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EMD Committee Meeting
Thursday June 18, 2015 9:30 a.m.
De Champlain Conference Room
Minutes

Members: Laura Downing, Peter Daigle, Bill Holmes, Kathy Blagdon, Cindy Moore-Rossi, Dave Gardner,

Staff: Drexell White

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
 - A. Introductions – None Required
 - B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None

Drexell reported that Stephanie Gibbs and Carolyn Dodge sent their regrets that they would be unable to attend the meeting.

2. Minutes – March 19, 2015

Members reviewed minutes from March 19, 2015 meeting, for approval.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting (Blagdon;Downing – Motion Carries – Holmes abstained)

3. Staff Reports

- A. Maine EMS Update

Drexell reported:

- Maine EMS is beginning the Rulemaking process, with a preliminary draft of the Rules made public on June 5, 2015. The most significant change in the EMD sections of the Rules is the proposal to require the electronic version of the EMD protocol in all Maine-licensed EMD Centers. Currently, there are three Centers that still use the card set protocols.

Motion: To support the draft Rules changes (Holmes; Gardner – motion carries 5 – 1 [Downing])

- Matt Sholl, M.D., State EMS Medical Director has approved abbreviated Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Tool use as outlined in a June 12, 2015 memo that went out to all EMD Centers.
- Staff changes – Drexell reported that there are several vacant or soon to be vacant positions at Maine EMS; The Office has or will be advertising for a Licensing Assistant, Licensing Agent and the Maine EMS Director:
- The group discussed the recent Legislation designating 9-1-1 as the only number that may be advertised for emergency response. The Emergency Services Communications Bureau is the oversight agency for the new legislation.
- Members of Cumberland County RCC and Gorham Fire Department co-authored a study of 100 EMD calls to determine if patient status on arrival coincided with the determinate code assigned by the Emergency Medical Dispatcher. Bill Holmes, Director of Cumberland County RCC discussed the study, which indicated that Cumberland County RCC personnel had a greater than 95% accuracy rate in assigning the correct determinate codes.

4. Old Business

A. Determinant Code Implementation

Staff is developing a written plan to move pre-hospital use of determinate codes forward.

B. Protocol 33 – Acuity Levels

Staff reviewed a draft of the Protocol 33 acuity levels and will continue to refine the draft.

C. EMD Refresher

The EMD Refresher sub-committee continues its work on a refresher program with the goal to pilot a day-long refresher in July

D. EMS Representative

The Committee reviewed the Letters of Interest submitted for the EMS Manager position to the Committee. Following discussion the Committee recommended that the Maine EMS Board chair appoint Dan Mayotte to the Committee.

5. New Business

- A. Version 13 of the EMD protocols is due out later this year. As with other releases, once Version 13 is released, Maine EMS will set an implementation deadline several months after the release date to ensure that the software works before requiring centers to install it. Drexell reported that IAED indicates that training in the updated protocols should be able to be handled at the local level.

1. Next Meeting - Set Agenda, Date and Time

The next EMD Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

2. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted - Drexell White