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BOARD OF EMS MEETING  
DECEMBER 2, 2015  
DECHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM  
RATIFIED BY THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present: Judy Gerrish, Denys Cornelio, Jeff Rowe, Laura Downing, Nancy Jackson, Matt Sholl, MD, Greg Coyne, Joe Conley, Brad Chicoine, Joseph Kellner, Scott Susi, Julie Ontengco, Roger Audette, John Martell, Lori Metayer

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

Office of Attorney General: Katie Johnston, AAG

Regional Coordinators: Benjamin Zetterman, Aroostook EMS; Rick Petrie, Atlantic Partners EMS; Joanne LeBrun, Tri-County EMS

Guests: John Kooistra, Dennis Russell, Marc Minkler

Members Absent: Tim Beals, Michael Senecal

Meeting Called to Order: 9:32 AM

1. Introductions are made.
2. Minutes – October 7, 2015
  - a. **MOTION: Motion to Pass as amended; Greg Coyne/Julie Ontengco; unanimous**
3. Public Comments – No Public Comment
4. Maine EMS Update
  - a. Budget – Shaun St. Germain reported that the budget is tracking appropriately
  - b. Legislation – Shaun St. Germain reported on LR2354 which regards reimbursement at 100% of Medicare rate; Rick Petrie provides additional information on this bill.
  - c. Community Paramedicine
    - i. Muskie School Report – Shaun St. Germain reported that the Muskie Report is complete for Phase 1; he is continuing to work with Jay Bradshaw on the contract, it's in Division of Purchases; there is a meeting setup with MaineCare to talk about reimbursement.
  - d. Ops – Rick Petrie reported that planning for the EMS Week insert in May has begun. They have set a date with Bangor Daily News; Highlight articles; EMS awards; 16 pages. Ops

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reviewed the work plan; there is a fairly robust schedule. Ops are looking to tackle issues that are prevalent, specifically MaineCare bill, medications, highway safety projects, frequent users of the EMS system, and EMS for Children grants.

- e. New Vehicle – Shaun St. Germain reported that the 2006 Impala is not worth fixing. Maine EMS will be buying a newer vehicle, specifically a 2016 Ford Fusion shortly.
- f. Other

5. Medical Director Report

- a. Dr. Matt Sholl reported that the 2015 Phase II protocols went live yesterday; so far 3200 people have been trained, 2800 of those people participated online versus in person. The Android platform has the protocol app pushed; Apple is having a problem with the update.
- b. MDPB – Dr. Matt Sholl reports that the MDPB has been focusing on the protocols primarily, along with IFT processes. MHA Quality forum meeting next week during which white paper draft will be gone over. MDPB has the ability to bring on three new members, currently they are working on drafting job descriptions. The idea is to bring more person power to the MDPB. The MDPB is planning an Orientation/Work Plan retreat to plan its direction for 1-5 years.
  - i. No questions
- c. QI – Dr. Matt Sholl reported that the current project is patient sign-offs and behaviors surrounding that. Last month they started looking at data and compiled data from four regions, allowing some lessons to be picked out already. They expect a finished product in 2-3 months.
- d. Other – Dr. Matt Sholl reported that the next large ticket item for the MDPB is creating a cardiac arrest registry for EMS. There are hospital level registries for STEMI/Trauma but nothing for cardiac arrest. The only way to improve outcomes is to be able to make informed changes in processes for Cardiac Arrest. The CDC and Emory have a project for CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival). The MDPB is considering becoming a CARES registry state.

The Newport, RI regional council meeting was attended by Don Sheets, Jon Powers, Shaun St. Germain, Matt Sholl, Rick Petrie, and Joanne LeBrun.

6. Investigations

- a. Committee minutes and recommendations
  - i. Alan Leo makes a specific report based off of a new application for Jason Demakis. Staff would like to see a quarterly report from the probation officer. Judy Gerrish makes motion to amend the Consent Decree, Seconded by Laura Downing
- b. **MOTION** – Laura motions as amended, seconded by Judy; unanimous.
- c. Alan Leo makes report on all of the cases reviewed.
- d. **Motion to approve minutes as presented excluding case 15-083 Lori/ Denys; unanimous**
- e. **Motion to approve additional language on case 15-083 Lori/Nancy, unanimous; Joe Conley abstains**
- f. **Motion to approve case 15-083 Julie/Greg, unanimous; Joe Conley abstains**

7. Old Business –

- a. Work Plan Update – No Update
- b. Draft Rule Changes –
  - i. Drexell Reports on the Rules subcommittee

8. New Business

- a. MEMS Awards Sub Committee

- i. Shaun St. Germain reported that nominations will be finalized in time to put in insert; a subcommittee to look at nominations and finalize them by the February board meeting should be created.
  - ii. Interested in serving Matt Sholl, Julie Ontengco, Judy Gerrish
- b. Criminal History Checks
  - i. Shaun St. Germain reported that currently we rely on self-reporting for renewal and word of mouth for those who don't self-report. Maine EMS would like to start the process of changing the legislation for background checks, knowing that there is likely to be some pushback.
- c. ASMI Contract

9. Committee Reports

- a. Other – No other reports
- b. Education – Don Sheets reported that the Education Committee met at the Samoset and has been primarily working on the protocol updates.
- c. Data – Jon Powers reported no significant updates; Data is working with NEMSIS III updates for MEMSRR, and a contract with ImageTrend for fire reporting will roll out in 2016.
- d. Exam – Drexell White reported that the committee is proposing changing current model for psychomotor testing for EMR and EMT levels.
  - i. Questions – Drexell White answered many questions surrounding the proposed changes and there was much discussion.
  - ii. ***MOTION – Nancy motions to adopt the proposed model amending a random fourth skill; seconded by Scott; discussion on whether or not is should be passed; motion fails unanimously.***
  - iii. ***Motion – to table until the next meeting – Joseph Kellner/seconded by Joe Conley; motion passes unanimously***
- e. EMD – Drexell White reported on awareness training at Samoset.

10. Other –

- a. Chairman Jeff Rowe thanks former members for their service, and thanks the two new members for joining to board.
- b. Next meeting will be February 3, 2016 at 9:30 AM

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 AM