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Maine EMS Education Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday

February 10, 2016

0930-1130

DeChamplain

I. Call to Order 0930

Members present: John Brady, Kevin Curry, Dan Batsie, Joanne Lebrun, Carol Pillsbury, Paul Froman, Dennis Russell, Chris Pare, Eric Wellman, Leah Mitchell

Members Absent: Joe Moore, Brian Chamberlin, Joe Moore

Exam Members: Rick Petrie, Sally Taylor, Kelly Roderick, Gary Utgaard, Joanne Lebrun,

MEMS Staff: Don Sheets, Drexell White

Guests: Marc Minkler, Patrick O’Kane, Kenneth O’Bar, Cheri Volta

II. Introductions/Public Comments:

III. Additions to Agenda: None

IV. Acceptance of Minutes: Paul Froman motion to approve, Carol Pillsbury seconded, unanimous

V. Staff Report –

a.

VI. Special Exam Meeting –

- a. Drexell summarized the history of the PSE proposal and the request from the Board to find some more clarity around consensus from the two groups. Some concerns had been expressed that there may not be a good mechanism of protection for the system.
- b. Dan expressed concern over the fact that we are removing the motivation to practice skills by moving to a non randomized exam. He would suggest that we could move to a sampling exam but include all stations in the pool to pull from. Dan summarized a plan
 - i. Eric likes Dan’s plan but feels that it is inappropriate to change our test as we are not doing a good job assessing competency in the classroom.
 - ii. Rick expressed concern that there is a logistical problem in the exam and that’s what the discussion needs to be focused around.
 - iii. The consensus was to meet again in a month to discuss this further as there is not currently consensus on the topic.
 - iv. Establish a meeting with all TC directors to discuss current standards for educating EMR and EMT.
- c. Spinal Immobilization – There was question about spinal immobilization and the use of straps across the chest. The consensus was that we need to leave the test administrators to educate evaluators about the intent of the test to immobilize the patient.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Instructor series
 - i. Professionalism and Ethics (Joanne) – need a recording date
 - ii. Instructor Updates (Dan) – Date is set for this training.
- b. Protocol Course (Kevin Gurney) – Not Present

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- c. 2015 Annual Report – Don went over the new online report template through eLicensing. The group had a few questions but consensus was this would make the report more meaningful as it provided more guidance to TCs about what Maine EMS wanted to know.
- d. Carol nominates Dan nominates Dennis. Unanimous

VIII. New Business:

- a. Work Plan / Ideas – This is a placeholder for future ideas.

IX. Adjournment: 1145