  - b. Visited 95% of training centers, expressing gratitude for the time and effort of those visited.

- c. Planning a visit to Waldo County Brook Samuel Training Center to observe EMT classes and their grant funding
- d. Scheduled a meet and greet with United Training Center in Bangor on May 28th with Leah.
- e. Operational bulletin requested last month is drafted, reviewed, and awaiting final send-out by Will and Jason Oko, expected by the end of the day.

7) Old Business

- a. Aiden Koplovsky had no new updates.
- b. Amy Drinkwater reported the formation of a new committee focused on critical care, which will incorporate PIFT during their rotation.

8) New Business - **Survey Results**

- a. Approximately 154 responses were received for the IC survey.
- b. A question regarding the IC course completed for licensure had a technical glitch resulting in zero responses.
- c. The survey included several open-text response boxes requiring analysis.
- d. John A. DeArmond shared visual representations (graphs, pie charts) of the quantitative survey data. Key highlights included:
  - i. Motivations for becoming an IC: Promotional opportunities and the desire to teach licensing and education courses were significant.
  - ii. Prior experience: 61% reported having prior teaching experience.
  - iii. Teaching experience in Maine EMS licensing courses: Over 70% had taught.
  - iv. Courses typically taught: Basic EMT was the most frequently mentioned.
  - v. Teaching in the last two years: A decrease was noted compared to overall teaching experience.
  - vi. Teaching locations: Primarily at licensed training centers.
  - vii. Teaching roles: Lab instructor and lead instructor were common.
  - viii. Teaching for out-of-state organizations: 96% reported not doing so.
  - ix. Constraints and challenges: Time constraints and obtaining required CEUs were identified as major issues.
  - x. Plans to renew IC license: A large majority indicated they would.
  - xi. How curriculum updates are received: Primarily through Maine EMS.
  - xii. Net Promoter Score (likelihood to recommend becoming an IC): Averaged a 4.9 out of 10.
- Joanne Lebrun expressed interest in receiving the summary data and emphasized the original purpose of the survey was to understand IC activities and barriers. She suggested distributing the data for review and then brainstorming next steps.
- **Next Steps for Survey Data Analysis**
  - Two options were presented for analyzing the open-response questions:
  - Option A: John A. DeArmond, Aiden Koplovsky, and Jason Oko correlate the answers and provide a summary.
  - Option B: A subcommittee of the EMS Committee undertakes this task.

- A mix of Option A and B was proposed: the initial data pulled together, followed by a subgroup review.
- Amy Drinkwater and Stephen Smith volunteered to be part of a subgroup to review the short answer data and bring a summary back to the group.
- The next step involves determining how to translate the survey results into actionable changes for ICs. This will be a focus of the next meeting in May.

**9) Next meeting to do**

- a. **Sheets will provide a report on the presentation to the Maine EMS Board**
- b. **Koplovsky/DeArmond/Okon will work on the analysis of the IC survey data**

**10) Motion to adjourn by Leah Mitchel, seconded by, TW, no objections. Meeting adjourned at 10:17:09.**

11) Next Meeting April 9, 2025 at 0900.

*Minutes by: John A. DeArmond, Ed.D., (c), MPA, NRP, CCEMT-P, LP*