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Maine EMS Education Committee Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday April 9, 2014
Champlain Conference Room
DPS Building- Augusta
0930-1200

I. Call to Order 0930

Members present: Dan Batsie, Kevin Gurney, Eric Wellman, Kevin Curry, Denis Russell, Leah Mitchell, Joanne Lebrun, Pare

Members Absent: Paul Froman, John Brady, Brian Chamberlain, Joe Moore, Carol Pillsbury

MEMS Staff: Don Sheets

Guests: Myles Block, Lisa MacVane, Andrea Thompson, Andrew Turcotte, Zachary Tooker, Ashley Wax

II. Introductions/Public Comments No Public Comment

III. Additions to Agenda: Protocols course, EMR Protocols

IV. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion by Dennis Russell to accept as written, Joanne Lebrun unanimous

V. Staff Report –

- a. PIFT – The PIFT revision continues to work on data collection to assist in driving the direction of protocol development and education. The group has an timeline that currently plans for a 2015 implementation of new training and protocols to coincide with the 2015 Maine EMS Prehospital Protocol Implementation
- b. Budget – Jay has continued to pass along information that Maine EMS may face significant budget cuts in the near future but at this time it is not clear about the level of impact.
- c. Protocols - The MDPB has continued discussion about a two part implementation of the 2015 protocols. Part 1 to implement the necessary pieces to be involved in the Pediatric Evidence Based Guidelines and State Utilization Study. The second piece would be the remainder of the protocols on the expected December 1st timeline. There has been ongoing discussion about including adult spinal when going through with PEGASUS in order to maintain consistency in standards of care.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Training Centers
 - i. Pass Rates – There was unanimous consensus that this is the right course to take to help improve our system. There was a lot of discussion about the difficulty of tracking psychomotor results as there is not a central system to access data. While all represented training centers support the concept it is evident that current methods would make this a

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highly laborious process. Don will be circling back to have further discussion with Maine EMS Staff to seek possibilities of process improvement opportunities to report back next month. There was additional discussion about adding notes to our website and the proposal to explain some of the various situations that exist related to student withdrawal and the higher grade requirements to pass the course by Maine EMS standards.

- ii. Retention Rates – Comments were made to set the fully enrolled student as anyone who did not receive 100% of their tuition back if they left a program. While this will have some level of variance by training center it meets the end goal of protecting students. No other comments were made on this section and the remaining discussion will be held for the next meeting with follow up information being provided about psychomotor testing.
- b. Dan Batsie reported that a Human Trafficking course was held in March with 50 or so attendees. The class was well received and has generated more discussion amongst providers. Another course will be held June 6th in Freeport hosted by SMEMS.

VII. New Business:

- a. Work Plan
 - i. Updating TCAP – Much of the work on updating the Training Center document will be predicated on the changes related to pass and retention rates. Further work has been held off on so as not to update information twice.
 - ii. Updating Annual Report – As part of the recommendation on Pass and Retention rates the education committee has sought input from training centers on the impact of changing to a set month for annual reports to be due.
 - iii. Instructor series – There has been continued discussion amongst the committee about the value of starting an instructor series on MEMSEd. The group was asked to come to the next meeting with ideas and recommendations about some topics to cover. Many in the group stated they would be excited to help develop the material and assist in getting it on MEMSEd.
 - iv. Protocol Update – lots of discussion about creating a protocol course that would be potentially beneficial to incoming reciprocities and new providers. This course would not be intended to replace the protocol updates but be a full protocol overview and education for new licensees. Dan, Leah, Chris, Lisa, Kevin, Kevin, Myles all volunteered to start this process.
 - v. EMR Protocols – Myles Block has been working on drafting protocols for Rick, Joanne, and the MDPB to review for the coming protocol set. Don will forward it on to Jay and Dr. Sholl for their input.

VIII. Adjournment: 1102 Eric and Chris