



20250618-Maine-EMS-QI-Committee-Minutes

"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 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 clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent."

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at
2. Reading of the mission statement
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members
 - a. Chip Getchell; Dr Zimmerman; Dr. Collamore; Ben Zetterman; Alan Henschke; Brian Langerman; Dwight Corning; Joanne Lebrun; Melinda Fairbrother-Dyer; Robert Sharkey; Absent, Oliver MacKenzie; Stephen Smith
 - b. Guests
 - a. Juliana Boulay
 - c. Maine EMS Staff
 - a. Jason Oko; Robert Glaspy
4. Public Comments
 - a. Joanne Spoke about Dr. Kendall's passing. Celebration of life on June 26, 2025, at Freeport Fire Department, all are welcome, 4:30 -7:30, Speakers to start at 6:00 followed by a reception.
 - b. The committee held a moment of silence for Dr. Kendall.
5. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. No modifications to the agenda
6. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Sharkey to approve the minutes as written, second by Langerman - No discussion - Vote was unanimous with abstentions by Ben & Joanne
7. Old Business:
 - a. QI Manual Update



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- a. The manual was distributed one week ago with the meeting materials.
- b. The plan is for committee members to review the document over July and August and have comments back to Jason before the September meeting. Jason will send reminders with the document and will compile the comments into a single document.
- b. QI Committee Statewide Performance Measure Update
 - a. Start with one measure. The floor is open to folks to speak about the measures.
 - b. Sharkey suggested we start with Cardiac.
 - c. Jason shared his notion to start with aspirin administration.
 - d. Sharkey spoke about aspirin medication prior to EMS arrival not being documented.
 - i. Reports he has done narrative based searches to bring the agency to 95% of documenting aspirin administration
 - e. Joanne - Because we have done this before - this may be an opportunity to develop an operational checklist - the checklist could be used to operational future QI measures that would dovetail with our QI Plan. So we could mimic what we want services to do but on a broader level. It would be a template for the next initiative.
 - f. Dr. Collamore - services are pretty good at aspirin, keeping it simple, but a marker that appeals to Dr. Collamore was time to first vital signs. (Should we clarify specific first vital signs?) Heart Rate, Blood Pressure Pulse Oximetry, Respirations.
 - g. Sepsis was a topic of conversation
 - h. Stroke was also mentioned
 - i. Re: vital signs - they are being imported by the monitor and not updated and/or reviewed by the EMS clinicians
 - j. Alan Henschke - Informal vital signs - seen and done but not documented.
 - k. Time to 12 lead is a good one to start with - we could measure it fairly quickly, we need to hit this.



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- i. We discussed doing a poll of the group to determine an order of priority of three measures
 - i. Chip, Jason, Sharkey, and Joanne will help write the definitions of the measures to put in the poll.
 - m. Invite Stephen Smith to the next meeting to discuss SPESIS
8. New Business:
 - a. MEFIRS AI Assist
9. Next Meeting
 - a. July 16, 2025