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BOARD OF EMS MEETING
APRIL 3, 2019
9:30 AM
DE CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Scott Susi (Chair), Joe Kellner (Chair-Elect), Matt Sholl MD (ex-officio), Nate Allen, Tim Beals, Carolyn Brouillard, Brad Chicoine, Joe Conley, Heidi Cote, Laura Downing, Amy Drinkwater, Judy Gerrish, Rich Kindelan, Brent Libby, John Martell MD, Dennis Russell, Julie Ontengco

Board Members Absent: Region 2 (Vacant)

Office of Attorney General: Katie Johnson, AAG

Staff: Kate Zimmerman, Tim Nangle, Marc Minkler, Jason Oko, Don Sheets

Stakeholders: Joanne Lebrun, Rick Petrie, Ben Zetterman, Theresa Cousins, Jay Bradshaw, Paul Landry

Call to order 0930

1. Introductions
2. Disclosure of any conflicts of interest – Carolyn Brouillard cannot comment on peninsula Community Paramedicine application.
3. Minutes
 - a. Approval of March 2019 Meeting Minutes – Tabled as they were unavailable
4. Public comments – No update
5. Maine EMS Update
 - a. Budget
 - b. Legislation – Jay Bradshaw from the Maine Ambulance Association gave a legislative update to the board.
 - i. LD - 124 Chebeague Island ferry service has requested tax exempt status.
 - ii. LD - 159 act to require cameras in ambulances has been
 - iii. LD - 215 Transport of Prisoners – OTP by committee
 - iv. LD - 915 increases Mainecare rate to Medicare
 - v. LD - 264 Blood Sampling from a MV operator OTP as Amended

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- vi. LD - 304 Provides funding for improvement of stroke care in Maine.
- vii. LD - 674 An act to improve E911 the MAA is concerned that EMS would be negatively impacted if EMD were not protected during this process.
- viii. LD - 1169 Act to provide AEDs to businesses and pharmacies.
- ix. LD - 1236 – Act to govern the licensing of Paramedics.
- x. LD - 1319 – Act to prohibit employer disciplinary action against FF and EMS providers responding to an emergency
- xi. LD - 1092 bills regarding CISM Major Grotton asked for an amendment to be more inclusive of who bill 1092 pertained to. OTP unanimously
- xii. 1188 – Act to Provide Preventive Counseling to Firefighters and EMS Persons

Specifics on these bills may be found utilizing the search feature at <http://legislature.maine.gov/>

6. Medical Director Report

- a. MDPB – Protocol review is almost complete and will be meeting with education next week to handle some scheduling issues as well as give the education committee an opportunity to ask questions.
 - i. Whitepapers and most other deliverables to the education committee will be delivered this month with some final items in May.
 - b. Equivalency Request presented to state that cuffed endotracheal tubes in pediatric sizes would be equivalent to the current requirement in rule. This would align the desire of the MDPB to refer to cuffed endotracheal tubes in protocol.
 - i. Joe Kellner motions to accept the proposal Dennis Russell seconds
 - 1. Unanimous
 - ii. Motion by Joe Kellner Second by Dennis Russell to allow 6 months after protocols go live to transition to cuffed endotracheal tubes by May 1st 2020 and to direct the rules committee to address this in the draft changes
 - 1. Unanimous
7. QAI – There is a newsletter that will be going out from the group to discuss current trends with directions on how services can access this data for their individual agency if they chose.
- a. Question regarding behavioral emergencies in a newsletter that was distributed to the Board at the meeting.
 - b. We will now have an orange section in the protocols to help address some of this. This will include agitated delirium, suicidality screening tool, patient restraint will be included

8. Investigations

- a. Nothing to report

9. Community Paramedicine

- a. Committee update
- b. Community Paramedicine Committee workplan
 - c. i. Dennis Russell is seeking discussion and approval of the Board for the workplan
 - i. ii. Joe Kellner Amy Drinkwater motion to approve as submitted
 - 1. Question from Brad Chicoine about opportunities to better publicize the committee and opportunities to engage with the group.
 - 2. Question regarding the level and naming conventions

3. Unanimous approval
- d. Peninsula Ambulance program review
 - i. Theresa Cousins from peninsula was present to answer questions and present the program to the Board.
 - ii. Richard Kindelan asked if this was limited to paramedics. There is history that the term community paramedicine was intended for all license level operating at their current scope of practice.
 - iii. Joe Kellner asked if it would be inhibitive to the service and program if they took a month to review the document and discussed it in May.
 1. Theresa explained that the service had expected a need for revisions and follow up with the Board at a later meeting and that this would not be inhibitive to their plans.
 - iv. Joe Kellner motioned to table the document for next meeting to allow
Seconded by Rich Kindelan.
 - v. Tim Beals that an education outline be included for review
 - vi. Unanimous except 1 Recusal – Amy Drinkwater

10. Old Business

- a. CARES data (Nangle) – Nothing new to report
- b. Award nominations
 - i. Request to add distinguished service as an award category
 - ii. No Governor's award recommended for this year.
 - iii. Dennis Russell motioned to approve the committee's nominations as amended seconded by Judy Gerrish
 - iv. Judy Gerrish asked that the Board Members make every effort to be present and that as a process we do more to acknowledge the individuals' accomplishments beyond a name and the award category.
 - v. Unanimous
 - vi. Joanne Lebrun asked that the group meet again after the ceremony to discuss this tradition and how to improve the entire process and acknowledgment.

11. New Business

- a. ImageTrend contract
 - i. We are in the process of rewriting the proposal and requesting a quote from ImageTrend on what our next contract would entail.
 - ii. Joe Kellner would like to ensure that there is accountability in the contract for us to leverage.
 - iii. There was a lot of discussion by the group on the value and struggles of this system and whether we should be looking elsewhere. Rich Kindelan has asked that the group start discussing the next contract once this is established.
 - iv. Bring forward the list of seats on the data committee at the next meeting. Consensus was to reinvigorate this group.
- b. 2018 Scope of Practice
 - i. Don Sheets did a brief presentation on the new National EMS Scope of Practice Model. This was to introduce members to changes and to encourage them to be considering how this will impact our EMS system.

- ii. Several Board members asked question around the AEMT level and its long-term projection as well as what the process might look like in adopting this new scope model.

12. Items for April agenda

- a. Kevin McGinnis will be presenting on a number of recently released national level documents. The Board has also clarified that they would like Kevin to do some discussion on strategic planning in the future.
 - i. Don will be sending documents to the Board by the end of this week to allow adequate time for review.
- b. Peninsula's Community Paramedicine request will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- c. Data Committee makeup will be presented to the Board.

13. Next Meeting – May 1, 2019

14. Adjourned 1139 Dennis motioned Rich Seconded Unanimous