**Joint Education Committee/Medical Direction and Practices Board Meeting**

**De Champlain Conference Room**

**April 10, 2019**

**Draft Minutes**

**Education Present –** Myles Block, Brian Chamberlin, Joanne Lebrun, Ben Zetterman, Steve Smith, Stephanie Cordwell, Mike Drinkwater, Amy Drinkwater, Chris Pare

**MDPB Present –** Dr. Sholl, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Pieh, Dr. Saquet, Dr. Opacic, Dr. Nash, Dr. Collamore, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Ritter

**Education Absent –** Paul Froman, Leah Mitchell, Kevin Gurney

**MDPB Absent –** Pete Tilney, Kevin Kendall

**Stakeholders –** Chip Getchell, Justin Bragdon, John Kooistra, Rick Petrie, Nate Yerxa, Jay Bradshaw, Eric Wellman

**Agenda – Meeting begins at 0930**

1. Introductions – Pare/Sholl 0930 - 0940
2. March 2019 MDPB Minutes – Zimmerman/Sholl – 0940 – 0945 Dr. Ritter, Dr. Pieh Unanimous
3. March 2019 Education Committee Minutes – Pare/Sheets – 0945 – 0950 Brian Chamberlin, Joanne Lebrun Unanimous
4. State Update – 0950-1000
   1. Heart Rescue/RA – May Conference – Dr. Sholl gave a recap on the work that has been going on with heart rescue northern new England and the program planned for May 30, 31
   2. EMS-C – Marc was not available
   3. Legislative Update – Jay Bradshaw gave an update on current bills the Maine Ambulance Association
      1. Camera Bill died
      2. Department of corrections payment to ambulances
      3. LD 915 which would set Mainecare reimbursement rate to the Medicare rate.
      4. Blood draw would provide additional coverage to ems agencies and law enforcement agencies for OUI draws.
      5. EPD – two bills submitted to allow local options.
      6. 1169 Ready access to defibs for businesses and pharmacies
      7. 1236 clarifying Maine EMS statute to define paramedic
      8. Law surrounding the discipline of employees who are volunteers.
      9. For more information please go to <http://legislature.maine.gov/>
   4. Joanne was involved in a recent discussion with the public health advisory committee and their commissioner around the challenges facing healthcare today including what the last 8 years did to our infrastructure. The group is in a preparation to rebuild currently and is hopeful there will be resources coming to better support systems.
5. 2019 Protocol Update – Sholl/Zimmerman /All – 1000 - 1215
   1. Timeline of the educational process – Dr. Sholl discussed the timeline the MDPB has been following and the plan for the MDPB to finish up review and how they intend to support the education committee.
   2. MDPB Member involvement in the educational project is essential to the downstream success and understanding of new protocols. The MPDB has a history of reviewing the education as well as being present and participating in the train the trainer sessions. This has made it possible to better convey intent and answer the in depth questions that come from the instructors who will be participating.
   3. Review White Paper & FAQ Authors/Timeline
      1. M-CPR –
         1. Dr. Bohanske gave a description of what is being covered and walked the group through the paper. It focuses heavily on the process of application of the device to avoid adding in long pulses. Also, situations in which MCPR should be avoided.
      2. Portable CO Monitors accuracy –
         1. Dr. Collamore walked through this white paper and includes that there is no correlation between ETCO2 and CO levels.
            1. Brian brought up concern that there is conflict with NFPA and that we should be prepared to have discussions about this with Fire Departments. Brian will work with the MDPB members to address the concerns.

Joanne suggested we spend some time discussing this in the education as well.

* + 1. Use of Naloxone with overdose –
       1. Dr. Collamore walked through the paper and high points
          1. John K brought up concern that this may not go far enough to encourage low dosing patients.
    2. Burns –
       1. Dr. Pieh gave a quick overview about the significant items and the group was given time to review these.
    3. Dexamethasone PO of IV dose in kids with croup… -
       1. Dr. Nash walked through the reasons why you most medication cannot be used orally but why this is okay with this medication.
    4. Cardizem vs. Beta Blockers –
       1. This will cover the same material that was discussed at the MDPB meeting last month.
    5. Shelf life of warmed IV Fluids –
       1. Covered as an FAQ
    6. Cuffed tubes in kids – why? What has changed? –
       1. Dr. Saquet walked through the whitepaper and additional thoughts
          1. Should educate around the volume of air needed to inflate a pediatric cuff.
          2. Dr. Saquet, Don and Dr. Sholl will work on a letter to services.
  1. Discussion re: Education Committee Questions for the 2019 Protocol Update
     1. The education committee has had a chance to do some initial review and a number of clarification points arose during the discussion. Some of which were surrounding the airway checklist.
  2. Discussion re: question from the Education Committee re: the vision for the EMS Provider scope of practice and how to maximize the capabilities of each scope.
     1. Evolution of the National Scope of Practice
     2. What do we want our system to look like in 5 years 10 years etc. It is understood that the MDPB cannot predict what will be happening in medicine but if they would like more independent BLS providers training centers will need to begin changing the educational model to better prepare them for this role. If providers will be doing more community health work this again will need to be worked into education sooner rather than later.
     3. The MDPB is interested in doing a retreat with an opportunity to focus on some strategic planning where this discussion can be expanded upon and information can be shared back with the education committee and training centers.

**Old Business –** 1215 - 1230

1. Ops – Awards Ceremony May 20th @ 1430
2. Education – No news
3. QI – new membership, Stroke is next, airway, Cardiac arrest
4. Community Paramedicine -
5. Maine Heart Rescue – Needs to meet
6. Epi emergency syringe is not available
7. Adjourned 1232 Ben Zetterman, Dr. Zimmerman