



STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
152 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333



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EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MAINE BOARD OF EMS  
AUGUST 23, 2021  
9:00 A.M.  
ZOOM

“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 board/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

Members Present: Dr. Kate Zimmerman DO, Matt Sholl MD, Nate Allen, Tim Beals, Brad Chicoine, Joe Conley, Heidi Cote, Laura Downing, Amy Drinkwater (Co chair), Judy Gerrish, Joe Kellner, Rich Kindelan, Brent Libby (Chair), John Martel, Julie Ontengco, Dennis Russell, Steve Smith, Scott Susi

Staff: Commissioner Sauschuck, Sam Hurley, Marc Minkler, Chris Azevedo, Griffin Bourassa, Darren Davis, Jason Oko, Marc Minkler

Stakeholders: Larissa Crockett-Wells Town Manager, Chris Clark, Dr. James Jarvis, Troy Cailler, Shayna Webber, Steve Benatti speaking for the City of Sanford Fire Department, Tom Chisolm Fire Chief representing Southwest Harbor, Kyle Baker, Dani, Jeff Chretien Fire Chief speaking for Newport Fire Department, Lori Rice representing United Ambulance Service, Jenny Sherif, Paul Silva, Michael Devoid, Bill Tower representing Sanford Dispatch Director, Phil Selberg, Michael Barker, Jane Clukey, Chief Eric Stroud representing Town of Levant Fire/Rescue, Cody Fenderson, Steven Buck, Dana, Matthew Tarasevich, Mark Dupuis representing Wells Fire Department, Joshua Lilley, Robert Chase, Miles Villalobos, Chris Whytock, Adam Mason, Theodore Marshall, Caitlin Demers, Jessy Walker, Scott, Chief Amy MacDonnell representing Lisbon Emergency, Harley Quirion, Shawn Hall, Kelly McCoubrey, Amy Davenport-Dakin, Andy Turcotte, Brian Trefethen, Michael Sherman representing Litchfield Fire, Greg Payson, Shawn Esler, Chris Thompson, Monica, Robert White, Mike Choate, Justin Bartlett representing Old Town Fire, Samantha Small, John Cummings, Eric Wellman, Melinda Fairbrother-Dyer, Justin Robash, Jared Blake, Sean Holshouser, Bill Collins, Ben McKenney, Robert Currier, Michael Thurlow, Alex Johnson, Matt Albrecht representing Union of South Portland Professional Firefighters, Robert Currier, Adam Keene, Mike Larsen, Jonathan Powers, Joshua Perry, Greg Hamilton, Kevin LeCaptain, Mike Norton, Amanda Bessey, Steven Quinn, John Macleod, Mike Robitaille, Sherry Johnson, David Kelley, Michael



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Krauss representing Professional Firefighters of Maine, Troy Callier, Justin LaDolce, Abigail McMahon

1. Introductions
2. Disclosure of any conflicts of interest  
None

Rick Petrie takes a moment to recognize the passing of Kerry McKee, who was a long time member of the Maine EMS system who worked as a paramedic but also as an education, her contributions to the Maine EMS system will be felt for generations

Tim Beals takes a moment to recognize Dan Palladino, longtime education and paramedic has touched many people throughout his career here in Maine.  
Chair takes moment of silence for the two Maine EMS members

Commission Sauschuck- thanks the providers that are on the call for everything that they do for their communities and the Maine EMS Board for their efforts in holding the emergency meeting today. Offers that this is an emergency rule that was pushed out due to the Delta variant. Traditionally we would gather public comment and other information, unfortunately, with an emergency rule, we do not have that time.

Dr. Shah

Thanks EMS clinicians for their continued efforts and states that it is important for them to be included as health care providers and the importance of protecting our healthcare force.

3. Public Comments

Larissa Crockett-Wells Town Manager, Chris Clark, Dr. James Jarvis, Troy Cailler, Shayna Webber, Steve Benatti speaking for the City of Sanford Fire Department, Tom Chisolm Fire Chief representing Southwest Harbor, Kyle Baker, Dani, Jeff Chretien Fire Chief speaking for Newport Fire Department, Lori Rice representing United Ambulance Service, Jenny Sherif, Paul Silva, Michael Devold, Bill Tower representing Sanford

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4. New Business

a. Maine CDC Emergency Rule Change Regarding Immunizations

*MOTION: To enter executive session to consult with the AG's Office.*

*Made by: Russell; Seconded by Drinkwater*

*Roll Call Vote (Yes): Beals, Chicoine, Conley, Cote, Drinkwater,*

*Downing, Gerrish, Kellner, Kindelan, Libby, Martel, Ontengco, Russell,*

*Smith, Susi*

*MOTION: To exit Executive Session*

*MOTION: To adopt the Basis Statement in addition to adopting the draft rule Chapter 20 as written with the following changes. To amend the effective date of the rule to August 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>. Remove from section one number two Emergency Medical Dispatchers. Amend section two number two to read October 15<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>. Amending four number 6 by deleting the last sentence in its entirety and remaining silent on records retention. Amending section three number four to read: Contingent upon a services ability to obtain binax now antigen testing at no cost. A covered emergency medical services*

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*person with an exemption must receive a binax now test three times per week or at the start of each scheduled shift whichever is less if that person is available to emergency medical calls. And further, to pass a resolution that the Board send it's request to Maine CDC and DHHS to consider involving Maine EMS stakeholders in the review of their formal rule as they go through the rulemaking process or at a minimum limit the scope to include those that participate in direct patient care for 15 minutes or more within six feet or less from any patient. Also that DHHS and the CDC look at potential alternatives to vaccination for those that may have a need or an exception.*

*Made by: Kellner; Seconded by: Martel  
Roll Call Vote(Yes): Chicoine, Conley, Cote, Downing, Gerrish, Kellner, Martel, Ontengco, Smith  
No: Allen, Beals, Drinkwater, Kindelan, Libby, Russell, Susi*

5. Other

- a. Next meeting date (September 4, 2021 @ 9:30 AM)

6. Adjourn

*MOTION: To adjourn*

*Made by: Kindelan; Seconded by: Kellner*