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**Medical Direction and Practices Board – April 15, 2026  
via Zoom**

- Members present:** Dr. Matthew Sholl, Dr. Jack Lewis Dr. Kelly Meehan-Coussee, Dr. Seth Ritter, Dr. Tim Pieh, Dr. Dave Saquet, Bethany Nash, PharmD, Colin Ayer, Dr. Beth Collamore, Dr. Pete Tilney, Dr. Kelly Klein, Dr. Benjy Lowry, Dr. Rachel Williams
- Members Absent:** Dr. Bob Brown
- MEMS Staff:** Marc Minkler, Jason Oko, Wil O'Neal, Jason Cooney, Soliana Harnish, Darren Davis, Rob Glaspy, Ashley Moody, Taylor Woodbury (1110)
- Stakeholders:** Chip Getchell, Aiden Koplovsky, Brian Langerman, Bar Harbor FD, Eric Wellman, Joanne Lebrun, John Moulton, Michael Reeney, Rob Sharkey, Sean Brackett, Steve Smith, Dr. John Martel, Clif Whitten, Tyler Vesey, Dr. Taylor Gammons, Dr. Joe Minichiello, Tessa Byard. Sean Donaghue, Dennis Russell, Car 9 Cell Phone, Wagner Westbrook Fire, Steve Sloan, Everett Flannery

*“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.”*

- 1) The meeting begins at 0900 with a quorum. Sholl is chair.
- 2) **Introductions**
- 3) **MDPB Minutes**
  - a. Tabled to May
- 4) **State Update**
  - a. Office Updates – O'Neal provides update that Education Manager position open and closes April 23<sup>rd</sup>, OAS2 (Administrative Assistant) position open, EMD manager starts May 11
  - b. Legislative Updates – Updates on LD2128, LD2132, LD2133, LD484

- c. Regional Plan – Region 4 manager hired (Ryan Hall, starts Apr 27), RACs are all seated, business entity approval in process with goal of June 2026 to be able to fund the regions and regional medical directors
    - d. BLS position applications – no applicants yet
- 5) **Alternate Devices** – NONE
- 6) **Special Circumstances Protocols** – NONE
- 7) **Pilot Projects**
  - a. Delta Pilot project tabled to May
  - b. MD3 – Culminative Report by Pieh on responses, education, and aspects of funding and performance over past 35 months of the pilot project
  - c. Sanford – Pilot Project Update – Monthly Report - Moulton reports 2 unsuccessful uses, 1 successful use, met with Saco FD about possibly joining pilot project
    - i. Discussion re: Saco Participation Whitten and Gammon discuss desire to join Sanford Ultrasound Pilot program, 8 people would be selected, met with Region 1 medical directors regarding implementation
    - ii. **Ayer makes a motion to approve Saco as a participant in Sanford Ultrasound pilot project, second by Meehan-Coussee.** Discussion by group regarding staff concerns about time by Maine EMS staff for back-end work and data, O’Neal would like more insight to reasons for IV fails, and root causes, and what is the impact on patients of this project. Tilney/Lewis offer support that this may be beneficial even if a small number of patients and would like a larger catchment of patients and Saco may allow for this. Lowry expresses concern about expansion of pilot projects and value of pilot projects and goals. Need to address burden of these pilots to our system. Tilney requests an amendment to continue Saco in pilot project without extending the end date of the pilot project, Sholl feels that is part of what Ayer motions, Tilney is ok **Sholl calls for vote. No – Collamore, all others vote Yes (Klein absent), motion passes.**
  - d. Westbrook Suboxone Pilot Project. Langerman presents slide deck on data and overdoses in Maine, 53-page application with letters of support also submitted.
    - i. Discussion by group on data, workload, state impacts, whether this should be pilot or statewide protocol. **Motion by Ayer to approve the pilot project as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meehan-Coussee.** Discussion continues on topic and possible inclusion of other agencies. **Sholl asks for vote, unanimously approved (Klein absent).** Next step is to present to Maine EMS Board and Maine EMS Office.
- 8) **Medication Shortages**
  - a. Nash reports none
- 9) Due to time – remaining agenda tabled

10) Sholl announces he will be stepping down as State EMS Medical Director effective July 1, 2026, and from the MDPB Board. Thanks all for the journey and experience that has created a love for Maine EMS and its clinicians and stakeholders. Recognizes that Maine EMS is a system that will continue to expand and improve. Thanks all for his 20+ years in the Maine EMS system and as a medical director.

11) **Meeting adjourned at 11 and transitioned to LifeFlight of Maine meeting, minutes recorded by LifeFlight of Maine.**

12) Next MDPB meeting will be May 20, 2026, at 0930.

*Minutes by Marc Minkler.*