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Maine EMS Education Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday July 9, 2014
Champlain Conference Room
DPS Building- Augusta
0930-1200

I. Call to Order 0930

Members present: Dan Batsie, Joseph Moore, Christopher Pare, John Brady, Joanne Lebrun, Kevin Gurney, Brian Chamberlin, Dennis Russell, Carol Pillsbury
Members Absent: Eric Wellman, Leah Mitchell, Kevin Curry
MEMS Staff: Don Sheets, Heather McKenny
Guests: Underwood, Block, Macvane

II. Introductions/Public Comments

III. Additions to Agenda: None

IV. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion to accept by Dennis Russell, Second Kevin Gurney Unanimous

V. Staff Report –

- a. Heather McKenny has been hired to fill the vacant position of Licensing Agent. She has started work and is eager to learn and get involved.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. Training Centers

- i. Annual Report Update – Don reminded the group about feedback on annual reports and that he had not received any.
 - 1. Batsie asked about 2015 report change for due date and if TCs with a November annual report date currently would submit a report again in March.
- ii. Instructor series
 - 1. Curriculum updates and Testing (Batsie) – Dan has submitted an outline for the group for review. Dan has attempted to take what has been a 2 -3 hours course and break it down to be a more series based program for MEMSEd as a course of that length will not be consumable. The sections he has proposed are Instructor expectations, Research, Clinical changes broken into several sections.
 - 2. Discussion was had about reaching out to Tonia Strout whom came in from MMC to present to the group related to the research section.
 - 3. National Standards(Wellman) – Not present
 - 4. Professionalism and Ethics – Don is working on an outline Joanne has agreed to work on this and will review the initial outline and then help with development.
- iii. Protocol Course (Kevin Gurney) – Kevin reports that the subgroup met and is working on a protocol knowledge check / education and there is ongoing work and the group will be meeting again to discuss this.

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- iv. CEH in Maine – Who, when, how 2016 NREMT Rep discussion – The NREMT has had some recent staffing changes, Don will be working with the new rep to identify who would be most appropriate to lead this.
- v. Home Births Communication and interaction with Midwives – Chris walked through the document with the group and explained the background and intention of this document. It is intended to support better communication between CPMs and other medical providers. The workgroup that developed this document has asked Chris to reach out and work on developing training for EMS.
 - 1. Joanne has expressed how EMS providers need more education into cultural competence. Chris has asked how we do this.
 - 2. Brian – expressed concern over the impression that this document points to the CPM dictating EMS care.
 - 3. Group consensus was this project has merit and they would be interested in getting updates as the project moves forward.

VII. New Business:

- a. Work Plan / Ideas
 - i. National Trends – Self Education – Don is looking for input from the group about creating a forum, web-post, etc. There was general feedback to not do this through the state as it could be limiting.
 - ii. Create an IC conference – The group would like to host a Maine EMS Education Committee IC conference. May 2015 Friday the 15th hosted at Maine EMS. Don will follow up with Jay. The group will bring back ideas of presenters at the next meeting.
 - iii. CECBEMS – What would it take for the state to move to 100% CECBEMS approval. Don expressed that this would likely be very cost prohibitive as there are fees for every course held.

VIII. Adjournment: 1109 by Dennis.