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Maine Board of EMS
 Minutes of September 5, 2018 Board Meeting
 Held in the Champlain Conference Room at 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scott Susi called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Susi, Chair, Fire Chiefs Assn. Rep	Judy Gerrish, Public Rep
Joe Kellner, Chair-Elect, Region 4 Rep	Tim Beals, Region 3 Rep
Dennis Russell, Not-for-Profit Rep	Joe Conley, For-Profit Rep
Brent Libby, Fire Chief Rep	Matthew Sholl, State Medical Director
Laura Downing, EMD Rep	Brad Chicoine, Municipal EMS Rep
Heidi Cote, Emergency Nurse Rep	Nathan Allen, Region 5 Rep
Lori Metayer, Region 2 Rep	Carolyn Brouillard, Non-Transporting Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vacant, Region 1 Rep
 Greg Coyne, Region 6 Rep
 John Martel, Emergency Physician Rep
 Julie Ontengco, Hospital Rep

STAFF PRESENT

Shaun St. Germain, Director	Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Jason Oko, Licensing Agent	Janet Joyeux, Assistant to the Commissioner
Tim Nangle, Data Coordinator	Katie Boynton, Project Manager
Marc Minkler, EMS-C Manager	

PUBLIC PRESENT

Kate Zimmerman, Associate State Med. Dir.	Ben Zetterman, Aroostook EMS
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Joanne Lebrun, Tri-County EMS
Rick Petrie, Atlantic Partners EMS
Jay Bradshaw, Maine Ambulance
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Jim McDonnell, Lisbon EMS
Chris Pare, Maine Medical Center

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No members disclose a conflict of interest.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of July 11, 2018.

In a motion by Libby, seconded by Russell to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carries unanimously.

Review and approval of the minutes of August 1, 2018.

Tim Beals asks to clarify items from the minutes. In a motion by Beals, seconded by Libby, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

In a motion by Beals, seconded by Conley, to take the agenda items out of order. Motion carries unanimously.

Service License Level Response to 911 Calls

Shaun St. Germain provides information to the Board regarding the potential violations relating to service license responses where individuals providing care are not licensed at the level required by the service license. There is discussion on the history of investigations cases which had patient harm due to this process. There is discussion on the benefits of having EMTs learning the critical skills needed to provide the best care possible. There is discussion on the shortage of paramedics in areas and how this can affect those services. There is much discussion on the definition of “able”.

In a motion by Beals, seconded by Libby, that the Board issue an opinion regarding Rules, Chapter 3, Section 7(1) that as long as a person who is licensed at the service’s license level is in the vehicle, the person is able to provide care. Motion carries with one member opposed (Downing).

OLD BUSINESS

ASMI Discussion

Joe Kellner reminds the Board of the two action items due by October 1, 2018: to clarify the regional terminology and determine the contract deliverables. Joanne Lebrun talks about what is going on related to QI in her region. Rick Petrie talks about what Nate Yerxa is doing with QI in his regions and how they're assisting their services. Ben Zetterman talks about his regions historical QI plans and the process to update the plans and dealing with turnover. There is discussion about what providers in each region are looking for from their Regional Offices. There is discussion about the financials and funding for the regions. Shaun asks if each region should be provided with the same set of deliverables. There is discussion on the frequency, content, and delivery of reporting.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourns at 10:56 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on October 3, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katie L. Boynton, Project Manager

Board approved: