



PAUL R. LEPAGE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
152 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333



JOHN E. MORRIS
COMMISSIONER

SHAUN ST. GERMAIN
DIRECTOR

BOARD OF EMS MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2015
DECHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES - FINAL

Members Present: Joseph Kellner, Scott Susi, Roger Audette, Laura Downing, Lori Metayer, Jeff Rowe, Mike Senecal, Matt Sholl, MD, Judy Gerrish, Tim Beals, John Martel, Joe Conley, Greg Coyne, Percy Thibeault

Staff: Jon Powers, Drexell White, Jason Oko, Alan Leo, Shaun St. Germain, Don Powers

Office of Attorney General: Katie Johnson, AAG, Lauren LaRochelle, AAG, Andrew Black, AAG Division Chief

Regional Coordinators: Rick Petrie, Joanne LeBrun, Ben Zettermen

Guests: Jay Bradshaw, Andrew Clark, Jim MacDonnell, Dan Batsie, Marc Minkler

1. Introductions made.
 - a. Chairman Rowe introduced Shaun St. Germain as the new director of Maine EMS.
 - b. AAG Black introduced Katie Johnson, the new AAG assisting Maine EMS.
 - c. Joseph Kellner and Scott Susi, new members to the Board, introduced themselves.
 - d. The remainder of the individuals in attendance identify themselves and their affiliations.
2. Minutes – Date of last meeting
 - a. **MOTION: To clarify the August 5, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion by Jim MacDonnell to fix clerical errors in Section 5, i. Medical Narcan Project and ii. Termination of Resuscitation sections and Section 7, a).**
 - b. **MOTION: To accept the minutes as amended. Motion by Judy Gerrish, seconded by Greg Coyne. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Public Comments – No public comment
4. Maine EMS Update
 - a. Budget
 - i. MEMS Director Shaun St. Germain reports that there is no new information and everything is on track.

PHONE: (207) 626-3860

FAX: (207) 287-6251

TDD: (207) 287-3659

With offices located at: Central Maine Commerce Center, 45 Commerce Drive – Suite 1, Augusta, ME 04330

- b. Legislation
 - i. MEMS Director Shaun St. Germain reports that there is no new information.
 - ii. Chairman Jeff Rowe requests that Maine EMS staff circulate the changes in Statute taking effect October 15, 2015 to the Board.
 - c. Community Paramedicine
 - i. MEMS Director Shaun St. Germain reports that Maine EMS has contracted former director Jay Bradshaw to continue his work with Community Paramedicine.
 - ii. Jay Bradshaw reports that earlier this year the cap on the number of pilot sites was lifted and a new application has come in from Med-Care Ambulance in Oxford County. He gives synopsis of the Community Paramedicine process. He reports that Northeast Mobile Health is looking to renew their project and update their areas of focus. A draft has been received from the Muskie School regarding the evaluation of the Community Paramedicine Pilot Project. Jay and Shaun hope to have the clarified evaluation distributed by the end of the month. Jay concludes by reporting that work is still continuing with DHHS and the Bureau of Medicare Services to allow for reimbursement of paramedicine calls when the patient is a MaineCare recipient.
 - Jay answers questions regarding his report.
 - d. Ops
 - i. MEMS Director Shaun St. Germain reports that the Ops Committee met this month and that the minutes would be made available to anyone interested.
 - e. Other
 - i. There is no other update from Maine EMS at this time.
5. Medical Director Report
- a. Medical Directors Practice Board
 - i. Dr. Matthew Sholl reports that the MDPB's attention has been focusing on the Phase II protocol update. He reports that the AHA updates come out in a week and they will work to amend the protocols, as needed, as soon as possible.
 - b. QA/QI
 - i. Dr. Matthew Sholl reports that the no transport project is underway. The data should be in to be reviewed by next month. The regions will be looking at and compiling the data for the committee to review.
 - c. Other
 - i. Dr. Matthew Sholl reports that the draft interfacility transport paper will be going to the Maine Hospital Association for review during their December meeting. During discussions with the MHA liaison, they acknowledged the issues and accepted the majority of the premise, but they intend to discuss some of the details in December.
 - d. Governor LePage's Drug Summit
 - i. Dr. Matthew Sholl reports that he attended the Summit in Augusta and has since been working to identify EMS's role in the opiate addiction and treatment process and will continue to do so within small groups.
 - e. Capital Ambulance Pilot Project

- iv. Would waiver of the rule in this particular case pose a health or safety risk to the public at large or a particular individual or community? Does this weigh in favor of granting the waiver?
 - Yes, No
 - v. Would the waiver of the rule in the particular case establish a precedent that would unduly hinder the Board or office of EMS in its administration of Maine's EMS system? Does this weigh in favor of granting the waiver?
 - Yes, No
 - vi. The Board unanimously opposes granting the waiver.
 - b. Albion Fire Department Service Application
 - i. Tim Beals recuses himself from the discussion as he submitted a letter of concern to Maine EMS on behalf of Delta Ambulance.
 - ii. Alan Leo gives a summary of the situation related to the service application.
 - iii. The Chief of Albion Fire addresses the Board, clarifying that they still wish to use Delta as their primary transport, but wish to be able to transport patients if needed.
 - iv. ***MOTION: To approve the Service Application and allow Albion to become a transporting service. Motion by: Roger Audette, seconded by Scott Susi, 9 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions.***
 - c. Medical Director Appointments
 - i. Dr. Andre Couture is recommended by Joanne Lebrun on behalf of Region 2.
 - ***MOTION: To approve Dr. Couture as the Region 2 Medical Director. Motion by: Percy Thibeault, seconded by Judy Gerrish, unanimous.***
 - ii. Dr. Tracy Jalbuena is recommended by Rick Petrie on behalf of Region 6.
 - ***MOTION: To approve Dr. Jalbuena as the Region 6 Medical Director. Motion by: Greg Coyne, seconded by Lori Metayer, unanimous.***
10. Committee Reports
- a. Education
 - i. Don Sheets reports on protocols, rules and exams.
 - b. Data
 - i. Jon Powers reports on the Elite transition and the deployment delay, Nemsis version three, and the concerns over the problems causing the delay.
 - c. Exam
 - i. Drexell White reports on a MEMSEd based examiner and candidate orientation training to lessen the burden on the day of the exam.
 - d. EMD
 - i. Drexell White reports that Version 13 of the protocols has been released. Dr. Sholl will need to review these prior to their implementation.
11. Other
- a. The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2015.
12. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM