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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 13:00-15:00

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

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MINUTES

Call to Order by Amy Drinkwater at 13:00

"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, Laura Downing, Brent Libby, Andy Turcotte

Members Absent: None

Staff: AAG Samantha Andrews, Jason Cooney, Melissa Adams

Stakeholders/Guests: Kevin Merrill, Chief Tripp, C. Smith, Steve Goldsmith, Melissa's iPhone, Amanda McPherson

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Investigations

1. Case 25-903

Summary: A licensee performed EMD on 40 cases without an active license.

Drinkwater and Downing identified that they are familiar with the licensee but have no financial or personal relationship and can consider this case without bias.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing 32 MRS §90-A(5)(H): 32 MRS §82.1., Rules Chapter 5-A. §§1. and 3(2)(A) as requirements for licensure; to remain on file for 2 license cycles. (Libby, Gerrish)

Yes: Downing, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: None

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Abstain/Recused: None

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2. Case 24-881

Summary: It is alleged that the licensee failed to comply with the terms of their consent agreement resolving Case No. 23-299.

Turcotte joined the meeting during the discussion.

MOTION to table the case and invite the licensee for an informal conference to discuss the factors related to non-compliance with the consent agreement and the details of the course delivery, specifically why it wasn't pre-approved, who the course was delivered to, and whether it meets the intent of the consent agreement. (Libby, Gerrish)

Yes: Downing, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: None

Abstain/Recused: Turcotte

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3. Merrill Application Review

Summary: An applicant for initial licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician failed to disclose a single conviction for Class E Criminal Trespass from 1997 within his application for licensure.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance reminding the applicant of their responsibility to disclose all criminal convictions, to be kept on file for 2 license cycles. (Turcotte, Downing)

Yes: Turcotte, Downing, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

PASSED

4. Fitch Application Review

Summary: A reciprocity applicant for an EMT license disclosed a conviction for an alcohol offense in 2023.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance reminding the applicant of their responsibility to disclose all criminal convictions, to be kept on file for 2 license cycles. (Libby, Turcotte)

Yes: Turcotte, Downing, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

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Old Business

1. Data Request for medication facilitated intubation activities.

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MOTION to enter executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRS §405.6(F) 32 MRS §91-B. (Gerrish, Libby)

Yes: Turcotte, Downing, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

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Entered Executive Session at 13:38

Exited Executive Session at 14:04

MOTION to direct staff to work with the Regional and Service level medical directors involved in the most recent three events to ensure an understanding for OLMC physicians that Maine EMS protocols do not support medication facilitated intubation and encourage the MDPB to release an updated Airway Management White Paper and FAQ from their 2019 and 2017 versions respectively, along with the materials for the 2025 protocol update that reiterates the prohibition of this pre-hospital procedure. (Libby, Drinkwater)

Yes: Turcotte, Downing, Gerrish, Drinkwater, Libby

No: None

Abstain/Recused: None

New Business

1. Meeting Schedule

The Committee's regular schedule conflicts with the TAC quarterly meeting, which is preceded by the MSA quarterly meeting, for the convenience of those attending.

The Committee agreed to move their regular schedule to the 4th Thursday of each month at 13:00, starting in July.

Next meeting: May 27, 2025, 13:00

Adjourn at 14:11 (Drinkwater, Gerrish)

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