

20260303 Maine EMS Data Committee Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 2:00 PM

Meeting Date: 3/3/2026 2:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Link to Outlook Item: [click here](#)

Invitation Message

Participants

 [Davis, Darren W](#) (Meeting Organizer)

Agenda

1. Call To Order at: 14:01
2. Reading of the Maine EMS mission statement:
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.

3. Attendance (7 voting members, 4 required for quorum)

Darren Davis - Maine EMS Staff, Meeting Host

Jason Oko - Maine EMS Staff, Data Coordinator

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Ryba	ALS Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Porter	BLS Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Bicknell	EMD Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Sharkey	Emergency Service Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Meehan-Cousee, MD	MDPB Representative Arrived 14:13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck McMahan	MIH Service Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Walker	Transfer Service Representative

a. Guests

a. Jason Oko

4. Approval of prior meeting minutes:

a. 9-30-2025

a. Motion to approve Fred

b. Seconded by Robert after correct of he abstained

Christopher Ryba

- Fred Porter
- Rachel Bicknell
- Robert Sharkey
- Kelly Meehan-Cousee, MD absent
- Chuck McMahan
- Brian Walker

5. Public Comment

- a. None

6. Modifications to Agenda

- a. None

7. Old Business

- a. Darren to add data committee login in to demo agency
- b. MEFIRS Guide
 - a. Need a smaller, more clinician-friendly concept (No Progress)
 - b. Darren to create a list for definitions so missing definitions can be updated
 - c. Update to guide to come
- c. New Support site: <https://support.maineems.org/helpdesk/>

8. New Business

- a. Maine EMS 2025 Data Report
 - a. The Maine EMS Data Report 2025 is out and on the web site at
- b. Maine EMS Information Assets Report
 - a. A report on the Maine EMS Information Assets is now available
- c. Airway Confirmation
 - a. Changes were made for airway confirmations. Seems good for now.
- d. Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017 (PPAEMA)
 - a. Modifications to validation rules for controlled substance
 - 1- If Treatments > Medication Administration = [fentanyl, midazolam, or ketamine] & medication Authorization = Protocol (standing order) then require one of

Assessment > Protocols ...

- Post-Intubation/BIAD Pain Control (already exists)
- Chest Pain - Suspected Cardiac Origin / STEMI criteria (already exists)
- Cardiac – narrow complex tachycardia (already exists)
- Cardiac – Bradycardia (already exists)
- Medical – Abdominal pain (already exists)
- Trauma – Pain Management in Trauma (already exists)
- **Universal Pain Management (NEW)**
- **Anxiolysis in CPAP (NEW)**
- Medical – seizure (adult) (already exists)
- Pediatric – Seizure
- Toxicology – Alcohol intoxication / Severe Alcohol Withdrawal (already exists)
- **Hyperactive delirium with severe agitation (NEW)**
- **Pre-Hospital Management of Hospice Patients (NEW)**

2- If Treatments > Medication Administration = [fentanyl, midazolam, or ketamine] & medication Authorization = [Written Orders (patient Specific), On-Line (remote Verbal Order), or On-Scene,] then require field "Medication Authorizing Physician" input.

e. PIFT/CCT/SCT

- a. Proposed working with Transfer and Transport Committee to define what a PIFT/CCT/SCT form looks like, what data elements are needed, etc

f. Community Health

- a. Proposed working with Community Paramedicine Committee to define what a PIFT/CCT/SCT form looks like, what data elements are needed, etc

g. Two Factor Authentication For All?

- a. Not a great idea currently but will likely be necessary in the future.

○ h. Can we provide reports and follow up for changes in MEFIRS?

9. Next Meeting: March 5, 2026 1400

10. Adjourn at 15:13

Motion by Christopher Ryba

Seconded

Parking Lot:

A. Data Reporting

- How do we structure the data for
 - Quality
 - Operations
- Can this committee validate the output from the system
- Crafting reports with the QI committee will be very important

B. Incident Status and workflow, develop guidance and work to reduce list (Darren to send info for future meeting)

C. Have MDPD create a general protocol

- UPDATE 7/15 Being worked on by the MDPB

D. Adding report writing to the CQI guidebook

E. Definition of a patient

Stated Goals

Improve on reporting apathy/Attitude

Improve education on data

Improve accountability for data

Improve on value to clinicians for accuracy and thoroughness

Improve on value to agencies for accuracy and thoroughness