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BOARD OF EMS MEETING
DECHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
JUNE 3, 2015
9:30 AM

MINUTES - FINAL

Members Present: Jeff Rowe (chair), Mike Senecal (chair-elect), Matt Sholl, MD (ex-officio), Roger Audette, Tim Beals, Joe Conley, Nate Contreras, Greg Coyne, Laura Downing, Judy Gerrish, Nancy Jackson, Paul Knowlton, Kalem Malcolm, John Martell, MD, Lori Metayer, Julie Ontengco, Percy Thibeault

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Alan Leo, Jon Powers, Don Sheets, Drexell White

Office of Attorney General: Lauren LaRochelle, AAG

Regional Coordinators: Joanne LeBrun, Rick Petrie, Ben Zetterman

Guests: Chris Paré, Patrick Guziewicz, Jayme Lappin, Sarah Jackson, Tony Attardo, Scott Susi

1. Introductions made.
2. Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015, meeting as corrected. (Malcolm; second by Beals). Unanimous

3. Public Comments – none
4. Maine EMS Update
 - a) Budget – Jay Bradshaw reported that the EMS budget which was approved by the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee is being actively discussed by the Appropriations Committee.
 - b) Legislation – The three bills that were requested by EMS have all been passed and enacted. The Community Paramedicine bill (LD 629) went into effect on May 19; the others (LD 624 and LD 818) will go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns.

Community Paramedicine – With the passage of LD 629, the restriction on the number of CP pilot sites is removed. The approval process remains the same, which is that services interested in applying to participate as a pilot site must submit a proposal following the guidelines previously approved by the Board. Staff will initially review the proposals and, when complete, will forward them to the CP Steering Committee.

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Services that are approaching their 3 year pilot project limit and interested in continuing will be able to apply to the Board for consideration to continue. MEMS will be sending out letters explaining the process.

The USM Muskie School continues its work to assess the impact of the CP pilot projects and we anticipate a preliminary report later this summer.

- c) Operations Team –Topics discussed at the March 31, 2015, included a number of committee and activity updates. Jon will be doing a presentation on the new CEH entry process at a future meeting, perhaps September. There will be no Ops meeting in August; a meeting may be held in July if there is business to be conducted.
- d) Former Maine EMS Medical Director, Dr. Steve Diaz has been appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to serve on the National EMS Advisory Committee. NEMSAC serves in an advisory capacity to the NHTSA EMS Office.
- e) Staff changes. Heather McKenney resigned from Maine EMS last month to return to work as a field paramedic and pursue her nursing degree in the fall. The position has been posted and will be filled as soon as possible.
Jay Bradshaw will be retiring the end of August and the posting for this position has been widely distributed. A review of applications received will begin on July 6, and continue until a suitable candidate has accepted the position.
- f) Board appointments – Brian Stockdale has resigned from the Board of EMS. The Maine Fire Chiefs Assn will be submitting their nominees for consideration for this seat. Several other members have submitted applications for reappointment; however, the Governor's office has advised that they will not be acting on Personal Appointments until after the end of the Legislative session.
- g) Region 1 designation – the proposal submitted by Atlantic Partners EMS received the top score and contract discussions will begin immediately. The work plans for both Tri County and Aroostook County have been reviewed and will be further clarified by both for incorporation into the FY16 contract.

5. Medical Director Report

MDPB –Dr. Sholl reported that the 2015 Phase One regional protocol updates have been completed. Approximately 300 attended in-person training and over 2,700 have completed the MEMSEd program. The updated protocols are now on the Maine EMS web site and the app (iOS and Android) is scheduled for release by July 1. Phase Two training will commence in September, with an effective date of December 1, 2015.

Capital Ambulance Zofran Pilot Project – due to a change in administration at Capital Ambulance, the focus of the pilot project has been limited to interfacility transfers at the BLS level only. There has been no outreach to other services. The need and effectiveness of the pilot project are being reassessed between the service and Dr. Busko.

Medical Director Training – a project that has been in the works since 2008 is to expand the number of local medical directors working with EMS services. This project has included an NAEMSP program, an online course, and later this year will include a guidebook.

QI Committee – Dr. Sholl described the next QI project which is to collect and evaluate data regarding No Transport calls between May 1 – July 31, 2015. Letters with instructions will be sent to services in early July. Regional offices will be following up with services in their respective areas starting in mid-July. Data will be submitted to the regional offices prior to October 1.

MOTION: To approve the No Transport QI project with an October 1, 2015, deadline

for submission to the regional EMS offices. (Senecal; second by Gerrish) Unanimous.

6. Old Business –

- a) Jay Bradshaw reported that due to a variety of competing demands, the project to evaluate the regional EMS structure has been stalled for several months. The most recent changes in regional office designation reinforces the importance of making this assessment a top priority for FY 16.

7. New Business

- a) Investigations Committee
 - i. Committee minutes and recommendations

MOTION: For the Investigations Committee to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015, meeting as distributed. (Gerrish; second by Senecal). Unanimous.

Alan Leo reviewed the cases and responded to questions from Board members.

MOTION: To ratify the Investigation Committee minutes of the May 6, 2015, meeting, as corrected (Contreras; second by Gerrish). Unanimous.

- b) FirstNet Maine – Elissa Tracey made a presentation on FirstNet, which is a nationwide project to develop a wireless broadband public safety network. This will be especially helpful for EMS in rural areas. Maine had the first initial consultation last month and will be working closely with the Maine Interoperability Communications Committee, on which Maine EMS is a member. Considerable information is available at the web site: www.firstnetme.gov
- c) Reports
 - i. Education Committee – Don Sheets reported on the development of the National Continued Competency Program, a project on which the National Registry of EMTs has been working for several years. Instead of pre-established, specific training categories, NCCP uses a combination of provider self-assessment, local, and state required categories for continuing education credits. The Education Committee supports this dynamic concept, but acknowledges concern that NCCP is based upon a two year license cycle, while the Maine EMS system is on a three year cycle. The Board supported including the NCCP in the draft rules and will review comments received at the August meeting.
 - ii. Data Committee – Jay Bradshaw reported for Jon Powers that work is continuing on the implementation of NEMSIS version 3, and with the e-licensing and online CEH entry modules.
 - iii. Exam Committee – Drexell White reported that the Exam Committee will meet on June 22.
 - iv. EMD Committee – Drexell White reported that the EMD Committee will meet on June 18.
- d) Other – Lauren LaRochelle provided an overview of a US Supreme Court decision regarding the NC Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission. The Court ruled that the Board of Dental Examiners was not immune from federal antitrust laws when the Board acted without statutory authorization to combat non-dentists from providing teeth whitening services. The Board used its status as a state agency in their defense, which was rejected by the Court.

The Maine Office of the Attorney General issued an alert that AAGs assigned to licensing boards will be mindful of action that could be construed as anticompetitive and advising boards accordingly.

8. Rules – The Board reviewed each section of the draft proposed rules, which be distributed for public input on an informal basis. Comments received prior to July 15 will be compiled and presented for discussion at the August meeting. The Board will then take action on which, if any, sections of the Rules will proceed through the formal rulemaking process.

As a result of discussions regarding ambulance design standards, a work group was established to review both current and emerging national standards; and draft rules for future consideration by the Board. Members on the committee are: Kalem Malcolm (chair), Tim Beals, Nate Contreras, Joe Conley, and Jeff Rowe.

9. Other

- a) **MOTION: To enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 § 405 and 406 for the purposes of discussing the retirement of a staff member appointed by the Board of EMS (Coyne; second by Ontengco) Unanimous**

Executive Session started at 12:35)

MOTION: To exit Executive Session (Malcolm; second by Knowlton) Unanimous

Executive Session ended at 12:50

- b) Lauren LaRochelle announced that she is being re-assigned to other agencies and will no longer be working with the Board of EMS, effective July 1. Board members expressed their disappointment about this change and their sincere thanks for the manner in which she has assisted the Board for several years.
10. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 5, 2015
 11. Meeting adjourned at 12:55.