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Quality Assurance & Improvement Committee
Minutes for May 19, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the mission statement

“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 clinicians. All members of this committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this committee, we commit to serve the respective clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members
 - i. Matthew Sholl, Kate Zimmerman, Beth Collamore, Rick Petrie, Joanne Lebrun, Chip Getchell, Ashley Moody, Alan Henske
 - b. Maine EMS Staff
 - i. Jason Oko, Darren Davis, Marc Minkler, Sam Hurley, Melissa Adams
4. Public Comments
 - a. No public comments were made
5. Minutes
 - a. 2020 Minutes
 - i. Motion by Chip, second by Dr. Collamore
 - i. The minutes were approved by a vote of 6 yes, and one abstention
 - b. April Minutes
 - i. Motion by Chip, second by Dr. Collamore
 - ii. The minutes were approved by a vote of 5 yes, and two abstentions
6. Old Business:
 - a. Trauma Newsletter
 - i. Assignments



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- i. Assignments were reviewed
 1. Jon Powers had Volunteered to do Measures 1 & 3
 2. Rick Volunteered to do Hemorrhage control
 3. Ashley volunteered to do TXA & Calcium Gluconate usage
 4. Chip volunteered to do the spinal motion restriction piece
 5. Dr. Zimmerman volunteered to do the transport to a trauma center, Measure 4
- ii. Discussion on the newsletter
 - i. Discussion regarding the trauma measure 4
 1. Highlight the value and importance of our trauma system hospitals
 2. If we are going to reference trauma measure 4, explain what the NEMSQA measures are in the introduction
 3. Identify NEMSQA and do not refer to it as Measure 4
Highlight if the transport destination choice was correct.
What is the important part here?
 4. Matt - When sending out the state documents, I tend to depersonalize it.
 5. In regard to calcium gluconate - add "as of the 2019 Maine EMS Protocols, CG can only be used for crush injuries."
 6. SMR - 100% should be performed if they fail the exam.
Melissa said we could add in the takeaway.
 7. Could this be looked at as a pearl? Did they transport supine, or ask about the distracting injuries?
 8. Perhaps in the takeaway, is the exam reliable?
 9. Did not document application of a hemostatic agent as a procedure, this may be underrepresented by the EMS data
 10. Add three more years of data to the hemostatic agents & tourniquets, we could also add direct pressure



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11.13 Of 39 txa recipients it was difficult to determine of there were any IV fluids administered. Is this a documentation issue.

12. Need to remove the necessity to contact OLMC

13. More to come on the EMD component

- b. Open positions on the committee
 - i. Review of applications from interested parties
 - i. The committee ran out of time to discuss these items on the agenda

7. New Business

a. Summer Newsletter Topic

- i. Sepsis
- ii. Infectious disease
- iii. Motion by Dr. Collamore for a sepsis newsletter, second by chip this motion was unanimous

b. Open Position

- i. Region 3 Representative
 - i. This was briefly discussed and will be advertised.

8. Agenda for next meeting

- a. Motion to adjourn by Chip, second by Ashley



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Committee Membership

Name	Position
Matt Sholl, MD	State EMS Medical Director
Kate Zimmerman, DO	Associate State EMS Medical Director
Beth Collamore, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member
Ben Zetterman	Aroostook EMS Region Representative
Vacant	Kennebec Valley EMS Region Representative
Vacant	Mid Coast EMS Region Representative
Rick Petrie	Northeastern Maine Region Representative
Vacant	Southern Maine EMS Region Representative
Joanne LeBrun	Tri County EMS Region Representative
Vacant	Hospital Quality Improvement Representative
Vacant	Non Transporting EMS Service Representative
Chip Getchell	Transporting EMS Service Representative
Stephen Smith	At Large Representative
Ashley Moody	At Large Representative
Alan Henschke	At Large Representative
Support Staff (non-voting)	
Jason Oko	Maine EMS Data & Preparedness Coordinator

Meeting Information

Topic: Quality Improvement Committee

Time: May 19, 2021 01:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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