

Atlantic Partners EMS
Region 1,3,4,6
October & November Board Report

1) Quality Assurance/Improvement

- a. Through phone conversations and face-to-face meetings, we assisted services in the regions with utilization of the MEFIRS report writer and QI forms to develop and strengthen their service level QI programs.
- b. In conjunction with the Regional Medical Directors, participated in the review and follow up of communication and patient care issues in each Region.
- c. Continued to work with services on the implementation of the new medication exchange system in the Mid-Coast Region.
- d. Participated in the MEMS QI meetings, Interfacility Transport meeting, and various Regional Stroke meetings.
- e. Continued our work with Maine EMS on the Data access MOU in order to restore staff access to Maine EMS run report data.
- f. Worked with several Hospitals to establish and/or re-establish quarterly sub-regional QI case review/communication meetings.
- g. Updated QI forms on the APEMS website.
- h. Facilitated EMS Medical Director, Pharmacist, and EMS QI session at the EMS Conference in November.
- i. Nate continues to work with the Regional Medical Directors to improve access and utilization of reports for their ongoing QI reviews.

2) Communication

- a. Our Regional Council Meetings in Regions 3,4, and 6 are scheduled for September, December, March, and June, so meetings in those regions did not occur during October and November. Region 1 meets every other month, so we held our Region 1 Council meeting on November 28.
- b. We participated in sub-regional chiefs meetings in Portland, Bangor, Brunswick, Bridgton, Alfred, Westbrook, and Rockland.
- c. We routinely send out electronic updates and reminders about local, regional, state and national issues related to EMS. During this time period out reminders included information about drug shortages, BoundTree Epi-Safe kits recall, status updates on Video laryngoscopy and mechanical CPR, and the Maine EMS Epinephrine for Anaphylaxis survey.
- d. Worked with Video Laryngoscopy distributors to put together group buying options for the devices.
- e. Participated in Maine EMS Operations team, Maine EMS Board, Maine EMS QI Committee, Maine EMS Interfacility Transport committee, and Trauma Advisory Committee meetings
- f. Facilitated a meeting between Island EMS services/providers, the Regional Office, and the Maine EMS Director to discuss growing access and transport issues on the Islands.
- g. Attended EMS advisory meetings at Waldo County Tech Center, Kennebec Valley Community College, Eastern Maine Community College, and Beal College.
- h. Held our bi-monthly APEMS Board meeting in November
- I. Worked with services on issues related to transporting deceased patients.
- j. Utilized our social media and website to inform providers about job openings, educational opportunities, and EMS-related issues.

- k. Updated our contact list for organizations within our regions.

3) Education

- a. Approved CEU requests as they are submitted, assist those organizations having difficulty accessing the system, and uploading attendee information for those needing assistance
- b. Assisted EMCC, KVCC, and WCCC with their EMS licensure programming.
- c. Worked with EMCC on their very successful Paramedic Program re-accreditation.
- d. Met with York County Community College (YCCC) to begin the process of establishing an EMS licensure program beginning in the spring of 2019 (in conjunction with EMCC). We will also work with YCC to develop the College as an approved Maine EMS training center, building towards an accredited Paramedic Program.
- e. Continued with our continuing education and specialty education programming throughout the state.
- f. Maintained our AHA training center. Under the direction of Sally Taylor, we are the busiest AHA training center in New England.
- g. Began work on a plan to assist services and providers meet National Core Competency Requirements and streamline some of our continuing education.
- h. Successfully coordinated and delivered the 38th annual EMS Conference November 7 – 11. We partner with the Maine Committee on Trauma, Maine Cardiovascular Council, Maine Ambulance Association, Maine Ems, and the Medical Direction and Practice Board, to bring together a wide array of health care providers in an educational setting.
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4) Other projects

- a. We continue to support CISD teams in all 4 regions and conducted 4 debriefings during this time period.
- b. Attended Regional Resource Center meetings and supported their activities.
- c. Worked with MGMC on their stroke center verification
- d. Met with the Community College System Office to discuss EMS Education initiatives
- e. Worked with the BOL Apprenticeship program to develop an EMS apprenticeship program.
- f. Participated in a Webinar on Preventing Mistakes for Better Patient Safety.

5) Reports

- a. Submitted monthly invoices and supporting documentation as required by contract.
- b. Submitted financial information to accountant for annual review as required by contract.
- c. Developed written report for Board